#### ITEM NO. B2



TITLE: ERECTION OF ANCILLARY BUILDING TO

INCORPORATE GARDEN STORE AND PLAYROOM AT

23 CURVEN EDGE, HELMSHORE, ROSSENDALE

APPLICATION NO: 2006/128

TO/ON: DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

BY: TEAM MANAGER – DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

STATUS: FOR PUBLICATION

PORTFOLIO HOLDER: CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION

APPLICANT: MR A LORD

**DETERMINATION EXPIRY DATE: 9 MAY 2006** 

#### **Human Rights**

The relevant provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998 and the European Convention on Human Rights have been taken into account in the preparation of this report, particularly the implications arising from the following rights: -

#### Article 8

The right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence.

# Article 1 of Protocol 1

The right of peaceful enjoyment of possessions and protection of property.

#### **Site and Proposal**

This proposal seeks consent for the construction of a detached pitched roof building within the garden area of the above address. The structure would be 6.5m in length and 6.5m in width with a height of 5.6m to the ridge with windows and door facing the applicant's property and a blank gable facing St Thomas's Road. Rooflights are also proposed. The structure would be finished in brickwork under a concrete tile roof.

#### **Relevant Planning History**

2002/438 — Construction of first floor extension to dwellinghouse with pitched tiled roof over remaining flat roof. Conversion of double garage into single garage and additional room with bay window — Approved 20/09/2002

2002/268 - Construction of first floor extension to dwellinghouse – Refused 18/06/2002

#### **Notification Responses**

Neighbours were notified by letter. Three letters of representation have been received which make the following summarised points:

- Intended use of building
- Size & siting of proposed building
- Potential for noise
- Loss of daylight/sunlight
- Loss of privacy
- Loss of view
- Devaluation of property

#### **Consultation Responses**

None necessary

#### **Development Plan Policies**

#### Rossendale District Local Plan

Policy DS1 (Urban boundary)
Policy DC1 (Development Criteria)
Policy DC 4 (Materials)

#### Other Material Planning Considerations

PPS1: General Policy and Principles

### **Planning Issues**

The first issue to consider is land use. The proposed development is located within the urban boundary and as such is considered acceptable in terms of land use.

The building proposed would be 6.5m in length and 6.5m in width with a height of 5.6m to the ridge. It is proposed to be constructed in brick under a concrete tile roof. The location of the building is in excess of 20 metres from the applicant's property and in terms of its position relative to the adjoining highway would otherwise be and as such, could be considered as permitted development under Class E of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to Article 3 of the Town and Country Planning General (Permitted Development) Order 1995. However, the maximum permitted height of 4m for the building type proposed, is exceeded by 1.6m. Discussion has taken place with regard to reducing the height of the building but the applicant has been unwilling to do so.

The proposed use of the building has been confirmed by the applicant in a letter to the Authority which states that "Our family is growing and we are short of storage and play space. An ancillary purpose built building would enable our family to stay at this property. We do not intend to use the property for any use which would not be ordinarily incidental to use of the main property as a dwelling house. I invite the

LPA to consider a planning condition if necessary" Accordingly, a condition can be imposed to control this. Furthermore, the applicant has given an undertaking that he is willing to remove existing outbuildings within the garden area. He is also prepared to accept a condition that removes his permitted development rights under Class E of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to Article 3 of the Town and Country Planning General (Permitted Development) Order 1995 which would prevent further buildings being erected without the consideration of a planning application.

With regard to the size and siting of the building, a site inspection revealed that the applicant's garden area slopes away from the house in the direction of St Thomas's Close and is bounded by mature trees along the perimeter of the garden area adjoining properties on Knowl Meadow. It is considered that the building would be adequately screened and a request for further planting has been acceded to by the applicant. The building would occupy a part of the garden area which is currently occupied by a dilapidated shed and children's play swing which is at the lowest point of the garden.

With regard to the issue of noise, it is considered that the intended use would not create excessive noise which would adversely affect neighbouring residents anymore than children enjoying their own private play space.

With regard to the issue of loss of daylight/sunlight, it is noted that the building would be located in the south west of the application site and it is unlikely, due to the tree cover that there would be any additional loss of daylight or sunlight to neighbouring property to the rear.

Loss of privacy

It is alleged that there would be views over neighbouring gardens to the east from the rooflights. This issue can be the subject of a condition to protect neighbouring privacy.

Loss of view

Loss of view is not a material planning consideration and cannot therefore be taken into account.

Devaluation of property

Similarly, this issue is not a material planning consideration and cannot therefore be taken into account.

Accordingly, given the siting of the building and its surroundings, the applicant's undertaking to accept a condition which would prevent further buildings being erected within his garden area, and suitable conditions relating to the use of the building and landscaping, it is considered that approval can be recommended for approval.

#### Summary of reasons for conditions to appear on the decision notice

The proposed building would be sited to minimise its impact upon neighbouring property and subject to suitable conditions requiring landscaping details, removal of permitted development rights and obscure glazing can be considered to be

acceptable and therefore in accordance with Policy DC1 of the Rossendale District Local Plan.

#### Recommendation

That planning permission should be granted.

## **Conditions and Reasons**

01 The development permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

<u>Reason</u>: The condition is required by virtue of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

02 Notwithstanding any indication on the approved plans or application forms, all external elevations of the proposed building shall be as described on the application form and plans and shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development. The development shall thereafter not be carried out otherwise than in complete accordance with the approved details.

<u>Reason:</u> In order to safeguard the appearance of the building and the surrounding area, in accordance with policy DC.1 of the Rossendale District Local Plan.

- 03. The building hereby permitted shall not be used for any trade or business purpose. Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to accord with Policy DC1 of the Rossendale District Local Plan.
- 04. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning General Permitted Development Order 1995 (or any order revoking and re-enacting that Order) no development shall be carried out on the site within the terms of Class E of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Order, without the prior consent of the Local Planning Authority. Reason: To enable the Local Planning Authority to control any future development, having regard to local and neighbouring amenities and Policy DC1 of the Rossendale District Local Plan.
- 05. No development shall take place until there has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority a scheme of landscaping, which shall include indications of all existing trees and hedgerows on the land, and details of any to be retained, together with measures for their protection in the course of development. Reason: In the interests of residential amenity and to accord with Policy DC1 of the Rossendale District Local Plan.
- 06. The windows in the roof of the building shall be glazed with obscure glass. Any replacement glazing shall be of an equal degree of obscurity to that which was first approved. Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and to accord with Policy DC1 of the Rossendale District Local Plan.
- 07. Any construction works associated with the development hereby approved shall not take place except between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm Monday to Friday and 8:00 am and 1:00 pm on Saturdays. No construction shall take place on Sundays, Good Friday, Christmas Day or Bank Holidays. Reason: To safeguard the

amenities of nearby residential properties in accordance with policy DC.1 of the Rossendale District Local Plan.

# **Development Plan Policies**

DS1 – Urban Boundary DC1 – Development Criteria

