

Durham County Council

Regeneration and Economic Development
 Planning Development
 County Hall
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 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

Durham University

First name

Peter

Surname

Edgar

Company Name

Durham University

Address

Address line 1

Upper Mountjoy

Address line 2

Stockton Road

Address line 3

Town/City

Durham

County

Durham

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

DH1 3LE

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

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

The proposed development is to either install 1no fridge and 1no freezer or 2no storage containers for fieldwork kit. This is to aid the expansion of Durham Universities Environmental Geoscience and Climate Science departments. Existing cold storage facilities are somewhat ad hoc, and will not meet future needs. Likewise, increased diversity of fieldwork types means more equipment, which requires dedicated storage space. The project will enable Durham to continue to produce world-class research, with the pivot towards Environmental Geoscience and Climate Science noted above. Knowing that samples can be stored effectively will encourage staff to work on appropriate projects, and to try to attract funding for them. The storage will also benefit our teaching, especially at dissertation stages: stored and newly-collected sample sets can be used for these projects, sometimes with additional research benefits as pilot studies etc. All of these benefits will increase the financial security of the department, in terms of research income and student numbers. Area where proposals are to be situated requires the installation of a 3m x 9m paved hardstand area. The electrical supply required 13 & 16 amps for the fridge/freezers.

Has the work or change of use already started?

- Yes
 No

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

Earth Sciences teaching facility - the area where the works are proposed is a vacant storage area to the rear of the building

Is the site currently vacant?

- Yes
 No

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

Please provide a description of existing and proposed materials and finishes to be used externally (including type, colour and name for each material)

Type:
Vehicle access and hard standing

Existing materials and finishes:

Proposed materials and finishes:
Pre cast concrete paving flags hardstand with kerb detail Modular fridge/freezer units - white/grey in colour Flat pack metal storage containers - green in colour

Are you supplying additional information on submitted plans, drawings or a design and access statement?

- Yes
 No

If Yes, please state references for the plans, drawings and/or design and access statement

Appendix A - Design & Access Statement
PE001 - Location plan 1/100
EWP (001) - Further detail on proposed location of development

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

Other

none produced

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

DM/23/03156/PN56

Date (must be pre-application submission)

07/12/2023

Details of the pre-application advice received

Not permitted development - apply for full planning permission

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

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

Durham University

First Name

Peter

Surname

Edgar

Declaration Date

21/12/2023

Declaration made

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Full planning permission 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

Peter Edgar

Date

21/12/2023