**Do You Need Planning Permission?**

**Building, Engineering, Installation or Other Works**

Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2011

**This guidance applies to houses only, flats (including four in a block) are dealt with separately.**

f you answer **‘Yes’** to any of the questions below, planning permission would be required for the works you propose to carry out. We also have a definitions page which may help you with understanding some of the technical wording we have to use.

1. Would any part of the works be forward of a wall forming part of the **principal** elevation or side elevation where that elevation fronts a road?
2. Would any resulting works exceed 3m in height?
3. Would the new works, combined with any other previous development (add up any other extensions and garden buildings, including sheds and garages) at the property, cover more than 50% of the ground area of the original property (either front or back depending on the location of the works? We have provided a calculation method below.

Development in the rear garden

(Area of rear curtilage – the area of the original house – any hard surface or deck) / 2 = ‘The 50% measurement’, then;

Add up the area of the proposed works, any other buildings in the rear garden and extensions to the property, if these exceed ‘the 50% measurement’ (as calculated above) then you must answer ‘yes’ to this question.

Development in the front garden

(Area of front curtilage – the area of the original house – any hard surface or deck) / 2 = ‘The 50% measurement’, then;

Add up the area of the proposed works, any other buildings in the front garden and extensions to the property, if these exceed ‘the 50% measurement’ (as calculated above) then you must answer ‘yes’ to this question.

1. Would it be within the grounds of a listed building or within a Conservation Area? You can find out if your property is in a Conservation Area [here](https://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/planning-building/development-management/conservation-areas.aspx).
2. Would it be a garden building? If so, you should refer to our guidance on garden buildings.
3. Would it be a hard surface? If so, you should refer to our guidance on hard surfaces.
4. Would it be a deck or raised platform? If so, you should refer to our guidance on decking and raised platforms.
5. Would it be a gate, fence, wall or other means of enclosure? If so, you should refer to our guidance on gates, fences, walls and other means of enclosure.
6. Would it be a ground source heat pump?
7. Would it be a water source heat pump?
8. Would it be a free-standing wind turbine?
9. Would it be an air source heat pump?
10. Would it involve the formation, laying out and construction of a means of access to a road?

Works to a listed building will require Listed Building Consent in addition to any planning permission that may be required. It is a criminal offence to carry out works to a listed building without the relevant consent in place.

You should ensure you have any other relevant consents in place prior to starting work. This could include but is not limited to, building warrant consent and owner’s consent.

Notice

This self-assessment form is intended for guidance purposes only and is not binding in determining whether planning permission is required for a particular proposal. Completion of this form does not constitute a certificate of lawful development and cannot prejudice any decision that the Local Planning Authority may make on any subsequently submitted formal application or planning enforcement investigation.

The completion of the self-assessment form does not imply or signify the agreement of the Local Planning Authority to any statement given by the applicant. Whilst best endeavours are made to ensure the self-assessment form is kept accurate and up to date, this cannot be relied upon. Use of the self-assessment form is entirely at your own risk.

Should you require a legally binding determination of whether planning permission is required, you may submit an application for a lawful development certificate. Applications for a certificate of lawful development require a fee and have a target determination period of 8 weeks. Further information can be obtained from our website.