

12. RECOMMENDATION

Refuse

Reason(s)

- 1 In order to help safeguard the long term future of the countryside, the Local Planning Authority considers it important to resist the cumulative effect of significant enlargements being made to rural dwellings. Consequently Policy DP36 of the adopted New Forest National Park Local Plan 2016- 2036 (August 2019) seeks to limit the proportional increase in the size of such dwellings in the New Forest National Park, recognising the benefits this would have in minimising the impact of buildings and activity generally in the countryside and the ability to maintain a balance in the housing stock. This proposal, as a result of the additional habitable floorspace added both as part of the rear extension and that within the detached outbuilding, would result in an extension that would increase the floor space of the existing dwelling by more than 30% and, in so doing, would add to pressures for change and larger extensions in the countryside which, individually and cumulatively, would result in a gradual suburbanising effect and erode the National Park's special character. The proposal would therefore be contrary to Policies DP36 and SP17 of the New Forest National Park Local Plan 2016-2036 (2019) and the National Planning Policy Framework.

