Planning Application Decision Notice

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For: Mr & Mrs Austin

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

REFUSAL OF PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT

Application Number: 2021/62/94661/E

In pursuance of its powers under the above-mentioned Act and Order the KIRKLEES COUNCIL (hereinafter called "The Council") as Local Planning Authority hereby refuses to permit:-

ERECTION OF FIRST FLOOR REAR EXTENSION AND EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS

At: 3, LYDGATE DRIVE, LEPTON, HUDDERSFIELD, HD8 0EN

In accordance with the plan(s) and applications submitted to the Council on 21-Dec-2021, except as amended or specified, details of which can be found in the table below. The reasons for the Council's decision to refuse permission for the development are:

1.The proposed rear extension, by reason of its projection, flat roof design and contrasting materials would have a harmful effect on the character of the host property. To permit the rear extension would be contrary to Policy LP24 of the Kirklees Local Plan in terms of its scale, form and layout, Key Design Principles 1 & 2 of the House Extensions and Alterations SPD and advice within Chapter 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework

2.The proposed rear extension, by reason of its projection along the shared boundary with no.1 Lydgate Drive, would result in an overbearing impact and overshadowing in the afternoon to the first floor windows of that property. To permit the rear extension would be contrary to Policy LP24 of the Kirklees Local Plan in terms of the amenities of the neighbouring property, Key Design Principles 5 & 6 of the House Extensions and Alterations SPD and paragraph 130 (f) of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Plans and specifications schedule: -

Plan Type	Reference	Date Received
Block Plan	21-723-02	22/12/2021
Existing Plans and Elevations	21-723-03	22/12/2021
Proposed floor plans	21-723-04a	22/12/2021
Proposed Elevations	21-723-05a	22/12/2021
Location Plan	21-723-01	22/12/2021

Pursuant to article 35 (2) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015 and guidance in the National Planning Policy Framework, the Local Planning Authority have, where possible, made a pre-application advice service available, complied with the Kirklees Development Management Charter 2015 and otherwise actively engaged with the applicant in dealing with the application.

The submitted plans raised significant concerns in terms of design, the cumulative impact of the varying elements of the scheme and the harm to residential amenity and the character of the host property and the wider area, given the incongruous appearance of the resultant house. Although the Kirklees Development Management Charter together with the National Planning Policy Framework and the DMPO 2015 encourages negotiation/engagement between Local Planning Authorities and agents/applicants, this is only within the scope of the application under consideration. As there were multiple issues, these were considered too significant under this application. As such, amended plans have not been sought.

Development within a Coal Mining Area

The proposed development lies within an area that has been defined by the Coal Authority as containing potential hazards arising from former coal mining activity at the surface or shallow depth. These hazards can include: mine entries (shafts and adits); shallow coal workings; geological features (fissures and break lines); mine gas and former surface mining sites. Although such hazards are seldom readily visible, they can often be present and problems can occur in the future, particularly as a result of new development taking place.

It is recommended that information outlining how former mining activities may affect the proposed development, along with any mitigation measures required (for example the need for gas protection measures within the foundations), is submitted alongside any subsequent application for Building Regulations approval (if relevant).

Any form of development over or within the influencing distance of a mine entry can be dangerous and raises significant land stability and public safety risks. As a general precautionary principle, the Coal Authority considers that the building over or within the influencing distance of a mine entry should be avoided. In exceptional circumstance where this is unavoidable, expert advice must be sought to ensure that a suitable engineering design which takes into account all the relevant safety and environmental risk factors, including mine gas and mine-water. Your attention is drawn to the Coal Authority Policy in relation to new development and mine entries available at:
www.gov.uk/government/publications/building-on-or-within-the-influencing-distance-of-mine-entries

Any intrusive activities which disturb or enter any coal seams, coal mine workings or coal mine entries (shafts and adits) requires a Coal Authority Permit. Such activities could include site investigation boreholes, excavations for foundations, piling activities, other ground works and any subsequent treatment of coal mine workings and coal mine entries for ground stability purposes. Failure to obtain a Coal Authority Permit for such activities is trespass, with the potential for court action.

If any coal mining features are unexpectedly encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Coal Authority on 0345 762 6848. Further information is available on the Coal Authority website at:
www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority

Digital Infrastructure: Fibre To The Property (FTTP)

Access to affordable and reliable broadband is necessary for Kirklees' residents, businesses, and visitors to take advantage of the growing digital economy and 'digital by default' services. Fibre optic cables direct to a property (FTTP) is the most reliable way of delivering high speed broadband connectivity and allows for gigabit internet speeds. Access to high quality digital infrastructure provides the foundations for, amongst other things:

- Economic prosperity – workforces that are digitally-literate enables business to thrive.
- Digital literacy – digital literacy and skills increase employability and people can exploit the internet for transactional, social, entertainment and learning purposes.
- New services – digital delivery can lower costs and provide innovative public and health services more conveniently.

It is therefore advised that digital infrastructure, including FTTP, and its benefits for the development be considered from the earliest feasible stage. Methods include working with Internet Service Providers to install digital infrastructure alongside other utilities or providing pre-infrastructure allowing for speeder installation at a later date.

To discuss the benefits that FTTP may have for your development, please contact Carl Tinson in Kirklees Council's Digital Team at carl.tinson@kirklees.gov.uk

Note: The provision of fibre infrastructure is often available from certain telecommunications providers free of charge for development over a certain scale, provided that sufficient notice is given. Notice periods are typically at least 12 months prior to first occupation. In some cases, providers may request a contribution from the developer.

Note: Where no telecommunications provider has been secured to provide fibre infrastructure by the time of highway construction, it is advised that additional dedicated telecommunications ducting is incorporated alongside other utilities to enable the efficient and cost effective provision of fibre infrastructure in the future.

Site Notice

- If this application has been publicised by notice(s) in the vicinity of the site, please would you now remove the notice(s) and dispose of it/them responsibly to avoid harm to the appearance of the local area**.**

Appeals to the Secretary of State

- If you are aggrieved by the decision of your Local Planning Authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

- As this is a decision for a householder application, if you want to appeal against your Local Planning Authority's decision then you must do so within 12 weeks of the date of this notice.

- If an enforcement notice is served or has been served relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and if you want to appeal against the local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within:

  i) 28 days from the date of this notice where the enforcement notice has been served,
  ii) 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice or,
  iii) 12 weeks of the date of this notice,

  which ever period expires earliest.

- Appeals must be made using a form which you can get from the Secretary of State at Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN (Tel: 0303 444 5000) or online at the Planning Inspectorates Website . Further information on the Planning Appeal process can be found online at the Planning Inspectorates website.

- You must use the correct Planning Appeal Form when making your appeal. If requesting forms from the Planning Inspectorate, please state the type of application that the appeal relates to so they can send you the appeal form you require.

- The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

- The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to him that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

- In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the Local Planning Authority based their decision on a direction given by him.

Please note, only the applicant possesses the right of appeal.

An important part of improving our service is to review your feedback on the way that we have dealt with your planning application(s). Please take a couple of minutes to email your comments to dc.admin@kirklees.gov.uk so that we can work on continually improving our customer service. Thank you.

Dated: 15-Mar-2022

Signed: 

David Shepherd
Strategic Director Growth and Regeneration

Decision Documents

The decision notice indicates which documents relate to the decision. These documents can be viewed online at the Kirklees Council Planning, and by clicking on the 'search and view existing planning applications and decisions' and by searching for application number 2021/62/94661/E .

If a paper copy of the decision notice or decided plans are required please email dc.admin@kirklees.gov.uk or telephone 01484 414746 with the application number. There may be a charge for this service.

All communications should be sent to one of the following address:

E-mail: dc.admin@kirklees.gov.uk

Write to: Planning and Development Service
Economy and Infrastructure
PO Box B93, Civic Centre 3,
Off Market Street, Huddersfield, HD1 2JR
