Committee: PLANNING

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99 Marshside Road, Southport

(Cambridge Ward)

Proposal: Part retention of a brick perimeter wall with 10 no. wooden infill

panels and insertion of 2 no. open steel railing panels to the

junction of Marshide Road and Knob Hall Lane

Applicant: Mrs V Smith

## **Executive Summary**

The proposal is for the retention of a brick perimeter wall with wooden infill fence panels plus the insertion of 2 railing panels to the junction of Knob Hall Lane and Marshside Road.

The issues to consider in respect of this application are the impact of the boundary treatment to the existing character of this residential area.

It is considered that the scale and appearance of the infill fence panels are detrimental to the character of the residential area and that the application should be refused consent.

# Recommendation(s) Refusal

#### Reason

1. When assessed against the Unitary Development Plan and all other material considerations, particularly policies CS3, DQ1, MD1 & Supplementary Planning Guidance 'House Extensions', the proposal for the part-retention of the timber fence panels plus the introduction of two railing panels to the junction of Knob Hall Lane and Marshside Road is unacceptable as the fence panels to be retained are of a scale and appearance that is detrimental to the character of the residential area.

# **Drawing Numbers**

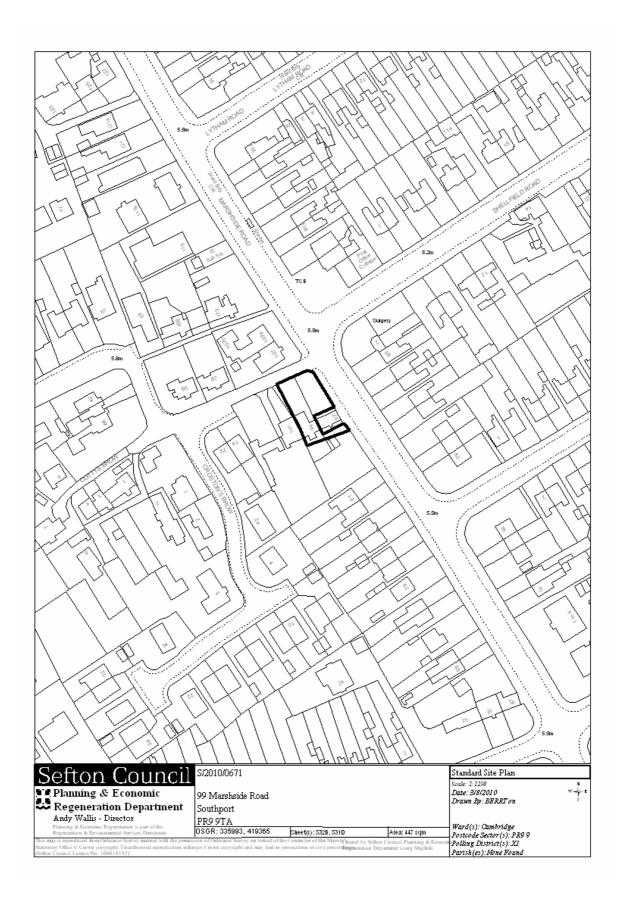
Wall 1

# **Financial Implications**

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	2006/ 2007 £	2007/ 2008 £	2008/ 2009 £	2009/ 2010 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
REVENUE IMPLICATIONS				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?		<u>'</u>	
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

# List of Background Papers relied upon in the preparation of this report

History referred to Policy referred to



#### The Site

A mid terrace dwelling (single storey) situated on the western side of Marshside Road. The dwelling faces onto Marshside Road.

#### **Proposal**

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## **History**

N/2002/0026 – Erection of a single storey extension and conservatory fronting Knob Hall Lane, construction of pitched roof to existing flat roof at the rear and erection of boundary wall (1m/1.5m height) front Marshside Road and Knob Hall Lane. Approved 12 March 2002.

#### Consultations

Highways DC – There are no objections on the grounds of highway safety to the part retention of the brick perimeter wall with wooden infill panels with the exception of 2 no. open steel railing panels at the junction of Marshside Road and Knob Hall Lane. The inclusion of the open steel railings will improve the potential for an increased visibility splay at the junction of Marshside Road and Knob Hall Lane, to allow motorists exiting Knob Hall Lane to se pedestrians approaching the junction along the footway, adjacent to the site.

*Environmental Protection Director* – No objection to the proposal.

## **Neighbour Representations**

Last date for replies: 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

Representations received: Letter of support from Numbers 67 & 98 Marshside Road, Number 2 Cottys Brow and Number 106 Zetland Street.

## **Policy**

The application site is situated in an area allocated as Primarily Residential on the Council's Adopted Unitary Development Plan.

CS3 Development Principles

DQ1 Design

MD1 House Extensions

#### **Comments**

The main issues to consider in respect of this application are the contribution of the boundary treatment to the character of the street scene and the implications on grounds of highway safety.

Boundary treatments of this scale and appearance is not a common feature within Marshside Road or within the residential areas of neighbouring roads, and it contrasts greatly with that at Number 107 Marshside Road at the facing corner of Marshside Road and Knob Hall Lane.

The boundary treatment introduces a blank frontage that is detrimental to the established residential character of the area and restricts views from the highway to the property. Furthermore, the current colour of the infill fencing panels does not respond harmoniously to the host property or to the wider character of the area.

A request was made to the agent for the application to replace the timber panels with railing panels so as to alleviate concerns to the blank frontage. However, this request was not followed and as such, the application is to be determined on the plans submitted.

It is considered that granting consent to this proposal would be detrimental to the character of the area as it would contribute to the erosion of the established open aspect to the fronts of residential properties.

In respect of the matters of highway safety, the incorporation of two railing panels to the two sections that addresses Knob Hall Lane and Marshside Road would provide for an adequate visibility splay for vehicles, and in this regard the proposal is acceptable.

As such, the proposal is considered unacceptable in respect of its scale and appearance as the infill timber panels are of a scale and appearance that is detrimental to the appearance of the street scene of Marshside Road and therefore fail to comply with Unitary Development Plan policies CS3 & DQ1.

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