

**Durham County Council**

Regeneration and Economic Development  
 Planning Development  
 County Hall  
 Durham  
 DH1 5UL



## Application for Planning Permission

## 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

Town Clerk

First name

Geoff

Surname

Smith

Company Name

### Address

Address line 1

Community Centre

Address line 2

Ironworks Road

Address line 3

Tow Law

Town/City

County Durham

Country

Postcode

DL13 4LW

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

### Contact Details

Primary number

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Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

## Site Area

What is the measurement of the site area? (numeric characters only).

Unit

## Description of the Proposal

Please note in regard to:

- **Fire Statements** - From 1 August 2021, planning applications for buildings of over 18 metres (or 7 stories) tall containing more than one dwelling will require a 'Fire Statement' for the application to be considered valid. There are some exemptions. [View government planning guidance on fire statements](#) or [access the fire statement template and guidance](#).
- **Permission In Principle** - If you are applying for Technical Details Consent on a site that has been granted Permission In Principle, please include the relevant details in the description below.
- **Public Service Infrastructure** - From 1 August 2021, applications for certain public service infrastructure developments will be eligible for faster determination timeframes. See help for further details or [view government planning guidance on determination periods](#).

### Description

Please describe details of the proposed development or works including any change of use

Has the work or change of use already started?

- Yes  
 No

## Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

Is the site currently vacant?

- Yes  
 No

If Yes, please describe the last use of the site

Waste ground & grassed area

When did this use end (if known)?

**Does the proposal involve any of the following? If Yes, you will need to submit an appropriate contamination assessment with your application.**

Land which is known to be contaminated

- Yes  
 No

Land where contamination is suspected for all or part of the site

- Yes  
 No

A proposed use that would be particularly vulnerable to the presence of contamination

- Yes  
 No

## Materials

Does the proposed development require any materials to be used externally?

- Yes  
 No

## Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

Is a new or altered vehicular access proposed to or from the public highway?

- Yes  
 No

Is a new or altered pedestrian access proposed to or from the public highway?

- Yes  
 No

Are there any new public roads to be provided within the site?

- Yes  
 No

Are there any new public rights of way to be provided within or adjacent to the site?

- Yes  
 No

Do the proposals require any diversions/extinguishments and/or creation of rights of way?

- Yes  
 No

## Vehicle Parking

Does the site have any existing vehicle/cycle parking spaces or will the proposed development add/remove any parking spaces?

Yes

No

## Trees and Hedges

Are there trees or hedges on the proposed development site?

Yes

No

And/or: Are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character?

Yes

No

**If Yes to either or both of the above, you may need to provide a full tree survey, at the discretion of the local planning authority. If a tree survey is required, this and the accompanying plan should be submitted alongside the application. The local planning authority should make clear on its website what the survey should contain, in accordance with the current 'BS5837: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations'.**

## Assessment of Flood Risk

Is the site within an area at risk of flooding? (Check the location on the Government's [Flood map for planning](#). You should also refer to national [standing advice](#) and your local planning authority requirements for information as necessary.)

Yes

No

Is your proposal within 20 metres of a watercourse (e.g. river, stream or beck)?

Yes

No

Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere?

Yes

No

How will surface water be disposed of?

Sustainable drainage system

Existing water course

Soakaway

Main sewer

Pond/lake

## Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

**Is there a reasonable likelihood of the following being affected adversely or conserved and enhanced within the application site, or on land adjacent to or near the application site?**

**To assist in answering this question correctly, please refer to the help text which provides guidance on determining if any important biodiversity or geological conservation features may be present or nearby; and whether they are likely to be affected by the proposals.**

a) Protected and priority species

- Yes, on the development site
- Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
- No

b) Designated sites, important habitats or other biodiversity features

- Yes, on the development site
- Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
- No

c) Features of geological conservation importance

- Yes, on the development site
- Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
- No

**Supporting information requirements**

Where a development proposal is likely to affect features of biodiversity or geological conservation interest, you will need to submit, with the application, sufficient information and assessments to allow the local planning authority to determine the proposal.

Failure to submit all information required will result in your application being deemed invalid. It will not be considered valid until all information required by the local planning authority has been submitted.

Your local planning authority will be able to advise on the content of any assessments that may be required.

## Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

- Mains sewer
- Septic tank
- Package treatment plant
- Cess pit
- Other
- Unknown

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

## Waste Storage and Collection

Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste?

- Yes
- No

Have arrangements been made for the separate storage and collection of recyclable waste?

- Yes
- No

## Trade Effluent

Does the proposal involve the need to dispose of trade effluents or trade waste?

- Yes
- No

## Residential/Dwelling Units

Does your proposal include the gain, loss or change of use of residential units?

- Yes  
 No

## All Types of Development: Non-Residential Floorspace

Does your proposal involve the loss, gain or change of use of non-residential floorspace?

Note that 'non-residential' in this context covers all uses except Use Class C3 Dwellinghouses.

- Yes  
 No

## Employment

Are there any existing employees on the site or will the proposed development increase or decrease the number of employees?

- Yes  
 No

## Hours of Opening

Are Hours of Opening relevant to this proposal?

- Yes  
 No

## Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery

Does this proposal involve the carrying out of industrial or commercial activities and processes?

- Yes  
 No

Is the proposal for a waste management development?

- Yes  
 No

## Hazardous Substances

Does the proposal involve the use or storage of Hazardous Substances?

- 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

**If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given (this will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently):**

Officer name:

Title

\*\*\*\*\* REDACTED \*\*\*\*\*

First Name

\*\*\*\*\* REDACTED \*\*\*\*\*

Surname

\*\*\*\*\* REDACTED \*\*\*\*\*

Reference

PRE28/21/00741

Date (must be pre-application submission)

01/03/2021

Details of the pre-application advice received



The Council's Highways Officer has viewed the documentation and has provided the below comments:-

"There is a metalled footway on the eastern side of the unmade track that lies to the rear of High Street properties. This footpath carries on in a north west direction along an illuminated footpath linking with Ironworks Road. The land disposed of by DCC to the Town Council does not include this footpath.

The following comments are related to the relevant annotation on the 1:1250 site plan:

'Approx. 13 parallel' - I have interpreted the latter annotation as meaning parallel to the unmade access track that leads north-south. The length is circa 55m. The proposed surfacing (of new parking areas or existing unmade access track) is unspecified. At a recommended length of 6m at each parallel parking bay this translates to 9 no. parking bays rather than 13 no. I should also mention that an access road carriageway width of 4.8m, to permit two way traffic, will be necessary to ensure no need to over-run the metalled footway (held in continued ownership by DCC, and not part of the disposal land).

'Approx. 34 oblique'- The annotated directional arrows suggest a one way access arrangement. I am unclear as to the viability of this given the alteration in ground levels that exists to the north and west of the Telephone Exchange site. Neither am I clear on the location of the cited 34 no. parking spaces in relation to the proposed access route. The annotation 'Approx. 34 oblique' is depicted upon land that is not part of the disposed land. I am unable to comment further without clarification of the above points."

In order to allow the Highways Officer to make a more accurate assessment, you may wish to address the points above as part of your enquiry. If you would like to speak to the Officer directly, Dave Stewart can be contacted on 03000 267111 or by email at: david.stewart@durham.gov.uk.

## 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

If yes, please provide details of their name, role, and how they are related:

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# Ownership Certificates and Agricultural Land Declaration

## Certificates under Article 14 - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Please answer the following questions to determine which Certificate of Ownership you need to complete: A, B, C or D.

Is the applicant the sole owner of all the land to which this application relates; and has the applicant been the sole owner for more than 21 days?

- Yes  
 No

Is any of the land to which the application relates part of an Agricultural Holding?

- Yes  
 No

### Certificate Of Ownership - Certificate A

I certify/The applicant certifies that on the day 21 days before the date of this application nobody except myself/ the applicant was the owner\* of any part of the land or building to which the application relates, and that none of the land to which the application relates is, or is part of, an agricultural holding\*\*

\* "owner" is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run.

\*\* "agricultural holding" has the meaning given by reference to the definition of "agricultural tenant" in section 65(8) of the Act.

**NOTE: You should sign Certificate B, C or D, as appropriate, if you are the sole owner of the land or building to which the application relates but the land is, or is part of, an agricultural holding.**

Person Role

- The Applicant  
 The Agent

Title

Mr

First Name

Geoff

Surname

Smith

Declaration Date

11/11/2021

Declaration made

### Declaration

I / We hereby apply for Full planning permission as described in this form and 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 options of the persons giving them. I / We also accept that: Once submitted, this information will be transmitted to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be made available 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

Geoff Smith

Date

19/08/2022