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Some forms of development can be carried out without requiring planning permission from the council. These allowances are commonly known as 'permitted development rights' and they are set out under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order (2015) (as amended).

However, article 4 of this legislation allows the council to make a direction that removes these permitted development rights in some circumstances. This is called an article 4 direction and is used where the allowances would otherwise be considered to cause harm.

For example, the permitted development rights to alter the external appearance of properties may be removed in conservation areas to protect the special characteristics and quality of that area.

Planning permission from the council is required for any of the works specified in an article 4 direction. For more information, please contact the development management duty line on 01253 476193, or email the planning department at planning@blackpool.gov.uk.

Blackpool Article 4 Directions

Blackpool currently has 5 article 4 directions in place. These are:



Blackpool Article 4 Directions data

Download the [Article 4 Direction dataset](#) in tabular (csv) format for use in spreadsheet software.

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