



Town and Country Planning Act 1990

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

REFUSAL OF PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT

Application Number: 2024/62/90711/W

To: Dean Swann,
D A Lofthouse Tree Surgery
The Woodyard
Shepherds Thorn Lane
Bradley
Huddersfield
HD6 3TU

For: Dean Swann, D A Lofthouse Tree Surgery

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:-

REMOVAL OF EXISTING STORAGE BUILDINGS, CONTAINERS AND POLY TUNNEL AND ERECTION OF STEEL FRAMED PORTAL STORAGE BUILDING TO BE USED FOR STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND GENERAL INDUSTRIAL USE

At: THE WOOD YARD, SHEPHERDS THORN LANE, BRIGHOUSE, HD6 3TU

In accordance with the plan(s) and applications submitted to the Council on 21-Mar-2024. The reasons for the Council's decision to refuse permission for the development are:

The application site is within designated Green Belt, whereby as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) new development, subject to certain exceptions, is regarded as inappropriate. None of the exceptions of paragraph 154 and LP57b) and LP60 of the Kirklees Local Plan have been met and it is concluded that the proposal is inappropriate development in the Green Belt which is by definition harmful to the Green Belt.

The development would significantly erode from the openness of the Green Belt by its scale, massing and built form and would result in substantial demonstrable harm to the purposes of containing land within it. This would also lead to the encroachment of development into the countryside, which is one of the five purposes for including land within Green Belt, which the NPPF seeks to prevent.

The proposal does not substantiate why the proposed function cannot be sited elsewhere other than viability and there are numerous vacant units available within the wide geographical catchment areas of Brighouse, Huddersfield and Halifax (in which the business operates). Any benefits of the proposal do not clearly outweigh the harm to the Green Belt by reason of inappropriateness and any other harm and therefore Very Special Circumstance do not exist. The proposal would therefore be contrary to the aims of Chapter 13 of the National Planning Policy Framework and LP57 and LP60 of the Kirklees Local Plan.

Plans and specifications schedule:-

Plan Type	Reference	Version	Date Received
Location Plan.	Planning Portal Reference: PP-12831851v1.	Unamended	11/03/2024
Block Plan	Block Plan	Unamended	18/03/2024
Proposed Roof Plan.	Drawing no. MID-555-06.	O	15/03/2024
Proposed Left Gable Elevation Plan.	Drawing no. MID-555-02.	O	15/03/2024
Proposed Front Elevation Plan.	Drawing no. MID-555-03.	O	15/03/2024
Proposed Right Gable Elevation Plan.	Drawing no. MID-555-04.	O	15/03/2024
Proposed Rear Elevation Plan.	Drawing no. MID-555-06.	O	15/03/2024
Proposed Elevation Plans.	Drawing no. MID-555-01.	O	15/03/2024
Proposed Floor Plan.	Drawing no. MID-555-07.	O	21/03/2024
Email received	App confirmation of description and additional details on hours etc	-	19/03/2024
Email received	Agents reply	-	20/03/2024
Planning Statement	-	-	21/03/2024
Crime Log	-	-	11/03/2024
Timeline of events (yard)	-	-	11/03/2024
Climate Change Statement	-	-	14/03/2024

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 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 pre-application enquiry service was made available to provide site specific advice on the acceptability of the proposal but was not used. The proposal is similar to one previously Refused on the site and subsequently Dismissed at Appeal; however it would have a greater impact in scale and footprint than the previous unacceptable submission. The case officer considered the application on review and sought no amendments as the proposal did not meet the exceptions within Chapter 13 of the NPPF or LP54, LP57 and LP59 of the Kirklees Local Plan and did not substantiate Very Special Circumstances effectively within the submission. Officers moved to determination to reach a timely Decision.

Development within a Coal Mining Area

The proposed development lies within a coal mining area which may contain unrecorded coal mining related hazards. If any coal mining feature is encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Coal Authority on 0345 762 6848.

Further information is also available on the Coal Authority website at:

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority

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: 26-Jun-2024

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 2024/62/90711/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

Write to: Kirklees Council
Planning and Development Service
PO Box 1720
Huddersfield
HD1 9EL
