

HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED
DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015 (AS AMENDED)
NOTICE OF MAKING AN ARTICLE 4(1) DIRECTION

NOTICE is hereby given that the Hartlepool Borough Council (“the Council”) have made a non-immediate Article 4(1) Direction on Wednesday 24th September 2025 under Article 4(1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) (“the Direction”).

The Direction relates to development comprising a change of use of a building from a use falling within Class C3 (dwellinghouses) of Schedule 1 to the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) to a use falling within Class C4 (houses in multiple occupation) of that Schedule being development comprised within Class L(b) of Part 3 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended).

The Direction removes permitted development rights for a change of use of a building from Class C3 (dwellinghouses) to Class C4 (houses in multiple occupation) from the date on which the Direction comes into force. Therefore, planning permission will be required for this type of development from the date on which the Direction comes into force.

The Direction applies to the land shown edged red on the associated Map (being land within the administrative area of Hartlepool Borough Council but excluding land designated within the administrative area of the Hartlepool Development Corporation).

A copy of the Direction including the map can be viewed at Hartlepool Borough Council Office, Civic Centre, Victoria Road, Hartlepool TS24 7BT from 9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on weekdays (excluding Bank Holidays) or online at:
<https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/hmo-article-4-consultation>

Representations concerning the Direction may be made between 24th September 2025 and 23rd January 2026. If you wish to make representations you may do so in writing to Hartlepool Borough Council Office, Civic Centre, Victoria Road, Hartlepool TS24 7BT or alternatively by email to landusepolicy@hartlepool.gov.uk.

The Direction will come into force on 1st December 2026 subject to being confirmed by the Council.

Director Of Legal, Governance and Human Resources

Dated: 24th September 2025