ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON & CHELSEA

REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PLANNING & CONSERVATION

PLANNING & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
PLANNING SERVICES COMMITTEE
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APP NO. PP/04/01549 /ER
AGENDA ITEM NO.

ADDRESS/SUBJECT OF REPORT:

22 Scarsdale Villas,
London, W8 6PR

APPLICATION DATED 08/07/2004

APPLICATION REVISED

APPLICATION COMPLETE 09/07/2004

APPLICANT/AGENT ADDRESS:

D'Arcy Associates,
9 Lamington Street,
London,
W6 0HU

CONS. AREA 8 CAPS Yes

ARTICLE '4' No WARD ABB

LISTED BUILDING No

HBMC DIRECTION

CONSULTED OBJ.

SUPPORT PET.

RECOMMENDED PROPOSAL:

RBK& C DRAWING NO(S):

RECOMMENDED DECISION:

CONDITIONS/REASONS FOR THE IMPOSITION OF CONDITIONS:

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Date: 02/09/2004

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This application is for a class of development to be determined under powers delegated to me by the Council on 18th July, 2001 and is not a major, controversial or sensitive application nor one which a Ward Councillor has asked to be considered by Planning Services Committee.

Class - minor development

RECOMMENDED DECISION: Refuse planning permission

I hereby determine and refuse this application under the powers delegated to me by the Council, subject to the condition(s) indicated below imposed for the reason(s) appearing thereunder, or for the reasons stated.

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APPLICANT: Mr. & Mrs. Marrero,

CONS AREA Edwardes Square/Scarsdale/Abi | CAPS Yes | ART '4' No | WARD Abingdon

LISTED BUILDING No | ENG. HERITAGE N/A

CONSULTED 14 | OBJ. 6 | SUP. 0 | PET. 0

PROPOSAL: Erection of rear extension at basement, ground floor and 1st floor half landing.

RBK&C Drawing No(s): PP/04/01549
Applicant's Drawing No(s) 2323/PP1, /PP2, /PP3, /PP4, /PP5B, /PP6B, /PP7B, /PP8B, /PP9.

REASONS FOR REFUSAL

1. **The proposal to construct a full-width extension at lower and upper ground floor levels as well as a half-width extension at first floor level on a largely unaltered property within a conservation area is considered excessive in terms of bulk and scale and will lead to the further erosion of the character and appearance of the property. The proposal is also considered to result in considerable harm to the character and appearance of the surrounding conservation area, which it fails to either preserve or enhance. The proposal is, therefore, considered not to comply with the Council's Unitary Development Plan policies, in particular, Policies CD27, CD47, CD48, CD57, CD61 and CD62.**

2. **The proposed extensions at No. 22, if constructed in isolation of the same scheme proposed at the adjoining property of No. 24, would result in a sense of enclosure and loss of light to that property in particular. The proposal is, therefore, considered not to comply with the Council's Unitary Development Plan policies, in particular, Policies CD33 and CD36.**

INFORMATIVE(S)

1. You are advised that a number of relevant policies of the Unitary Development Plan were used in the determination of this case, in particular, Policies CD27, CD33, CD36, CD47, CD48, CD57, CD61 and CD62. (I51)

1.0 THE SITE

1.1 No.22 is one of a pair of semi-detached houses located midway along the north side of Scarsdale Villas. Marloes Road runs north to south on the east side whilst Allen Street runs north to south on the west side. The property is comprised of basement, ground and three upper storeys and is one of only a few of houses along Scarsdale Villas that remains largely unaltered.

1.2 The property, which is in use as a single family dwelling, is not listed but does lie within the Edwards Square, Scarsdale and Abingdon Conservation Area.

2.0 THE PROPOSAL

2.1 Planning permission is being sought for the erection of a three-storey rear extension at basement, ground and first floor levels and the provision of a conservatory at rear ground floor level.

3.0 RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

3.1 A planning application was submitted in January 2004 seeking planning permission for the erection of an extension at basement, ground, first and second floor levels together with other elevational alterations. That application was withdrawn by the applicant in March 2004.

3.2 This current application is a further revision of the two applications previously submitted for this authority's consideration.

4.0 PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 The main considerations in this case relate to the impact which the proposed development will have upon the character and appearance of the building itself and of the surrounding conservation area. Any implications that the proposal will have upon the existing amenities of the neighbouring properties is also a material consideration. The following Unitary Development Plan policies are considered of particular relevance in the determination of this application:

CD27 - standards of design
CD33 - development affecting sunlight or daylight
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4.2 It is proposed to construct a full-width extension at basement level to provide a play room, with an opening leading out to the rear garden. At ground floor level, it is also proposed to construct a full-width extension albeit in two parts: one half would be a solid construction following up from the proposed extension at basement level whilst the other half would take the form of a lightweight conservatory-like structure. It is also proposed to construct an additional storey at first floor level above the proposed ground floor level extension in order to provide a study.

4.3 Nos. 22 and 24 are the only pair of semi-detached villas along the north side of Scarsdale Villas that remain unaltered. The rear facade of this pair survives in its original un-extended scale and with all original window openings. A number of the other pairs of houses along the north side have been substantially and, often insensitively extended and altered over the years, many of which there is no record of planning permission having either been sought or granted. In many cases, over half of the original main rear facades have been covered up by bulky extensions that have insensitive design detail which has eroded the character of the villa properties over time. These extensions represent the unwelcome, overdevelopment of properties which the current UDP policies relating to conservation are aiming to prevent.

4.4 The proposal forming the basis of this application includes a full-width solid extension at lower ground floor and a virtually full-width extension at upper ground floor level. Whilst the half-width extensions at all three floor levels may be acceptable, full-width extensions are not welcome, not only at this site but in the majority of cases within the Borough and would be contrary to the Council's UDP policies relating to rear extensions. It is considered, therefore, that the proposal to extend the property, which will involve covering up more than half of the main rear facade of the building and which would not be visually subordinate to the parent building, would seriously erode the surviving original scale and elevational appearance of this pair of houses.

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6.0 RECOMMENDATION

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Background Papers

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