



Town and Country Planning Act 1990

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

PLANNING PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT

Application Number: 2024/62/91583/W

To: F Garside
24, Town Gate
Upperthong
Holmfirth
HD9 3UX

For: COLNE VALLEY MASONIC LODGE

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

RE-SLATING OF THE EAST AND WEST ROOF SLOPES WITH BLUE SLATE
TILES RECLAIMED FROM THE EXISTING ROOF AND INSTALLATION OF
INTEGRATED SOLAR PANELS TO THE ROOF SLOPE ON THE WEST
ELEVATION (WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA)

At: COLNE VALLEY MASONIC HALL, BRITANNIA ROAD, SLAITHWAITE,
HUDDERSFIELD, HD7 5HF

In accordance with the plan(s) and applications submitted to the Council on 10-Jun-2024, subject to the condition(s) specified hereunder:-

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun within three years of the date of this permission.

Reason: Pursuant to the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in complete accordance with the plans and specifications schedule listed in this decision notice, except as may be specified in the conditions attached to this permission, which shall in all cases take precedence.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt as to what is being permitted and so as to ensure the satisfactory appearance of the development on completion, and to accord with Policies LP1, LP2, LP24, LP26, LP30 and LP35 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Chapters 2, 12, 14, 15 and 16 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

3. The re-roofing works shall be carried out using the existing blue slate tiles where practicable. Where any tiles require replacement, these shall be natural blue slate of a type, colour, texture and profile to match the existing, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This condition does not apply to the roof areas where the integrated solar panels hereby approved are to be installed.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and to preserve the character and appearance of the host building and the Conservation Area, in accordance with Policies LP24 and LP35 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Chapter 16 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

4. No works to the roof shall take place during the main bird nesting season (1st March to 31st August inclusive) unless a qualified ecologist has first confirmed in writing to the local planning authority that no active nests are present immediately prior to works commencing.

Reason: In the interest of safeguarding protected species and to ensure compliance with Policy LP30 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Chapter 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

5. Prior to the commencement of development, a detailed Precautionary Working Method Statement (PWMS) in respect of bats shall be submitted to and approved by the local planning authority. In order to minimise risk and avoid harm to bats, the PWMS shall include (but not be limited to) toolbox talks provided by a suitably qualified ecologist, attendance of an ECoW (Ecological Clerk of Works) as required, and careful hand stripping around potential bat roosting features. In the event of encountering a bat, all work must cease until the ecological clerk of works and Natural England are contacted for advice on the best way to proceed lawfully. All contractors working on site should be made aware of this advice and provided with the contact details of the ecological clerk of works.

Reason: In the interest of safeguarding protected species and to ensure compliance with Policy LP30 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Chapter 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

6. One integrated bat roost feature and one integrated bird nesting box shall be installed within the building prior to the completion of the re-roofing works. The features shall be of a permanent type (such as Schwegler or similar integrated design) and shall thereafter be retained.

Reason: To enhance the biodiversity of the site in accordance with Policy LP30 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Chapter 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Informative(s)

The applicant is reminded that bats and nesting birds (including swifts) are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. If evidence of bats, nesting birds, or other protected species is discovered during the works, all activity must cease, and advice should be sought from a suitably qualified ecologists before proceeding.

Plans and specifications schedule:-

Plan Type	Reference	Version	Date Received
Proposed Elevations / OS Plan	01	Rev A	28/04/2025
Existing Elevations	02	-	24/06/2025 -
Bat Survey Report	MBE/BAT/2025/070/01	-	11/09/2025
Planning Support and Heritage Statement	-	-	07/06/2024
Climate Change Statement	-	-	07/06/2024

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 2024 and otherwise actively engaged with the applicant in dealing with the application. Officers requested existing elevations and a Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment (PBRA) due to the site's location within a Bat Alert Zone. The applicant submitted a PBRA to address ecological matters, this was reviewed by the Councils Ecology Officer and considered reasonable, with the proposal consider acceptable to subject to appropriate conditions.

Building Regulations Approval is required for most work involving building operations and/or structural alterations. It is the applicant's responsibility to find out if the work permitted by this planning permission needs approval under the Building Regulations, and if necessary to submit an application. If you are not the applicant can you please ensure the applicant is aware of this requirement. Contact Building Control on Tel No: (01484) 221550 for more information.

It is the applicant's responsibility to find out whether any works approved by this planning permission, which involve excavating or working near public highway and any highway structures including retaining walls, will require written approval from the Council's Highways Structures Section. Please contact the Highways Structures Section on Tel No. 01484-221000 Ext 74199 for further advice on this matter.

Details Reserved by Condition

- This permission has been granted subject to conditions. Some of the conditions may require you to submit further details. These conditions normally contain the wording “submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority”.
- You can apply online for approval of these details at the Planning Portals website at www.planningportal.gov.uk. Alternatively the forms and supporting guidance for submitting an application can be found online at www.kirklees.gov.uk/planning.
- This Authority recognises the need to ensure that you are able to develop the site as effectively and flexibly as possible. However, at the same time it must ensure that development is in accordance with the terms of the planning conditions and legal agreement and the expectations of elected members and local residents set through the decision process.
- You should note the triggers for compliance with the conditions of this planning permission. This Authority is committed to processing applications to discharge conditions in a timely manner. It is important to ensure that submissions are made as far in advance of the trigger to allow time for adequate consultation, discussion and in some circumstances publicity.
- It is important that applications to discharge conditions are accompanied by sufficient information to enable this Authority and its consultees to fully consider and determine the proposals. Whilst officers will endeavour to negotiate solutions, failure to provide a comprehensive submission may result in delay and refusal of the application.
- If you commence work without discharging conditions you are at risk of enforcement action and invalidating your permission if the planning condition is a pre commencement condition.

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 Mining Remediation Authority on 0345 762 6846 or if a hazard is encountered on site call the emergency line 0800 288 4242.

Further information is also available on the Mining Remediation Authority website at: [Mining Remediation Authority - GOV.UK](http://MiningRemediationAuthority-GOV.UK)

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 speedier installation at a later date.

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.

Where 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 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.
- If an enforcement notice is served relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and if you want to appeal against your Local Planning Authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within:
 - i) 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or
 - ii) within the specified period, starting on 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 <https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision>. Further information on the Planning Appeal process can be found online at the Planning Inspectorates website <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/planning-inspectorate>.
- 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: 03-Oct-2025

Signed:



David Shepherd
Executive Director for Place

Decision Documents

The decision notice indicates which documents relate to the decision. These documents can be viewed online at the Planning Services website at www.kirklees.gov.uk/planning, and by clicking on the 'search planning applications and decisions' and by searching for application number 2024/62/91583/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