

Notification of a proposed larger Home Extension

Schedule 2, Part 1 (Class A) of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Under the conditions set by permitted development legislation, householders are able to build larger single-storey rear extensions in certain circumstances.

Generally, single-storey rear extensions must not extend beyond the rear wall of the original house* by more than four metres if a detached house; or more than three metres for any other house.

However, where not on Article 2(3) land* or in a Site of Special Scientific Interest, this limit is increased to:

- eight metres if a detached house; or
- six metres for any other house.

Before development commences, the relevant local planning authority must be notified of the proposed work. This is done by completing and submitting the [Notification of a proposed larger Home Extension form](#) (PDF) and providing the necessary supporting information. A process then takes place as detailed on the following pages.

Please note: It is not possible to undertake this process retrospectively.

** The term "original house" means the house as it was first built or as it stood on 1 July 1948 (if it was built before that date). Although you may not have built an extension to the house, a previous owner may have done so.*

** Article 2 (3) land is land within:*

- *a conservation area; or*
- *an area of outstanding natural beauty; or*
- *an area specified by the Secretary of State for the purposes of enhancement and protection of the natural beauty and amenity of the countryside; or*
- *the Broads; or*
- *a National Park; or*
- *a World Heritage Site*

Notification process

There is currently no fee in connection with this process, though the government has signalled its intention to introduce one going forward.

1. A homeowner wishing to build a larger single-storey rear extension must notify the local planning authority and provide:
 - a. a written description of the proposal which includes the length that the extension extends beyond the rear wall of the original house, the height at the eaves and the height at the highest point of the extension
 - b. a plan of the site, showing the proposed development
 - c. the addresses of any adjoining properties (this should include any premises to the side/front/rear, even if they are not physically 'attached').
 - d. a contact address for the developer (the householder) and an email address if the developer is happy to receive correspondence by email

A plan drawn to an identified scale will assist the authority in assessing your development proposal. [Plans can be bought from one of our accredited suppliers using our 'Buy a planning map' service.](#)

2. The local authority may ask for further information if it needs it to make a decision about the impact of the development on the amenity of adjoining properties.
3. The local authority will serve a notice on adjoining owners or occupiers, i.e. those who share a boundary, including to the rear. This will give the address of the proposed development and describe it, including the information in 1(a) above. It will also set out:
 - a. when the application was received, and when the 42-day determination period ends
 - b. how long neighbours have to make objections (which must be a minimum of 21 days), and the date by which these must be received

A copy of this notice must also be sent to the developer.

4. If any adjoining neighbour raises an objection within the 21-day period, the local authority will take this into account and make a decision about whether the impact on the amenity of all adjoining properties is acceptable.

No other issues will be considered.

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5. The development can go ahead if the local authority notifies the developer in writing either:
 - a. that, as no objections were received from adjoining neighbours, it has not been necessary to consider the impact on amenity, or
 - b. that, following consideration, it has decided that the effect on the amenity of adjoining properties is acceptable

Please note: restrictions on permitted development for extensions continue to apply. [See further details on the Planning Portal.](#)

6. If the local authority does not notify the developer of its decision within the 42-day determination period, the development may go ahead.
7. If approval is refused, the developer may appeal.
8. The extension must be built in accordance with the details approved by the local authority (or, if no objections were raised or the local authority has not notified the developer of its decision, the details submitted), unless the local authority agrees any changes in writing.
9. The development must accord with all other relevant limitations and conditions which apply to other rear extensions allowed under permitted development.

These are set out in Class A, and include for example, the requirement that the extension must be constructed using materials of a similar appearance to those used in the construction of the rest of the house. [See further details on the Planning Portal.](#)