

Myself and my husband have lived here since Jan 2018 and have since had 3 children all under 5. The main reasons we would like a porch and garage is predominantly to help me with getting in and out of the house with our children and dog, utility space for laundry/cleaning and additional storage for prams/car seats etc.

For anyone that has never been up to Blackmoorfoot the weather is very wet and extremely windy. In particular where our only external door is positioned it faces directly out across the moors. My driveway is essentially a wind tunnel between our house and the neighbours, and I often struggle to even open my car doors on a bad day.

This would be fine if I was alone, but I have 3 small children and a dog to get in the car and really struggle. So much so, it often is the reason I don't leave the house or cancel seeing friends and family.

Our driveway leads onto a joint road with our neighbours and leads straight onto a busy road (holt head road). There is no gate at the end of the joint road, and so my children are not safe to just walk out unsupervised or wait by the car for me as I load the car with prams / bags etc.

My husband works for himself and leaves the house before 6am almost everyday, so I am responsible for nursery / school drop offs pick ups on my own.

In addition to this, we would like the extra space for storage and a utility space. When we moved in it was before we had our family, and now the extra space for washing facilities and storage of things such as prams/car seats etc would be very useful.

We don't believe this additional space would negatively impact any of our neighbours. We already have a high dividing wall with additional fence on top (picture). Our drive is sloped so the building would not be overly high. We are the end property of our "block" and so only 2 houses would be able to see the garage from their property.

Coverage from the weather; a safe space to get the children in and out of the car and additional space for laundry/cleaning/child equipment would make a huge difference on our day to day living.

