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## Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Use or Development

### Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

#### Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

### Site Location

**Disclaimer:** We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town/city

Postcode

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)

Northing (y)

Description

Existing factory producing prestressed concrete products

## Applicant Details

### Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Mathew

Surname

Gadsby

Company Name

Ibstock Plc

### Address

Address line 1

Longley Concrete Ltd, Manufacturing Plant Ravensthorpe Road

Address line 2

Thornhill Lees

Address line 3

Town/City

Dewsbury

County

Kirklees

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

WF12 9EF

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

## Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

## Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Surname

Company Name

## Address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

County

Country

Postcode

B762SS

## Contact Details

Primary number

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Secondary number

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Fax number

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## Description of Proposal

Does the proposal consist of, or include, the carrying out of building or other operations?

- Yes  
 No

If Yes, please give detailed description of all such operations (includes the need to describe any proposal to alter or create a new access, layout any new street, construct any associated hard-standings, means of enclosure or means of draining the land/buildings) and indicate on your plans (in the case of a proposed building the plan should indicate the precise siting and exact dimensions)

The site is currently a industrial site containing a concrete works producing prestressed concrete products with ancillary buildings.  
All current accesses, drainage and hardstanding will remain.

Does the proposal consist of, or include, a change of use of the land or building(s)?

- Yes  
 No

Has the proposal been started?

- Yes  
 No

## Grounds for Application

### Information about the existing use(s)

Please explain why you consider the existing or last use of the land is lawful, or why you consider that any existing buildings, which it is proposed to alter or extend are lawful

The site is an existing manufacturing facility for precast concrete products for the past 50 years and was recently acquired by Ibstock Plc.

Ibstock Plc are committed to retaining and developing the site with a planned strategy for building upgrades and replacements to serve current day requirements.

The site under its previous owners suffered from lack of investment and Ibstock Plc are committed to staff retention and future expansion.

Please list the supporting documentary evidence (such as a planning permission) which accompanies this application

The site has been in use for many years and has B2 General Industrial with some B8 Storage and Distribution classification.

Select the use class that relates to the existing or last use.

B2 - General industrial

**Information about the proposed use(s)**

Select the use class that relates to the proposed use.

B2 - General industrial

Is the proposed operation or use

- Permanent  
 Temporary

If Temporary please give details

The structure will be required for a period of 3 years.  
It is intended to allow for continued manufacturing and investment whilst permission is sought for an approval to a permanent structure on an identical footprint.  
The subsequent application will address all Policies detailed in the Local Plan which will include Noise, Transport, Heritage, FRA and drainage.

Why do you consider that a Lawful Development Certificate should be granted for this proposal?

Ibstock Plc recently acquired Longley Concrete Products Limited which has for many years been declining in business performance due to a lack of investment and more recently a complete change in the construction industry flooring design with a shift from the traditional 175mm T Beam product (that has always been manufactured at the Dewsbury site) to a 150mm beam.

The applicant is seeking consent for a temporary structure which is formed using prefabricated components to allow for planned plant investment and increased production.

The building will be prefabricated by SpacioTempo Ltd and will be erected within the current yard area, details of which are included in the application.

The application is seeking consent of the Erection of a Temporary structure in accordance with Permitted Development criteria GPDO 2105 Schedule 2 - Part 4 Class A Temporary buildings and Structures.

The Prior Approval application is necessary due to increased demand from the Construction industry and to alleviate production / operating pressures within the site and is intended for use until approval to a detailed consent has been obtained within which all of the Flood Risk issues will be addressed.

The applicant has several major customers that wish to switch to the 150mm product. These customers will remain loyal to the Longley business if the investment is made at Dewsbury and if they can switch to this product during 2026. The temporary structure will serve this requirement.

We are currently working up proposals for a Detailed application addressing all concerns, Noise, Transport, Heritage, Flood and Drainage, and are looking for a submission once ready, however due to commercial pressures investment in the machinery and plant overhaul has had to be brought forward requiring need for a Temporary Structure.

The Detailed application will be on an identical footprint and will address all Planning Policy concerns.

Without the need of a Temporary Structure, the risk is the applicant will not be able to meet market demand and this will significantly impact the business by reducing sales demand, restricting any investment and in all likelihood bring into question the short to mid-term viability of the site.

The applicant wants to maintain production as this will retain and protect current employment and any future formal consent will allow for the planned expansion of the facility and employment opportunities.

The investment in a temporary structure will deliver a significant reduction in noise during normal production and will enable the business to submit the detailed application, allowing it to grow, thus supporting the local economy through increased direct employment and local supply chain.

## Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

Yes

No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

The agent

The applicant

Other person

## Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

Yes

No

## Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff
- (b) an elected member
- (c) related to a member of staff
- (d) related to an elected member

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

- Yes
- No

## Interest in the Land

Please state the applicant's interest in the land

- Owner
- Lessee
- Occupier
- Other

## Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Lawful development: Proposed use as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.

I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Andy Cronin

Date

30/03/2026