

About the application

Application number: 2026/92154	
What is the application for?:	Removal of existing garage and erection of two storey side extension with porch
Address of the site or building:	12, Birch Grove, Batley, WF17 0RQ
Postcode:	WF17 0RQ

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
I would first like to comment that the notice about this planning is on one lamp post on the street and it was put there, late afternoon, on 28 August 2026. This does not give anyone a fair chance to make a comment as the planning has not been widely publicised. The proposals should be sent to all properties on Birch Grove and the consultation period extended to make this fair and clear to all residents. It will give them chance to make their comments too. I trust this will be given the utmost, immediate attention, given that the end of the consultation period is 2 September 2026. My concern is that this extension will take away the area used for parking for this property especially if the garage and driveway are removed. A solution needs to be found for this for the wellbeing of the residents of the street. It is currently complete chaos. There is simply no more room for safe and sensible car parking on the street. I cannot find any details given for the provision of parking on the plans. This needs to be clarified. These houses were all built with parking places off the street. Eating into this space is not practicable, especially now that more people have cars. Expanding a property to accommodate more people means cars and more visitors. At present, there are so many cars parked in the cul de sac that delivery vehicles, bin lorries and emergency vehicles cannot gain access to the bottom of the street and so they reverse out of the bottom of the street into oncoming traffic, at the junction on Birch Grove. The entrance to the side of Birch Grove where no 12 is, when turning to the right, is concealed by a tall hedge which means that you only see vehicles reversing up the street at the last minute. Some of the delivery vans and cars reverse up at speed and turn without checking what's coming down the street. It's an accident waiting to happen, caused by thoughtless parking due to the huge volume of cars parked on the street. The situation is already bad because vehicles are crammed into the turning circle at	

The situation is already bad because vehicles are crammed into the turning circle at the bottom of the street, at both sides, as there is nowhere else to park. There are cars parked across the majority of the pavements on the street, every day, and on most days of the week, double parked so that access down the street is difficult or impossible. Birch Grove is already at breaking point. The last thing we need on the street are additional vehicles. We cannot walk on the pavements for cars! it affects the residents quality of life. Some days, it is impossible to get in and out of our driveway due to cars parked opposite. It is very upsetting. Imagine if we had to live the house in an emergency?

This property is clearly going to have a number of cars/vans, looking at the size of the accommodation. There is not enough parking on the street outside to accommodate any more vehicles. You can see this with the amount of traffic and parking chaos caused by the workmen currently on site at the property.

The property has just been purchased and the buyers must have been aware of the parking situation when they bought the premises. I notice that they already have problems parking his one car on the street when he calls to see how work is progressing.

There needs to be more parking made on the premises of 12 Birch Grove for the resident's cars, in proportion with the living accommodation. A solution needs to be found before planning is granted.