

**Consultation Response from KC,
 Conservation & Design**
2026/91633 39, Spinkfield Road, Birkby, Huddersfield, HD2 2AY
Erection of front porch (within a Conservation Area)
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Responding Officer: Amanda Chester
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The application relates to the erection of a front porch at 39 Spinkfield Road, Birkby, Huddersfield. The property is located within the Birkby Conservation Area.

Birkby Conservation Area encompasses a residential suburb of Huddersfield established in the 19th century. The bulk of the building stock comprises terraced housing, although there are examples of semi-detached and detached properties. The overwhelming majority of the buildings are constructed of local stone with either pitched or hipped stone slate/slate roofs. Most buildings are of two storeys with very few extending higher. There is a leafy aspect to many streets in Birkby. The terraced housing along Spinkfield Road has a tightly-knit grain and the regular uniform appearance of the terraces contributes to the special character of the conservation area. 39 Spinkfield Road forms the end of a continuous terrace which runs the entirety of this stretch of Spinkfield Road, none of the other properties within the terrace have porches.

Section 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act (1990) requires that special attention shall be paid in the exercise of planning functions to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the appearance or character of the Conservation Area. Section 72 of the Planning (Listed Building & Conservation Areas) Act (1990) is mirrored in Policy LP35 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Chapter 20 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Conservation and Design object to the application on the grounds that the introduction of the porch will break up the regularity and uniform appearance of the terrace in which it sits, introducing visual clutter to the elevation. This would adversely affect the special character of the conservation area and result in a low level of harm to its significance without providing any tangible public benefits which would outweigh that harm. The proposals are therefore in contravention of Section 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act (1990), Policies HE6 and HE9 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policy LP35 of the Kirklees Local Plan.