



**Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

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

**PLANNING PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT**

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**Application Number: 2024/62/91984/E**

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**To:** Ruth King  
Mirfield Designs  
28, Chadwick Lane  
Lower Hopton  
Mirfield  
WF14 8RA

**For:** A FORTIS

**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:-**

ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY REAR AND SIDE EXTENSION, FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION, NEW ROOF TILES, COVERED AREA TO THE FRONT AND PARTIAL DROPPED KERB AND ERECTION OF OUTBUILDING TO CREATE DWELLING FORMING ANNEX ACCOMMODATION ASSOCIATED WITH 8, WESTFIELD COURT, MIRFIELD, WF14 9PT

**At:** 8, WESTFIELD COURT, MIRFIELD, WF14 9PT

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**In accordance with the plan(s) and applications submitted to the Council on 19-Jul-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.

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 to accord with Policies LP1, LP2, LP3, LP7, LP20, LP21, LP22, LP24, LP28, LP30, LP33, LP51, LP52 & LP53 of the Kirklees Local Plan, Principles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 15 and 19 of the Council's adopted House Extensions and Alterations SPD, the Council's adopted Highways Design Guide and the policies contained within Chapters 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

3. The annex dwelling hereby approved shall be used by the occupants or relative of the dwelling house known as 8 Westfield Court, Mirfield, WF14 9PT and shall at no time be sold, rented, or severed to be occupied as a separate independent dwelling unit.

**Reason:** In the interests of residential amenity and to achieve a satisfactory layout site in accordance with Policy LP24 b) Kirklees Local Plan and Key Design principle 7 of the House Extensions & Alterations Supplementary Planning Document.

4. No development shall commence until (excluding demolition of existing structures and site clearance); a) a scheme of intrusive investigations has been carried out on site to establish the risks posed to the development by past shallow coal mining activity; and b) any remediation works and/or mitigation measures to address land instability arising from coal mining legacy, as may be necessary, have been implemented on site in full in order to ensure that the site is made safe and stable for the development proposed. The intrusive site investigations and remedial works shall be carried out in accordance with authoritative UK guidance.

**Reason:** To ensure the safe occupation of the site in accordance with Policy LP53 of the Kirklees Local Plan and paragraph nos. 189 and 190 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

5. Prior to the occupation of the development, or it being taken into beneficial use, a signed statement or declaration prepared by a suitably competent person confirming that the site is, or has been made, safe and stable for the approved development shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval in writing. This document shall confirm the methods and findings of the intrusive site investigations and the completion of any remedial works and/or mitigation necessary to address the risks posed by past coal mining activity.

**Reason:** To ensure the safe occupation of the site in accordance with Policy LP53 of the Kirklees Local Plan and paragraph nos. 189 and 190 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

6. Notwithstanding the plans submitted the external walls and roofing materials of the development hereby approved shall in all respects match those used in the construction of the existing building and be retained thereafter.

**Reason:** In the interests of visual amenity and in accordance with Policies LP01, LP02 & LP24 of the Kirklees Local Plan, Principles 1 and 2 the Council's adopted House Extensions and Alterations Supplementary Planning Document and policies within Chapter 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

**NOTE:** Paragraph 184 of the National Planning Policy Framework states that where a site is affected by contamination or land stability issues, responsibility for securing a safe development rests with the developer and/or landowner

**NOTE:** Due to its location, a bat roost may be present on site. Bats are a European protected species under regulation 41 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. It is an offence for anyone intentionally to kill, injure or handle a bat, disturb a roosting bat, or sell or offer a bat for sale without a licence. It is also an offence to damage, destroy or obstruct access to any place used by bats for shelter, whether they are present or not. If bats are discovered on site development shall cease and the applicant is advised to contact Natural England for advice.

**NOTE:** Kirklees Council has powers under Section 60 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 to control noise from construction sites and may serve a notice imposing requirements on the way in which construction works are to be carried out. It has additional powers under Sections 80 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to prevent statutory nuisance including noise, dust, smoke and artificial light and must serve an abatement notice when it is satisfied that a statutory nuisance exists or is likely to occur or recur. Failure to comply with a notice served using the above -mentioned legislation would be an offence for which the maximum fine on summary conviction is unlimited.

**Plans and specifications schedule: -**

| Plan Type                            | Reference    | Version | Date Received     |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------|-------------------|
| Location plan                        | LP           | -       | 19 July 2024      |
| Existing elevations                  | 2024/442/01  | -       | 19 July 2024      |
| Existing elevations and floor plans  | 2024/442/02  | -       | 19 July 2024      |
| Proposed front elevation             | 2024/442/03  | -       | 19 July 2024      |
| Proposed rear elevation              | 2024/442/04  | -       | 19 July 2024      |
| Proposed left side elevation         | 2024/442/05  | -       | 19 July 2024      |
| Proposed right side elevations       | 2024/442/06  | -       | 19 July 2024      |
| Proposed ground floor plans          | 2024/442/08  | -       | 19 July 2024      |
| Proposed first floor plans           | 2024/442/09a | -       | 19 July 2024      |
| Proposed annex elevations            | 2024/442/9b  | -       | 19 July 2024      |
| Proposed site plan                   | 2024/442/10  | -       | 19 July 2024      |
| Proposed annex floor plans           | 2024/442/11  | -       | 19 July 2024      |
| CMRA                                 | CMRA G24251  | -       | 06 September 2024 |
| Gen 01 - Coal Mining Risk Assessment | -            | -       | 19 July 2024      |
| Climate change statement             | CCS          | -       | 19 July 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 Planning Authority has, 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.

A Coal Mining Risk Assessment was submitted following receipt of the response of the Coal Authority.

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](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk). Alternatively the forms and supporting guidance for submitting an application can be found online at [www.kirklees.gov.uk/planning](http://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**

### **DEVELOPMENT HIGH RISK AREA - INFORMATIVE NOTE**

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

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](http://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](http://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 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.

**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](mailto:dc.admin@kirklees.gov.uk) so that we can work on continually improving our customer service. Thank you.

**Dated:** 16-Oct-2024

**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](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/planning), and by clicking on the 'search planning applications and decisions' and by searching for application number 2024/62/91984/E.

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

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

**E-mail:** [dc.admin@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:dc.admin@kirklees.gov.uk)

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

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