

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:	2025/62/93497/W
Site Address:	3, Brian Avenue, Dalton, Huddersfield, HD5 8DX
Description:	Erection of single storey side extension
Recommending Officer:	Joshua Merriman

DECISION – Conditional Full 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.

Danielle Cooper

AUTHORISED OFFICER

Date: 14-May-2026

Officer Report – 2025/93497

Site Description

The application site refers to 3, Brian Avenue, Dalton, Huddersfield, HD5 8DX, a two-storey detached property faced in stone, with a pitched, tiled hipped roof, and uPVC windows and doors. The application property lies in a uniform street scene, surrounded by properties of a similar size, scale, character, appearance, and age. Furthermore, the dwelling benefits from an area of amenity space and a hard-standing parking area to the front.

Description of Proposal

The Scheme

The applicant is seeking permission for Erection of single storey side extension.

The side extension will project 8.67m from the side elevation of the existing dwelling, with a maximum height of 3.4m, eaves height of 2.36m, and a depth of 4.37m. The extension will project to the front of the principal elevation of the host property by 0.5m.

Supporting Information

In addition to the submitted plans the following documents have been submitted to support the application:

- Climate Change Statement
- Design and Access Statement

History of Negotiations / Amendments Received

No amendments have been requested by Officers.

Relevant Planning History

There is no relevant planning history for the application site.

Representations

Publication of the application has been undertaken in accordance with the Council's Development Management Charter (July 2024).

The application has been publicised on the Council's website and by site notice. The expiry date of the publicity period was the 26/02/2026.

No representations have been submitted.

Consultation Responses

No consultations were considered necessary for this application.

Allocation and Policy

The site is unallocated within the Kirklees Local Plan (adopted 2019). The site is also located within a bat alert layer.

The following legislation, policy and guidance is considered relevant to the determination of this application:-

Kirklees Local Plan

- LP1 Achieving Sustainable Development
- LP2 Place Shaping
- LP21 Highway and Access
- LP22 Parking
- LP24 Design
- LP30 Biodiversity and Geodiversity

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 2024, the Planning Practice Guidance Suite (PPGS) first launched 6th March 2014 together with Circulars, Ministerial Statements and associated technical guidance.

A consultation draft of the National Planning Policy Framework (the Framework) was published on 16 December 2025. As a consultation, the document is at an early stage and subject to change. Accordingly, for the purposes of this application, no weight is given to the current consultation document.

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

- Chapter2 Achieving sustainable development
- Chapter12 Achieving well-designed places
- Chapter14 Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change

Chapter15 Conserving and enhancing the natural environment

Supplementary Planning Documents / guidance

Kirklees Highway Design Guide (adopted November 2019)
House Extensions & Alterations SPD (adopted June 2021)

The Biodiversity Net Gain Technical Advice Note

Legislation

The Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).
The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017

Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 sets out that in considering planning applications the determination must be made in accordance with the plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise

Assessment

The following matters are considered in the assessment below –

1. Principle of development
1. Impact upon the character and appearance of the area (including impact upon historic environment)
2. Impact upon residential amenity
3. Impact upon highway safety
4. Climate Change
5. Other matters – e.g. trees/ecology (e.g. bats)
6. Representations
7. Conclusion

1 – Principle of Development

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.

Paragraph 11 concludes that the presumption in favour of sustainable development does not apply where specific policies in the NPPF indicate development should be restricted. This too will be explored.

Policy LP2 of the KLP sets out that all development proposals should seek to build on the strengths, opportunities and help address challenges identified in the Local Plan.

The dimensions of sustainable development will be considered throughout the proposal.

In terms of extending and making alterations to a 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 material planning considerations, including visual and residential amenity, as well as highway safety.

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

Considering the above policy, the principle of the development is considered to be acceptable.

2 – Impact on character and appearance of the area

Visual Amenity

Section 12 of the NPPF discusses good design. Good design is a key aspect of sustainable development, it creates better places in which to live and work and helps to make development acceptable to communities. Local Plan Policies LP1, LP2 and most importantly LP24, are all also relevant. All the policies seek to achieve good quality design that retains a sense of local identity, which is in keeping with the scale of development in the local area and is visually attractive.

Local Plan Policy LP24(a) states that all proposals should promote good design by ensuring the following: *‘the form, scale, layout and details of all development respects and enhances the character of the townscape, heritage assets and landscape’*.

Key Design Principles 1, 2, and 9 of the Council's adopted House Extensions & Alterations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) seek to ensure development is subservient to the host property and in keeping with the character of the locality.

The recommendations of Paragraphs 5.15 and 5.17 of the Council's House Extensions and Alterations SPD are outlined below:

“Side extensions should be located and designed to minimise the impact on the local character of the area. The design should reflect the design of the original building in terms of roof style, pitch materials and detailing”

- *not extend more than two thirds of the width of the original house;*
- *not exceed a height of 4 metres; and*
- *be set back at least 500mm from the original building line to allow for a visual break.*

The side extension will project 8.67m from the side elevation of the existing dwelling, with a maximum height of 3.4m, eaves height of 2.36m, and a depth of 4.37m. The extension will project to the front of the principal elevation of the host property by 0.5m.

The proposed side extension would project from the east elevation and extend 0.5m forward of the main building line. Although it spans more than two-thirds of the width of the original dwelling and sits slightly forward of the principal elevation rather than being set back, its limited height, combined with the substantial screening provided by existing hedges and boundary fencing, ensures that the majority of the structure will be obscured. Only the roof pitch would be visible from public viewpoints. As a result, the extension is not considered to have an adverse impact on visual amenity and will appear subservient and sympathetic to both the host property and the surrounding street scene.

It is also relevant that the existing single storey side extension already projects forward of the main building line.

The proposal will be constructed using matching materials, including stone walls, grey roof tiles, and uPVC windows, ensuring that it reflects the character of the original building and does not detract from the appearance of the local area.

It should further be noted that the extension is required to meet the needs of a disabled user. A smaller extension, even if fully compliant with SPD guidance, may not be feasible in these circumstances.

The proposed development is therefore considered to comply with Policies LP1, LP2, and LP24 of the Kirklees Local Plan, Principles 1 and 2 and Paragraphs 5.15 and 5.17 of the Council's House Extensions and Alterations SPD and Policies within Chapter 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

3. Impact on Residential Amenity

Sections B and C of LP24 states that alterations to existing buildings should:

“...maintain appropriate distances between buildings’ and ‘...minimise impact on residential amenity of future and neighbouring occupiers.”

Further to this, Paragraph 135 of the National Planning Policy Framework states that planning decisions should ensure that developments have a high standard of amenity for existing and future users.

Key Design Principles 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Council's adopted House Extensions & Alterations SPD seek to ensure development does not have a detrimental impact upon privacy of neighbouring occupiers, cause unacceptable levels of overshadowing or be unacceptably oppressive / overbearing.

The recommendations of Paragraph 5.16 of the Council's House Extensions and Alterations SPD are outlined below:

- *Ensuring reasonable levels of natural light to the habitable rooms in neighbouring properties; and*
- *Positioning windows to minimise or avoid any potential overlook into neighbouring gardens.*

The proposed development is considered of a limited enough height to ensure reasonable levels of natural light to habitable rooms in neighbouring properties. Moreover, all windows proposed in the extension are well-screened by hedges and fences to the front of the dwelling to ensure there are no significant impacts upon privacy or overlooking.

The proposed development is also considered of a limited scale and not located close enough to any neighbouring properties to have a significant impact upon overshadowing or overbearing. It is also noted that the existing fencing and hedges will act as a buffer.

Regarding amenity space at the property, as the dwelling has been subdivided, the application property does not benefit from exiting amenity space to the rear. As a result, the property only retained amenity space to the side and front, with the amenity space to the side being largely overshadowed by surrounding properties, it is considered that the loss of this space would not be significantly detrimental to the host property as it is currently unused space, with the front amenity space being largely utilised by the occupants. As the amenity space to the front is private due to the presence of hedges and screening, this is considered to be the primary amenity space and therefore only secondary amenity space is lost, and this is considered acceptable in this case. Furthermore, on balance the replacement of overshadowed, low use, amenity space, with accessible rooms within the dwelling is considered to constitute an efficient use of land.

It is therefore considered that in terms of residential amenity, the proposed would comply with Policy LP24 of the Kirklees Local Plan, Principles 3, 4, 5 and 6, and Paragraph 5.16 of the adopted House Extensions and Alterations SPD, and advice within Chapter 12, and Paragraph 135, of the National Planning Policy Framework.

4. Impact on Highway Safety

Policies LP21 and LP22 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Chapter 9 of the NPPF relate to access and highway safety and are considered to be relevant to the consideration of this application. The Council's adopted Highway Design Guide and Key Design Principle 15 of the adopted House Extensions & Alterations SPD which seek to ensure acceptable levels of off-street parking are retained are also considered to be of relevance.

Principle 19 of the Council's adopted House Extensions & Alterations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) requires the provision for waste storage and recycling must be incorporated into the design of new developments in such a way that it is convenient for both collection and use whilst having minimal visual impact on the development.

It should be noted that although nothing specific is detailed on the submitted plans, the site will retain adequate space for waste storage.

Although the number of bedrooms in the property will increase by one as a result of the proposal, as floor plans for the dwellings first floor have not been submitted, the required number of off-street parking spaces at the application site cannot be exactly stated. As the existing parking area on site will not be reduced in scale, and will remain adequate for two spaces, and there is further space at the front of the dwelling which could be adapted to accommodate parking, it is considered that this is acceptable to remain and the application site is capable of providing adequate parking provision. Furthermore, the proposal will have no significant impact on highway safety as the dwelling is set well back from the closest highway.

It is therefore considered that in terms of access and highway safety / parking the proposed would comply with Policies LP21 and LP22 of the Kirklees Local Plan, Principle 15 of the Council's Street Design Guide and Chapter 9 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

5. Climate Change

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.

Considering the scale and nature of the proposed development, especially that it is for private use, it is considered that the proposed development would not have an impact on climate change that needs mitigation to address the climate change emergency. The proposed development would therefore comply with Chapter 14 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

6. Other Matters

Impact upon Ecology

Chapter 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework is relevant, together with The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 which protect, by law, the habitat and animals of certain species including newts, bats and badgers.

Policy LP30 of the Kirklees Local Plan requires that proposals protect Habitats and Species of Principal Importance. Whilst it is acknowledged that the site is located within an identified bat roosting area, the proposals are relatively modest, and in this case would not impact upon the existing roof space which has the potential for providing a roost for bats. Therefore, it is considered unlikely that the proposals would have a significant impact on the bat population. An informative would be included making the applicant aware that if bats are discovered on site during the works, any development shall cease, and the applicant is advised to contact Natural England for advice on how to move forward. Subject to informative the proposal is considered to be acceptable in this regard.

7. Representations

No representations have been received.

8. Conclusion

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

This application has been assessed against relevant policies in the development plan and other material considerations. It is considered, the proposed development would constitute sustainable development and is therefore recommended for approval.

Recommendation
PERMISSION

CONDITIONAL FULL

Decision Authorisation: Delegated Powers

Application Number: 2025/93497

Officer Recommendation: Conditional Full Permission

Conditions

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).

1. 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 LP01, LP02, LP21, LP22 & LP24 of the Kirklees Local Plan, Principles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 15 of the

Council's adopted House Extensions & Alterations Supplementary Planning Document and Policies within Chapters 2, 9, 12 and 14 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

2. The materials used in the construction of the extensions 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 LP24 of the Kirklees

Local Plan and the aims of the National Planning Policy Framework.

NOTE: Due to its location, a bat roost may be present on site. Bats are a European protected species under regulation 42 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. 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.

Plans and specifications schedule:-

Plan Type	Reference	Version	Date Received
Existing Plans and Elevations	2555/01	-	08/01/2026
Proposed Plans and Elevations	2555/02	-	08/01/2026
Application Forms	-	-	08/01/2026
Climate Change Statement	-	-	08/01/2026
Design and Access Statement	-	-	08/01/2026

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. No amendments were sought as it was considered that the proposal was acceptable as submitted.

Report Dated:

14/05/2026

