Town and Country Planning Act 1990

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

REFUSAL OF PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT

Application Number: 2021/62/94748/W

To: Mannan Iqbal,
Unite Designs
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HD1 4EN

For: A Reham

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:-

CONVERSION AND CHANGE OF USE OF FIRST AND SECOND FLOOR OF TAKEAWAY TO TWO DWELLINGS (WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA)

At: MALAIKAS GRILL BAR, 11, CROSS CHURCH STREET, HUDDERSFIELD, HD1 2PY

In accordance with the plan(s) and applications submitted to the Council on 11-Jan-2022. The reasons for the Council's decision to refuse permission for the development are:

1. The proposed development, would result in future occupants suffering from a poor living environment and standard of amenity due to the size (internal floorspace) of the proposed flats and outlook from accommodation on the second floor. Furthermore, given the high concentration of late-night food and drink uses located on Cross Church Street this would result in future occupiers suffering from a poor living environment and standard of amenity in order to mitigate against external sources of noise, odour and poor air quality. The development would therefore be contrary to Policies LP15d, LP24b and LP52 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Policies within Chapters 12 and 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

2. The proposed development is within an area where there has historically been incidences of late night crime and anti-social behaviour due to the high concentration of licensed premises on Cross Church Street. This would likely result in any occupants of the proposed flats and their visitors having a fear of crime and disorder. This would be exacerbated by the proposed entrance to the flats along a narrow passageway to the side of the building. Therefore, the development would be contrary to the aims of Chapters 8, 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework, and Policies LP15d and LP24e of the Kirklees Local Plan.

Plans and specifications schedule:-

Plan Type	Reference	Web ID	Date Received
Site & Location Plan	UD-458-01	-	4th January 2022
Existing Level 0, 1 and 2	UD-458-02	-	4th January 2022
Proposed Level 0 and Basement (floor plans and section)	UD	A	1st February 2022
Heritage Statement – Supporting Information	-	0	11th January 2022

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 Authority have, where possible, made a preapplication advice service available, complied with the Kirklees Development Management Charter 2015 and otherwise actively engaged with the applicant in dealing with the application. Further information was requested by highways officers in respect to waste management. A section drawing has also been requested to assess the ceiling heights of the proposed bedrooms. Finally, an amended floor plan has been provided removing reference to bedroom 3 in flat 1. Whilst numerous discussions have been undertaken between officers and the applicant's agent, taking into account the above assessment it was agreed to move forward with a recommendation of refusal, of which the decision will be tested at appeal.

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.

The application has been publicised by notice(s) in the vicinity of the site. It is respectfully requested that the notice(s) now be removed and responsibly disposed of to avoid harm to the appearance of the 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 then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.**
- **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) the specified period starting from the date of this notice,

whichever period expires earlier.

- **If you want to appeal against your Local Planning Authority's decision then you must do so within the specified period, starting on the date of this notice.**

- **The "specified period" is 12 weeks where the development relates to a "minor commercial application" as defined within the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2010 (as amended), or 6 months in any other case.**

- **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 Inspectorate 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.

Purchase Notices

- **If either the Local Planning Authority or the Secretary of State refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.**

In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

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: 14-Sep-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 Planning Website, by clicking on the 'search and view existing planning applications and decisions' and by searching for application number 2021/62/94748/W .

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

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Planning and Development Service
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