



GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

APPLICATION NO. 2025/0532

To JR Planning
Velocity Point
Wreakes Lane
Dronfield
S18 1PN

DESCRIPTION Conversion of vacant church and church hall; installation of first floor in church building, including 8no dormer windows and 5no roof lights, the erection of an access ramp and associated works to create 11 residential apartments (Use Class C3).

LOCATION Wesleyan Reform Church, Wakefield Road, Smithies, Barnsley, S71 1NP

Permission is **granted** for the proposals which were the subject of the Application and Plans registered by the Council on 27/06/2025 and described above.

THIS DECISION IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT MADE UNDER SECTION 106 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED).

The approval is subject on compliance with the following conditions:

- 1 The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 3 years from the date of this permission.
Reason: In order to comply with the provision of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

- 2 The development hereby approved shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the amended plans and specifications as approved unless required by any other conditions in this permission.
Plan References
Location Plan
Proposed Plans and Elevations Building A 2562 Drg No 03
Proposed Elevations and Roof plan Building B 2562 Drg No 04 Rev A received 22nd October 2025
Proposed Ground Floor Plans Building B 2562 Drg No 05 Rev A received 22nd October 2025
Proposed First Floor Plans Building B 2562 Drg No 06 Rev A received 22nd October 2025
Proposed Site Plan 2562 Drg No 08 Rev A received 22nd October 2025
Planning and Heritage Statement
Supplementary Planning Statement received 22nd October 2025
Reason: In the interests of the visual amenities of the locality in accordance with Local Plan Policy D1 High Quality Design and Place Making.
- 3 Upon commencement of development details of the proposed external materials shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.
Reason: In the interests of the visual amenities of the locality and in accordance with Local Plan Policy D1 High Quality Design and Place Making.
- 4 Upon commencement of development full details for the implementation of bird and bat boxes, including a timetable for their implementation, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details
Reason: To conserve and enhance biodiversity in accordance with Local Plan Policy BIO1.
- 5 Upon commencement of development a plan indicating the position of boundary treatment(s) to be erected shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The boundary treatment shall be completed before the dwelling is occupied. Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details and shall thereafter be retained.
Reason: In the interests of the visual amenities of the locality and the amenities of occupiers of adjoining property in accordance with Local Plan Policies GD1 General Development Policy and D1 High Quality Design and Place Making.
- 6 Upon commencement of development full details of the proposed bin stores shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The bin stores shall be completed before the first unit is occupied and the development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details and shall thereafter retained.
Reason: In the interests of the visual amenities of the locality and the amenities of occupiers of adjoining property in accordance with Local Plan Policies GD1 General Development Policy and D1 High Quality Design and Place Making.
- 7 Prior to occupation of the development or any part thereof, a landscape management plan, including long term design objectives, management responsibilities and maintenance schedules for all landscape areas, shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. The landscape management shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved plan.
Reason: In the interests of the visual amenities of the locality and in accordance with Local Plan Policy BIO1 Biodiversity.

- 8 Prior to occupation full details of the private refuse collection details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details.
Reason: In the interest of highway safety and in accordance with Local Plan Policy T4 New Development and Transport Safety.
- 9 Prior to occupation landscaping shall be provided in accordance with approved plan Proposed Site Plan 2562 Drg No 08 Rev A received 22nd October 2025 and retained as such thereafter.
Reason: In the interests of the visual amenities of the locality in accordance with Local Plan Policies GD1 General Development Policy and D1 High Quality Design and Place Making.
- 10 Prior to occupation, the access, parking and manoeuvring facilities shall be laid out in accordance with approved plan Proposed Site Plan 2562 Drg No 08 Rev A received 22nd October 2025 and retained as such thereafter.
Reason: To ensure that there are adequate parking facilities to serve the development in accordance with Local Plan Policy T4 New Development and Transport Safety.
- 11 The window on the northern elevation of unit 10 located within Building A facing 177 Wakefield Road shall at all times be fitted with obscure glass to Pilkington Level 3 obscurity or equivalent and retained as such thereafter.
Reason: To safeguard the privacy and amenities of the occupiers of adjoining residential property and in accordance with Local Plan Policy GD1 General Development
- 12 Construction, remediation or demolition work comprising the use of plant, machinery or equipment, or deliveries of materials shall only take place between the hours of 0800 to 1800 Monday to Friday and 0900 to 1400 on Saturdays and at no time on Sundays or Bank Holidays. Heavy Goods Vehicles shall not enter or exit the site outside of these times.
Reason: In the interests of the amenities of local residents and in accordance with Local Plan Policies GD1 General Development Policy and POLL1 Pollution Control and Protection.
- 13 There shall be no burning of any material on the development site during the demolition and construction phases.
Reason: To reduce or remove adverse impacts on health and quality of life, especially for people living and/or working nearby, in accordance with Local Plan Policy POLL1.
- 14 All stained-glass windows shall be retained in situ and secondary glazed.
Reason: In the interests of the preserving and enhancing the architectural or historic interest of the building in accordance with Local Plan Policy HE3.
- 15 All new doors shall match the existing in terms of their appearance and arrangement.
Reason: In the interests of the preserving and enhancing the architectural or historic interest of the building in accordance with Local Plan Policy HE3.

Informative(s)

Pursuant to article 35 (2) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015 (as amended), the Local Planning Authority have, where possible, made a pre-application advice service available, and otherwise actively engaged with the applicant in dealing with the application in a positive and proactive manner.

- 1 The granting of planning permission does not affect the status of species such as owls and bats, which have protection under other legislation. These may be present and it is the applicant's responsibility to seek advice on how to avoid damaging operations. Further advice can be obtained directly from www.naturalengland.org.uk
- 2 It is recommended that measures are taken to prevent a nuisance/or affect the quality of life of local residents. Please note that the Council's Pollution Control Team have a legal duty to investigate any complaints about noise, smoke, odour, light or dust. No waste should be burnt. If a Statutory Nuisance is found to exist, they must serve an Abatement Notice under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Failure to comply with the requirements of an Abatement Notice may result in a fine of up to £20,000 upon conviction in Magistrates' Court. It is therefore recommended that you give serious consideration to the steps that may be required to prevent a noise, light, odour, dust or smoke nuisance from being created.

Please be aware that the Council monitors construction sites and open land within the vicinity of such sites in an attempt to prevent fly tipping (i.e. unauthorised deposit of waste on land), which is illegal under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. The penalties for fly-tipping can include:

- a fine of up to £50,000 and
- up to six months imprisonment on conviction.

Therefore, if necessary, please ensure that all demolition waste and waste associated with the construction of any development is disposed of via approved methods and that documents are retained to prove this.

Signed:

Dated: 3 June 2026



Garry Hildersley

Head of Planning, Policy & Building Control
Growth & Sustainability Directorate

The grant of this consent does not constitute or imply permission, approval or consent by the Local Authority for any other purpose.

NOTES:-

Appeals to the Secretary of State

If you are aggrieved by the decision of the Council to grant permission for the proposed development subject to conditions then you can appeal to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and Regions under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act. If you want to appeal, then you must do so within six months of the date of this notice, using a form which you can get from The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3/24 Hawk Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN.

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal. The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to him that the Local Planning Authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions it imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of the development order and to any directions giving under the order. In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the Local Planning Authority based its decision on a direction given by him.

Purchase Notices

If either the Local Planning Authority or the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and Regions refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor can he render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted. In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Compensation

In certain circumstances compensation may be claimed from the Local Planning Authority if permission is refused or granted subject to conditions by the Secretary of State on appeal or on reference to the application to him. These circumstances are set out in Sections 114 and related provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN CONDITION

DEEMED CONDITION

(As required Schedule 7a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and inserted by the Environment Act 2021

Development may not be begun unless:

1. A Biodiversity Gain Plan has been submitted to the planning authority; and
2. The Local Planning Authority has approved the plan.

The Biodiversity Gain Plan must include:

- a) information about the steps taken or to be taken to minimise the adverse effect of the development on the biodiversity of the onsite habitat and any other habitat;
- b) the pre-development biodiversity value of the onsite habitat;
- c) the post-development biodiversity value of the onsite habitat;
- d) any registered offsite biodiversity gain allocated to the development and the biodiversity and the biodiversity value of that gain in relation to the development;
- e) any biodiversity credits purchased for the development; and
- f) any such other matters as the Secretary of State may by regulations specify.

In addition, under Articles 37C(2) and 37C(4) of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, the following specified matters are required, where development is not to proceed in phases:

- g) name and address of the person completing the Plan, and (if different) the person submitting the Plan;
- h) a description of the development and planning permission reference number (to which the plan relates);
- i) the [relevant date](#), for the purposes of calculating the pre-development biodiversity value of onsite habitats and if proposing an earlier date, the reasons for using this earlier date;
- j) [the completed biodiversity metric calculation tool\(s\)](#), stating the publication date of the tool(s), and showing the calculation of the pre-development onsite value on the [relevant date](#), and post-development biodiversity value;
- k) a description of arrangements for maintenance and monitoring of habitat enhancement to which paragraph 9(3) of Schedule 7A to the 1990 Act applies (habitat enhancement which must be maintained for at least 30 years after the development is completed);
- l) (except for onsite irreplaceable habitats) a description of how the biodiversity gain hierarchy will be followed and where to the extent any actions (in order of priority) in that hierarchy are not followed and the reason for that;
- m) pre-development and post-development plans showing the location of onsite habitat (including any irreplaceable habitat) on the [relevant date](#), and drawn to an identified scale and showing the direction of North;
- n) a description of any [irreplaceable habitat](#) on the land to which the plan relates which exist on the [relevant date](#), and any part of the development for which planning permission is granted where the onsite habitat of that part is irreplaceable habitat arrangements for compensation for any impact the development has on the biodiversity of the irreplaceable habitat; and
- o) if [habitat degradation](#) has taken place:
 - i. a statement to this effect,
 - ii. the date immediately before the degradation activity,
 - iii. the completed biodiversity tool showing the calculation of the biodiversity value of the onsite habitat on that date, and
 - iv. any available supporting evidence for the value.

INFORMATIVE 1

When calculating the post-development biodiversity value of a habitat, the Local Planning Authority can only take into account an increase in biodiversity value post-development where it is satisfied that the habitat creation or enhancements delivering the increase will be maintained for at least 30 years after the development is completed. This must be secured either by a planning condition, planning obligation, or conservation covenant

INFORMATIVE 2

The General Biodiversity Gain Condition has a separate legal basis in contrast to other planning conditions and will apply to all planning permissions, unless exempt. The General Biodiversity Gain Condition will therefore not appear on the decision notice along with the list of planning conditions imposed on the application, rather it will be referenced separately.

The General Biodiversity Gain Condition cannot be varied or removed by an application under section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act. It also cannot be discharged as part of the grant of planning permission.

INFORMATIVE 3

A Biodiversity Net Gain Template can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/biodiversity-gain-plan>

INFORMATIVE 4

The statutory deemed condition above is relevant to all major applications submitted since 12th February 2024 and to all non-major applications submitted after 2nd April 2024, unless exempt.

The onus is on the applicant/agent to notify the Local Planning Authority at developmentmanagement@barnsley.gov.uk if the application was exempt and provide the reasons for the exemption. Exemptions can be found at this link <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/biodiversity-net-gain-exempt-developments>