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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

Mr

First name

Joseph

Surname

Bell

Company Name

### Address

Address line 1

23 South Street

Address line 2

Oakenshaw

Address line 3

Town/City

Bradford

County

Kirklees

Country

Postcode

BD12 7DJ

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

## Contact Details

Primary number

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Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

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## 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.**

## 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

Regularisation of existing timber link structure, in place since 1st June 2009 at latest

## 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

In accordance with Section 171B(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and The Planning Act 2008 (Commencement No. 8) and Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (Commencement No. 4 and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2024(5), no enforcement action may be taken after the expiration of four years beginning with the date on which the operational development was substantially completed, so long as that date of completion was before 25th April 2024.

Evidence has been provided in Google Earth imagery which clearly shows the structure in place in June 2009, the relevant four-year period has therefore since elapsed, and the development became lawful through the passage of time prior to its destruction.

The test for the grant of a Lawful Development Certificate is one of fact and degree, rather than planning merit. The Local Planning Authority is required to consider whether, on the balance of probability, the evidence demonstrates that the development existed for the requisite period.

In this instance, the evidence submitted is robust, consistent, and clearly indicates that the structure was in place from at from June 2009 to date.

It is therefore considered that the structure benefits from immunity from enforcement action constitutes lawful development.

## 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)?

01-06-2009

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

John Aynsley

Date

19/05/2026