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Whilst Planning Permission was granted for similar extensions in the past, in recent months, the Local Planning Authority has been rejecting many such applications on the grounds that allowing building right up to the boundary gives properties the appearance of being in a terrace. In addition, in some instances, it can also preclude access to rear gardens, other than through the house, and can cause future maintenance problems with gutters, soffit boards, etc.

Councillors were concerned that residents could incur unnecessary additional costs in having Planning Applications for this type of extension refused and, therefore, recommended that local residents thinking of seeking Planning Permission for two storey side extensions with no 1m gap to the boundary should seek the advice of their Architect and the Local Planning Authority before proceeding with the application.

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