

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:	2026/62/90955/E
Site Address:	34, School Lane, Dewsbury Moor, Dewsbury, WF13 4DU
Description:	Erection of front porch extension and detached outbuilding to rear
Recommending Officer:	Morgan Braithwaite

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.

Sarah Longbottom

AUTHORISED OFFICER

Date: 07-Sep-2026

OFFICER REPORT

Site Description

34, School Lane, Dewsbury Moor, Dewsbury, WF13 4DU is a two-storey semi-detached dwelling faced in red brick. The property benefits from an area of amenity space to the front of the property, with a larger area of amenity space to the rear. The property currently does not benefit from parking provision. The dwellings which form the street scene do differ somewhat in scale, appearance but do have a matching material palette of red brick. The area is predominantly residential, with access to local amenities and public transport links.

Description of Proposal

The applicant seeks permission for the erection of front porch extension and detached outbuilding to rear.

The proposed front porch (facing north) extension shall replace the existing porch which is open sided. The proposal shall see the existing porch replaced with a larger, closed sided extension which is to project 1.8m beyond the principal elevation and span a width of approximately 5m. The proposed would have a sloped roof with a maximum height of 2.7m with an approximate eaves' height of 1.9m. A new external door shall be located in the side (east) elevation, along with a new window in the principal (north) elevation. From the case officer's site visit it appears that the porch has already been constructed.

The proposed outbuilding is to have a width of 6m and a length of 9.3m. The proposal is to feature a flat roof with a maximum height of 2.5m. An external door shall be located in the north elevation along with three windows; a further window shall be located in the south elevation.

The proposed works are to be constructed of materials matching that of the host dwelling.

History of Negotiations/Amendments

Kirklees Development Management Charter together with the National Planning Policy Framework and the DMPO 2015 encourages negotiation/engagement between Local Planning Authorities and agents/applicants. As the proposal was considered acceptable, no amendments were sought.

Relevant Planning History

2022/91957: Prior notification for single storey rear extension. The proposal is for erection of single storey rear extension. The extension projects 7m beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse. The maximum height of the extension is 4m, the height of the eaves of the extension is 3m – REFUSED

2022/92424: Prior notification for single storey rear extension. The proposal is for erection of single storey rear extension. The extension projects 6m beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse. The maximum height of the extension is 4m, the height of the eaves of the extension is 3m - NANR - NOT REQUIRED

Representations

The Council are currently undertaking the legal statutory publicity requirements, as set out at Table 1 in the Kirklees Development Management Charter. As such, this application has been publicised via a site notice.

Final publicity date expired: 12th June 2026

A representation was received, raising concern for the following points:

- Procedural issues with the planning application – a delayed notification and lack of proper homeowner alerts
- The outbuildings height creating a security risk and potential overlooking from the windows
- Excavation works potentially damaging adjacent land and structures

These points shall be addressed further in the representations section of the report.

Consultation Responses

No consultations have been requested as part of the planning process.

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 August 2026, 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 4 – Achieving sustainable development
- Chapter 14 – Achieving well-designed places

Supplementary Planning Guidance

- House Extensions and Alterations SPD (June) 2021

Legislation

The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

Section 38(6) of the Planning 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 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 14 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.

Policy LP1 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 National Planning Policy Framework. LP1 goes on further to stating that: The Council will always work pro-actively with applicants jointly to find solutions which mean that the proposal can be approved wherever possible, and to secure development that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions in the area. Policy LP2 sets out that all development proposals should seek to build on the strengths, opportunities and help address challenges identified in the Local Plan. Policy LP24 of the KLP is relevant and states that “good design should be at the core of all proposals in the district”.

2) Impact on visual amenity

Policy LP24 (Design) of the Council’s adopted Local Plan sets out that proposals should promote good design by ensuring the form, scale, layout and details of all development respects and enhances the character of the townscape, extensions are subservient to the original building, are in keeping with the existing buildings in terms of scale, materials and details and minimise impact on residential amenity of future and neighbouring occupiers. Key Design Principles 1 and 2 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. Principle 7 of the House Extensions and Alterations SPD requires development to ensure an appropriately sized and useable area of private outdoor space is retained.

The proposed works promote good design in ensuring that the form, scale, layout and details which respect the host dwelling and respects the character of the street scene.

The proposed front porch is to be single storey in scale and constructed of materials matching that of the existing dwelling. It is noted that the property already possesses a canopy to the front. The proposal sees the scale of this increased from a projection of 1.2m to 1.7m and from a width of 3m to 5m. Front porches and canopies are a common feature within the street scene and all of which vary in their scale and appearance. Furthermore, there is an existing boundary treatment located to the front of the property which would provide partial screening of the proposal from the public realm.

It has been noted that small outbuildings are a common feature within the area. While the scale of the proposed outbuilding is larger than that often seen within the street scene, the proposal is to be single storey in scale and is to be constructed of materials which match both the host dwelling and the vernacular of the area. Plans indicate that the proposal shall have a height of no more than 2.5m. When considering the neighbours to the rear of the property, there is an existing boundary treatment separating the dwellings which would provide partial screening, along with several trees which shall also provide some screening; aiding in mitigating any detrimental visual impact the proposal may cause. Furthermore, the height of the proposal is that which would be deemed

to be permitted development, which provides some degree of a fallback position.

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

Policy LP24 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Chapter 14 of the National Planning Policy Framework seeks to ensure development has an acceptable impact upon the amenity of neighbouring occupiers. 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 House Extensions and Alterations SPD sets out a number of design principles which will need to be considered when assessing a proposal's impact on residential amenity, which state:

- Principle 3 – that: “extensions and alterations should be designed to achieve reasonable levels of privacy for both inhabitants, future occupants, and neighbours”.
- Principle 4 – that: “extensions and alterations should consider the design and layout of habitable and non-habitable rooms to reduce conflict between neighbouring properties relating to privacy, light and outlook.”
- Principle 5 – that: “extensions and alterations should not adversely affect the amount of natural light presently enjoyed by a neighbouring property”.
- Principle 6 – that: “extensions and alterations should not unduly reduce the outlook from a neighbouring property.”

32, School Lane is the adjoining dwelling located to the west of the application property. The proposed porch would be replacing an existing structure on the site. The proposed outbuilding would be constructed to the rear of the site and 1m from the boundary with no.32. The outbuilding would also be partially screened by the boundary treatment which separates the application property from no.32.

36, School Lane is the neighbouring dwelling located 4.2m to the east of the application property. The proposed porch would be replacing an existing structure on the site. The proposed outbuilding would be constructed to the rear of the site and up to the boundary. Both elements of the proposal are single storey in scale and to be constructed of materials matching that of the existing dwellinghouse. The outbuilding would also receive partial screening from the boundary treatment which separates the application property from no.36.

1, Moorcroft Road is the neighbouring dwelling located 12.5m to the south-west of the application property. The proposed front porch would be screened from no.1 by the application property itself. The proposed outbuilding would replace an existing, smaller shed and would be constructed up to the boundary with no.1; the proposal is to be single storey in scale, constructed of matching materials and would be partially screened by the boundary treatment. Whilst the application site is slightly elevated in relation to the garden of No.1, the

height of the proposal is that which would be deemed to be permitted development, which provides some degree of a fallback position.

Other dwellings within the street scene would have some visibility of the proposed works but are not anticipated to be unduly impacted.

As a result, no significant issues are expected to arise from overlooking, overshadowing/loss of light or overbearing impacts.

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

Policies LP21 and LP22 of the Kirklees Local Plan and policies within Chapter 15 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.

The proposed works do not see the intensification of the domestic use of the dwelling, nor does the proposal see any alteration to existing parking provision. 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

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 pre-dates 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.

6) Representations

No representations were received as a result of site publicity. The proposal was advertised by site notice, with the public consultation period ending 12th June 2026

A representation was received, raising concern for the following points:

- Procedural issues with the planning application – a delayed notification and lack of proper homeowner alerts

Officer response: The application was advertised in accordance with the Kirklees Development Management Charter by site notice with the publicity period running from 22nd May 2026 until 12th June 2026, therefore advertised for the statutory 21 days.

- The outbuilding's height creating a security risk and potential overlooking from the windows

Officer response: The potential security risk is not a material planning consideration. The potential overlooking has been considered above. Due to the single storey scale of the proposal and partial screening as a result of boundary treatments, it has been deemed that the proposal presents limited concern in relation to overlooking.

- Excavation works potentially damaging adjacent land and structures

Officer response: potential damage as a result of excavation works is not a material planning consideration. This concern shall be considered by Building Control upon completion of construction.

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

8) Conclusion

The application for the erection of front porch extension and detached outbuilding to rear at 34, School Lane, Dewsbury Moor, Dewsbury, WF13 4DU 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

CONDITIONAL FULL PERMISSION

Decision Authorisation – Delegated Powers

Application Number: 2026/90955

Officer Recommendation: Conditional Full Permission

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 and shall thereafter be retained.

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 14 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	Version	Date Received
Plans and Elevations	1	-	08.04.2026
Elevations	2	-	08.04.2026

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 Planning 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 alterations have been sought since submission as the proposals were considered to be acceptable in their original form.

Report Dated: 17th August 2026