

About the application

Application number: 2026/92493	
What is the application for?:	Erection of part two storey and part single storey rear extension, two storey si
Address of the site or building:	38, Fir Parade, Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury, WF13 3BH
Postcode:	WF13 3BH

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I strongly support the proposed construction of a front dormer at 38 Fir Parade and believe that the fact it would be the first of its kind on the street should not, in itself, be a reason for refusing planning permission. Good design and responsible development should be assessed on their individual merits, rather than rejected simply because a similar feature has not been built before. A carefully designed front dormer can complement the existing property, introduce an attractive architectural feature and provide a practical way to create additional usable living space without the need to extend the building's footprint. The character of a street is not necessarily damaged by thoughtful, high-quality improvements; it can evolve positively over time while retaining its overall identity. Provided the dormer is appropriately proportioned, uses materials that complement the existing roof and respects the scale and appearance of the house, there is no reason to assume it would look out of place or detract from the surrounding properties. Furthermore, allowing a well-designed proposal to set a positive precedent could encourage future homeowners to pursue improvements that meet appropriate design standards, rather than treating the absence of previous examples as a permanent barrier to change. The proposal should therefore be judged on its actual visual impact, architectural quality and compliance with relevant planning policies, not simply on the fact that it would be the first front dormer on Fir Parade. I respectfully ask the council to consider the potential for an attractive, proportionate and sympathetic addition that enhances the property while allowing the existing home to meet the changing needs of its occupants.	