

KIRKLEES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL INVESTMENT & REGENERATION SERVICE

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) – SECTION 70

DELEGATED DECISION TO DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Reference No:	2025/62/91609/E
Site Address:	6, Craig Close, Batley, WF17 0EX
Description:	Erection of single storey side and rear extensions
Recommending Officer:	Morgan Braithwaite

DECISION – Full Conditional Permission

I hereby authorise the approval of this application for the reasons set out in the officer's report and recommendation annexed below in respect of the above matter.

Kirsty Nicholls

AUTHORISED OFFICER

Date: 01-Oct-2025

OFFICER REPORT

Site Description

6, Craig Close, Batley is a two-storey detached dwelling faced in red brick with an area of black cladding between the ground and first floor windows. The property benefits from parking provision to the front (west) of the property along with a single detached garage located to the north of the site. A garden can be located to the rear (east) of the dwelling.

The properties which form the street scene are not uniform in scale, design or appearance, with a variation of single and two-storey properties. In terms of the material palette, a combination of stone, red brick, cladding and render can be observed.

The area is predominantly residential with various local amenities within both walking and driving distance, along with access to public transport links.

Description of Proposal

This application has been received for planning permission for the erection of a single storey side and rear extension. The proposed extension would project approximately 2.6m from the rear (east) elevation of the applicant property and span a length of approximately 7.2m. The proposed side extension would project 2.9m from the side (north) elevation and have a length of approximately 10m. It is proposed that the side extension would be set back by approximately 0.4m.

The proposed works are to receive a lean-to roof with a maximum height of 3.6m, with an approximate eaves height of 2.2m.

A roller-shutter garage door shall be included in the principal elevation, two obscure glazed windows located to the side elevation, and double doors located to the rear elevation.

All materials shall match that of the existing property.

Relevant Planning History

2004/94840 – Formation of access drive and ramp. Conditional Full Permission.

Consultation Responses

None required.

Policy

Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that planning applications are determined in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The statutory Development Plan for Kirklees is the Local Plan (adopted 27th February 2019). The site is unallocated on the Kirklees Local Plan. On 12th November 2019, the Council adopted a target for achieving 'net zero' carbon emissions by 2038, with an accompanying carbon budget set by the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research. National Planning Policy includes a requirement to promote carbon reduction and enhance resilience to climate change through the planning system and these principles have been incorporated into the formulation of Local Plan policies. The Local Plan predates the declaration of a climate emergency and the net zero carbon target; however, it includes a series of policies which are used to assess the suitability of planning applications in the context of climate change. When determining planning applications, the Council will use the relevant Local Plan policies and guidance documents to embed the climate change agenda.

Kirklees Local Plan Policies

- **LP 1** – Achieving sustainable development
- **LP2** – Place shaping
- **LP 22** Parking
- **LP 24** – Design

Kirklees Council adopted supplementary planning guidance on house extensions on 29th June 2021 which now carries full weight in decision making. This guidance indicates how the Council will usually interpret its policies regarding such built development, although the general thrust of the advice is aligned with both the Kirklees Local Plan (KLP) and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), requiring development to be considerate in terms of the character of the host property and the wider street scene. As such, it is anticipated that this SPD will assist with ensuring enhanced consistency in both approach and outcomes relating to house extensions.

National Policies and Guidance

National planning policy and guidance is set out in National Policy Statements, primarily the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) published December 2023, and the Planning Practice Guidance Suite (PPGS) first launched 6th March 2014 together with Circulars, Ministerial Statements and associated

technical guidance. The NPPF constitutes guidance for local planning authorities and is a material consideration in determining applications.

- Chapter 12 – Achieving well-designed and beautiful places

Assessment

The following matters are considered in the assessment below –

- 1) Principle of development
- 1) Impact on visual amenity
- 2) Impact on residential amenity
- 3) Impact on highway safety
- 4) Other matters
- 5) Representations
- 6) Conditions
- 7) Conclusion

1) Principle of development

The site is without notation of the Kirklees Local Plan (KLP). Policy LP1 of the KLP states that when considering development proposals, the Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the NPPF. In terms of extending and making alterations to the property, Policy LP24 of the KLP is relevant, in conjunction with the House Extensions and Alterations SPD and Chapter 12 of the NPPF, regarding design. In this case, the principle of development is considered acceptable, and the proposal shall now be assessed against all other planning considerations, including visual and residential amenity, as well as highway safety.

These issues along with other policy considerations will be addressed below.

2) Impact on visual amenity

Key Design Principle 1 of the House Extensions and Alterations supplementary planning document (SPD) state that extensions and alterations to residential properties should be in keeping with the appearance, scale, design, and local character of the area of the street scene. Furthermore, Key Design Principle 2 of the HEASPD goes on to state that extensions should not dominate or be

larger than the original dwellinghouse and should be in keeping with the existing building in terms of scale, materials, and details.

The proposed side and rear extensions are to be single storey in scale and constructed of materials matching that of the existing dwellinghouse. As such, the proposed extensions would not dominate the original dwellinghouse and would remain in keeping.

Due to the variation in scale, design and appearance of the other dwellings within the street scene, the proposal would remain in keeping with the existing street scene.

Having taken the above into account, the proposed extension would not cause any significant harm to the visual amenity of either the host dwelling or the wider street scene, complying with Policy LP24 of the Kirklees Local Plan (a) in terms of the form, scale, and layout and (c) as the extension would form a subservient addition to the property in keeping with the existing building.

3) Impact on residential amenity

Consideration in relation to the impact on the residential amenity of neighbouring occupants shall now be set out, taking into account Policy LP24 (c), which sets out that proposal should promote good design by, amongst other things, extensions minimising impact on residential amenity of future and neighbouring occupiers. The SPD goes into further detail with respect of Key Design Principle 3 on privacy, Key Design Principal of overshadowing/loss of light, Key Design Principal 6 on preventing overbearing impact and Key Design Principal 7 for outdoor space.

Impact on 1, Craig Close, Batley, WF17 0EX

There is approximately 21.8m between the principal elevation of each dwelling. The proposed site extension, although set back, would form part of the principal elevation and therefore would be visible to no.1. The proposal is single storey in scale, be constructed of materials matching that of the existing dwellinghouse and would partially stand in the footprint of the existing single detached garage. As such, no significant issues would arise from overlooking. Overshadowing/loss of light or overbearing impact.

Impact on 3, Craig Close, Batley, WF17 0EX

There is approximately 21m between the principal elevation of each dwelling. The proposed site extension, although set back, would form part of the principal elevation and therefore would be visible to no.3. The proposal is single storey

in scale, be constructed of materials matching that of the existing dwellinghouse and would partially stand in the footprint of the existing single detached garage. As such, no significant issues would arise from overlooking, overshadowing/loss of light or overbearing impact.

Impact on 4, Craig Close, Batley, WF17 0EX

There is approximately 3.6m between the side elevation of each dwelling, with no.4 residing to the south of the applicant site. The proposed side extension is to be located to the north of the site and would therefore be screened by the applicant property itself. However, the rear portion of the proposed extension would be visible to no.4. The proposed rear extension is to be single storey in scale and constructed with materials which match that of the existing dwellinghouse. As such, no significant issues would arise from overlooking, overshadowing/loss of light or overbearing impact.

Impact on 8, Criag Close, Batley, WF17 0EX

There is approximately 7.3m between the side elevation of each dwelling, with no.8 residing to the north of the applicant site. The proposed side extension is also to be located to the north of the site, with the rear elevation also visible from no.8. The proposal is to be single storey in scale and constructed of materials matching that of the existing dwelling. As such, no significant issues would arise from overlooking, overshadowing/loss of light or overbearing impact.

Impact on 35, Grosvenor Road, Upper Batley, Batley, WF17 0LN

There is approximately 25.2m between the rear elevation of each dwelling, with no.35 located to the east of the applicant site. The proposed rear extension and a portion of the side extension would be visible to no.35. However, the proposal is single storey in scale and to be constructed of materials matching that of the existing dwellinghouse. As such, no significant issues would arise from overlooking, overshadowing/loss of light or overbearing impact.

Impact on 37, Grosvenor Road, Upper Batley, Batley, WF17 0LN

There is approximately 25.3m between the rear elevation of each dwelling, with no.37 located to the east of the applicant site. The proposed rear extension and a portion of the side extension would be visible to no.37. However, the proposal is single storey in scale and to be constructed of materials matching that of the existing dwellinghouse. As such, no significant issues would arise from overlooking, overshadowing/loss of light or overbearing impact.

In summary, the proposal would have no adverse impact upon the residential amenity of adjacent occupiers and would accord with Policy LP24 of the KLP and the Key Design Principles of the House Extensions and Alterations SPD.

4) Impact on highway safety

The proposal would not result in the intensification of the domestic use of the property.

Therefore, the proposal would not represent any additional harm in terms of highway safety and as such, complies with Policy LP22 of the Kirklees Local Plan along with Key Design Principles 15 & 16 of the House Extensions and Alterations SPD.

5) Other matters

Carbon Budget

The proposal is a small-scale development to an existing dwelling. As such, no special measures were required in terms of the planning application with regards to carbon emissions. However, there are controls in terms of Building Regulations which will need to be adhered to as part of the construction process which will require compliance with national standards.

6) Representations

No representations have been received as a result of site publicity.

7) Proposed conditions

Along with the standard timescale condition, which is a requirement of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, it is considered appropriate to add the following conditions.

Accordance with the approved plans to ensure the development is carried out in line with the officer's assessment.

Matching materials condition

Obscured glazing condition

9) Conclusion

The erection of a single storey side and rear extension at 6, Craig Close, Batley, WF17 0EX has been assessed against relevant policies in the development plan as listed in the policy section of the report, the House Extensions and

Alterations SPD, the National Planning Policy Framework and other material considerations.

The NPPF has introduced a presumption in favour of sustainable development. The policies set out in the NPPF taken as a whole constitute the Governments view of what sustainable development means in practice.

As set out above, this application has been assessed against relevant policies in the development plan and other material considerations. It is considered that the development would constitute sustainable development and is therefore recommended for approval.

Recommendation APPROVE

Decision Authorisation – Delegated Powers

Application Number: 2025/91609

Officer Recommendation: Approve

Conditions and Reasons

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 so as to ensure the satisfactory appearance of the development on completion, and to accord with Policy LP24 of the Kirklees Local Plan, Key Design Principles of the House Extensions and Alterations SPD and the aims of the National Planning Policy Framework.

3. The external facing and roofing materials of the extension hereby approved shall in all respects match those used in the construction of the existing building.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and to accord with Policy LP24 of the Kirklees Local Plan, Key Design Principles of the House Extensions and Alterations SPD and the aims of chapter 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

4. The development shall not be occupied until the ground floor bathroom window in the side elevation of the extension hereby approved has been obscurely glazed (to a minimum Grade 4). Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 as amended (or any Order revoking or re-enacting that Order) the obscure glazing (to a Grade 4) shall thereafter be retained.

Reason: To prevent overlooking to the neighbouring properties and to accord with Policy LP24 of the Kirklees Local Plan, the House Extensions and Alterations SPD and the aims of the National Planning Policy Framework.

NOTE: The granting of planning permission does not override any private legal rights or consents that may be required. It is the responsibility of the applicant / developer to ensure that all appropriate consents are in place prior to any development commencing; during the period of construction existing access for neighbouring properties is maintained; and no damage is caused to the access driveway or surrounding properties.

NOTE: To minimise noise disturbance at nearby premises it is generally recommended that activities relating to the erection, construction, alteration, repair or maintenance of buildings, structures or roads shall not take place outside the hours of:

07.30 and 18.30 hours, Mondays to Fridays

08.00 and 13.00hours, Saturdays

With no working Sundays or Public Holidays

In some cases, different site-specific hours of operation may be appropriate. Under the Control of Pollution Act 1974, Section 60 Kirklees Environment and Transportation Services can control noise from construction/ sites by serving a notice. This notice can specify the hours during which the works may be carried out.

Plans and specifications schedule: -

Plan Type	Plan Reference	Web ID	Date Received
Location Plan	-	1092530	17/06/2025
Proposed Site/Block Layout	25/54	1092535	17/06/2025
Existing Elevations and Floor Plans	25/54/B	1092533	17/06/2025
Proposed Elevations and Floor Plans	25/54/A Rev B	1094731	07/07/2025
Heritage Statement	Heritage Statement	1092676	18/06/2025
Climate Change Statement	Climate Change Statement	1092536	17/06/2025

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 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.

No alterations have been sought since submission as the proposals were considered to be acceptable in their original form.

Report Dated: 24/09/2025