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Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing Use or Operation or Activity, including those in breach of a planning condition

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

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Ms

First name

Lucy

Surname

Simmonds

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

31 Weavers Mill Way

Address line 2

New Mill

Address line 3

Town/City

Holmfirth

County

Kirklees

Country

GB

Postcode

HD9 7FB

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

Reason for Lawful Development Certificate

Please indicate why you are applying for a lawful development certificate

- An existing use
 Existing building works
 An existing use, building work or activity in breach of a condition

Being a use, building works or activity which is still going on at the date of this application.

If Yes, to either 'an existing use' or 'an existing use in breach of a condition', please select the relevant Use Class.

Description of Existing Use, Building Works or Activity

Please fully describe each existing use, building works or activity for which you want the lawful development certificate. Where appropriate, show to which part of the land each use, building works or activity relates

I am applying for a Certificate of Lawfulness for existing development in respect of timber decking located within the rear garden of my property.

The decking was constructed in April 2019. I have attached photographic evidence showing the decking during construction and upon completion at that time.

Since its completion in April 2019, the decking has remained unchanged and has been in continuous use as part of the residential garden. There have been no material alterations, extensions or rebuilding works.

The decking was installed to address a steep gradient in the garden and to provide a safe and usable outdoor space for family use.

The Local Planning Authority has not taken any enforcement action in respect of the decking, and no contact or complaints have been received.

The development has therefore been substantially complete and in continuous existence for a period exceeding four years prior to the date of this application.

On this basis, the development is lawful and immune from enforcement action under the relevant planning legislation.

The application is supported by:

- Photographic evidence from April 2019 showing construction and completion
- Recent photographs confirming the development remains unchanged
- Neighbour statement

I respectfully request that a Certificate of Lawfulness is granted.

Grounds for application for a Lawful Development Certificate

Under what grounds is the certificate being sought

*Where the use, building works or activity began **before 25 April 2024***

- The use began more than 10 years before the date of this application
- The use, building works or activity in breach of condition began more than 10 years before the date of this application
- The use began within the last 10 years, as a result of a change of use not requiring planning permission, and there has not been a change of use requiring planning permission in the last 10 years
- The building works (for instance, building or engineering works) were substantially completed more than four years before the date of this application.
- The change of use to use as a single dwelling house began more than four years before the date of this application.
- Other - please specify (this might include claims that the change of use or building work was not development, or that it benefited from planning permission granted under the Act or by the General Permitted Development Order).

*Where the use, building works or activity began **on or after 25 April 2024***

- The use, building works or activity began more than 10 years before the date of this application.
- The use began within the last 10 years, as a result of a change of use not requiring planning permission, and there has not been a change of use requiring planning permission in the last 10 years.
- Other - please specify (this might include claims that the change of use or building work was not development, or that it benefited from planning permission granted under the Act or by the General Permitted Development Order).

Is the certificate being sought for a use, operation, or activity in breach of a condition or limitation?

- Yes
- No

Please state why a Lawful Development Certificate should be granted

The timber decking within the rear garden was constructed and completed in April 2019, as evidenced by dated photographic records submitted with this application.

Since its completion, the decking has remained in continuous existence with no material alterations, extensions, or rebuilding works. It continues to be used as part of the residential garden of the dwellinghouse.

The Local Planning Authority has not taken any enforcement action in respect of the development, and no contact has been received regarding the decking.

The development has therefore been substantially complete and in continuous existence for a period exceeding four years prior to the date of this application. As such, the development is lawful and immune from enforcement action.

On this basis, a Certificate of Lawfulness should be granted.

Information in support of a Lawful Development Certificate

When was the use or activity begun, or the building works substantially completed (date must be pre-application submission)?

30-04-2019

In the case of an existing use or activity in breach of conditions has there been any interruption?

- Yes
- No

In the case of an existing use of land, has there been any material change of use of the land since the start of the use for which a certificate is sought?

- Yes
- No

Residential Information

Does the application for a certificate relate to a residential use where the number of residential units has changed?

- Yes
- No

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

Interest in the Land

Please state the applicant's interest in the land

- Owner
- Lessee
- Occupier
- Other

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

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Lawful development: Existing 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

lucy simmonds

Date

11/05/2026