

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Refusal of Planning Permission

Applicant

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Part 1 – Particulars of the application/development

Proposal: Erection of 3-storey building to form 7no. apartments (Class C3) following demolition of existing semi-detached properties.

Location: 2B Minehead Avenue, Manchester, M20 1FW

Date of application: 21 January 2026

Application number: 143665/FO/2025

Part 2 – Particulars of decision

Manchester City Council gives notice that the development referred to in Part 1 has been **Refused** in accordance with the application and plans submitted for the reason(s) listed below.

Article 35 Declaration

Reason(s) for decision

0) The proposal was assessed against the policies within the Manchester Core Strategy Development Plan Document and the guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework. The applicant was advised that the proposal would have a detrimental impact upon the existing levels of visual and residential amenity enjoyed within the vicinity of the site. As the nature of the proposal is considered to be unacceptable and the applicant has requested that the proposal be determined in its current format, a solution that was acceptable to both the Local Planning Authority and the applicant could not be reached.

1) The proposed development, by virtue of its excessive scale, number of units, design and siting, would constitute an overdevelopment of the site and result in a cramped, incongruous and visually discordant form of development. The scheme fails to reflect the established and historic pattern, grain and character of the surrounding area and would introduce an inappropriate feature within the streetscene. It would therefore be

detrimental to existing levels of visual amenity enjoyed on Minehead Avenue. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policy JP-H1 of the Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document, the National Planning Policy Framework, the National Design Guide, and Policies SP1 and DM1 of the Manchester Core Strategy.

2) The proposed use of the rear garden for the parking of multiple vehicles, in close proximity to the private amenity spaces and rear elevations of neighbouring dwellings, would introduce a level of vehicular activity that would result in significant harm to the living conditions of existing residents. The associated comings and goings of vehicles, manoeuvring, engine noise, door slamming and general activity would create an unacceptable level of noise and disturbance. As such, the proposal would have a detrimental impact on the existing levels of residential amenity enjoyed by those adjoining the site. The development is therefore contrary to Policy JP-H1 of the Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document, the National Planning Policy Framework, the National Design Guide, and Policies SP1 and DM1 of the Manchester Core Strategy.

3) The proposed development, by virtue of its excessive massing and its close proximity to the common boundary with no. 2 Minehead Avenue, would create an unduly overbearing relationship with that property and result in an unacceptable degree of overshadowing to both the dwelling and its rear garden. This would cause significant harm to the occupiers' outlook and overall living conditions. Accordingly, the proposal would have a detrimental impact on the residential amenity enjoyed by the occupants of no. 2 Minehead Avenue and is therefore contrary to Policy JP-H1 of the Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document, the National Planning Policy Framework, the National Design Guide, and Policies SP1 and DM1 of the Manchester Core Strategy.

4) The proposed development, due to its design and siting, would provide inadequate levels of private amenity space which would lead to the creation of poor living standards. As a result, the proposal would be contrary to the guidance contained within the Manchester Residential Quality Guidance, the National Planning Policy Framework, the National Design Guide, Policy JP-H1 in The Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document and Policies SP1 and DM1 in the Manchester Core Strategy.

Date: 18 March 2026

Signed:



Julie Roscoe
Director of Planning, Building Control & Licensing

Manchester City Council, P O Box 532, Town Hall, Manchester M60 2LA

Notes

1. This decision relates only to that required under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 does not include any consent or approval under any other enactment, byelaw, order or regulation.

2. If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the local planning authority to refuse permission or approval for the proposed development, or to grant permission or approval subject to conditions, they may appeal to the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 78(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 within six months of the date of the notice of the decision. However, if an enforcement notice has been served for the same or very similar development within the previous 2 years, the time limit is:

- 28 days from the date of the LPA decision if the enforcement notice was served before the decision was made yet not longer than 2 years before the application was made.
- 28 days from the date the enforcement notice was served if served on or after the date the decision was made (unless this extends the appeal period beyond 6 months).

The Planning Inspectorate have introduced an online appeals service that can be used to make appeals online. This service is available through the gov.uk website – www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision. The Inspectorate will publish details of your appeal on the internet. Alternatively If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.

The Secretary of State has power to allow a longer period for the giving of a notice of appeal but they will not normally be prepared to exercise this power unless there are special circumstances that excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify the City Council (planning@manchester.gov.uk) and the Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. [Further details are on GOV.UK.](#)

3. The statutory requirements are those set out in Section 79(6) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, namely Sections 70(1) and 72(1) of the Act.

4. If either the local planning authority or the Secretary of State refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that they can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor 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 their interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

5. In certain circumstances, a claim may be made against the local planning authority for compensation, where permission is refused or granted subject to conditions by the Secretary of State on appeal or on a reference of the application to them. The circumstances in which such compensation is payable are set out in Section 114 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.