

Delegated Decision Report

Application No:	25/0575	Statutory Period Expires:	12th September 2025
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Site:	<i>Monterosa 1A Fields Park Road Newport NP20 5BA</i>		
Proposal:	<i>NEW GROUND FLOOR WINDOW OPENING IN FRONT ELEVATION</i>		
Applicant:	<i>J Baker</i>		
Type:	Full	Ward:	Allt-yr-Yn
Decision:	GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS		

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 None.

2. SITE LOCATION AND CONTEXT

2.1 1A Fields Park Road is a two storey, detached dwelling located on the south side of Fields Park Road in the Allt-yr-Yn ward. The dwelling occupies an elevated position relative to the road and benefits from front and rear garden areas.

3. DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT

3.1 It is proposed to install a ground floor window opening in the front elevation. The window would have three panes and measure 1.26m in height and 2.4m in width. In terms of materials, it is proposed for a UPVC casement which will match existing. The tile cill would also match the existing.

3.2 It is also proposed to erect a small bird box on the west elevation approximately 3m above the ground level.

4. RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

None.

5. PLANNING POLICY

5.1 THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: FUTURE WALES - THE NATIONAL PLAN 2040

Future Wales sets out the Welsh Government's land use priorities and provides a national land use framework for SDPs and LDPs. Future Wales concentrates on development and land use issues of national significance, indicating areas of major opportunities and change, highlighting areas that need protecting and enhancing and helping to co-ordinate the delivery of Welsh Government policies to maximise positive outcomes.

Policy 1 - Where Wales Will Grow

Policy 2 - Shaping Urban Growth and Regeneration - Strategic Placemaking

Policy 9 - Resilient Ecological Networks and Green Infrastructure

5.2 PLANNING POLICY WALES (EDITION 12) 2024

3.3 - Good design is fundamental to creating sustainable places where people want to live, work and socialise.

3.4 - Meeting the objectives of good design should be the aim of all those involved in the development process and should be applied to all development proposals at all scales.

5.3 NEWPORT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2011-2026)

Policy GP2 (General Amenity)
Policy GP5 (Natural Environment)
Policy GP6 (Quality of Design)

5.4 SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE HOUSE EXTENSION AND DOMESTIC OUTBUILDINGS SPG

6. CONSULTATION RESPONSES

6.1 None.

7. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

Neighbour and Ward member notification letters were sent on 27.07.2025.

7.1 NEIGHBOURS: *None.*

7.2 COUNCILLORS: *None.*

7.3 COMMUNITY COUNCIL: *None.*

8. ASSESSMENT

8.1 Principle of Development

The application site is located within the urban boundary where there is a presumption in favour of development subject to compliance with the relevant policies contained within the Development Plan. These matters are discussed further below.

8.2 Visual Amenity/ Character and Appearance;

The proposed widow opening is proposed on the front elevation, therefore would be visible within the public realm and impact upon the character and amenity of the area. The materials of the proposed window match the materials of those of the existing windows, therefore the proposals are considered to be sympathetic to the character of the host dwelling. The positioning of the window is central within the currently blank elevation and is considered to be appropriately scaled and sited as to avoid any unacceptable visual impact. The proposal respects the visual amenity of the streetscape and the appearance of the property within the surrounding area, as such, the proposal complies with Policy GP6 of the Newport Local Development Plan 2011-2026 (adopted January 2015).

Residential Amenity:

The proposed window would be situated on the front elevation. As there are existing windows on this elevation at first floor level, it is considered that there would be no

detrimental impact on the amenity of neighbours. The window would not give rise to unacceptable levels of overlooking as the separation distances between the development site and neighbouring dwellings is considered to be sufficient. Therefore, the proposed windows accord with Policy GP2 of the Newport Local Development Plan 2011-2026 (adopted January 2015).

Biodiversity:

Policy 9 of Future Wales states that in all cases, action towards securing the maintenance and enhancement of biodiversity (to provide a net benefit), the resilience of ecosystems and green infrastructure assets must be demonstrated. Policy GP5 of the NLDP supports this and states that proposals will be expected to maintain, protect and enhance ecological networks and features of importance for biodiversity. It is noted that the application has been accompanied by a Green Infrastructure Statement and biodiversity enhancements in the form of a bird box have been included on the plans. This is considered proportionate to the small scale of the proposal. As such the proposal is considered compliant with the aims of Policy GP5 of the NLDP 2011-2026 (adopted January 2015).

9. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

9.1 *Crime and Disorder Act 1998*

Section 17(1) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 imposes a duty on the Local Authority to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area. This duty has been considered in the evaluation of this application. It is considered that there would be no significant or unacceptable increase in crime and disorder as a result of the proposed decision.

9.2 *Equality Act 2010*

The Equality Act 2010 identifies a number of 'protected characteristics', namely age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation; marriage and civil partnership.

9.3 Having due regard to advancing equality involves:

- removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by people due to their protected characteristics;
- taking steps to meet the needs of people from protected groups where these differ from the need of other people; and
- encouraging people from protected groups to participate in public life or in other activities where their participation is disproportionately low.

9.4 The above duty has been given due consideration in the determination of this application. It is considered that there would be no significant or unacceptable impact upon persons who share a protected characteristic, over and above any other person, as a result of the proposed decision.

9.5 *Planning (Wales) Act 2015 (Welsh language)*

Section 31 of the Act clarifies that impacts on the Welsh language may be a consideration when taking decisions on applications for planning permission so far as it is material to the application. This duty has been given due consideration in the determination of this

application. It is considered that there would be no material effect upon the use of the Welsh language in Newport as a result of the proposed decision.

9.6 Newport's Well-Being Plan 2018-23

The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 imposes a duty on public bodies to carry out sustainable development in accordance with the sustainable development principle to act in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. This duty has been considered during the preparation of Newport's Well-Being Plan 2018-23, which was signed off on 1 May 2018. The duty imposed by the Act together with the goals and objectives of Newport's Well-Being Plan 2018-23 have been considered in the evaluation of this application. It is considered that there would be no significant or unacceptable impact upon the achievement of wellbeing objectives as a result of the proposed decision.

10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1 The proposed window would be in keeping with the character and appearance of the of the host dwelling and surrounding area, and would not have a harmful impact upon residential amenity. It is considered that the proposals comply with the aforementioned policies and are acceptable.

**11. DECISION
GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS**

01 The development shall be implemented in accordance with the following plans and documents <FR1A- Site Location Plan, FR1A 01- Existing/ Proposed Floor Plans and Elevations>.

Reason: In the interests of clarity and to ensure the development complies with the submitted plans and documents on which this decision was based.

02 The proposed ecological enhancements as shown on approved plan FR1A 01- Existing/ Proposed Floor Plans and Elevations shall be provided within 12 months of the commencement of the development hereby approved and maintained for the lifetime of the development

Reason: In the interests of maintaining and enhancing biodiversity, in accordance with Future Wales Policy 9 and to accord with Policy GP5 of the Newport City Council Local Development Plan.

NOTE TO APPLICANT

01 The development plan for Newport is the Newport Local Development Plan 2011 – 2026 (Adopted January 2015). Policies GP2, GP5 and GP6 were relevant to the determination of this application.

02 Due to the minor nature of the proposed development (including any demolition) and the location of the proposed development, it is considered that the proposals did not need to be screened under the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.