



Conservatories

Large Home Extensions

**Do you need
Planning Permission
for a Conservatory
in the UK?**

PLANNING SUMMARY

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Adding a conservatory to your home can be a fantastic way to create extra living space and enjoy more natural light. But before you get started, it's important to understand the planning permission requirements.

This guide will explain the current regulations in the UK (as of February 2025) and help you determine if your conservatory project qualifies for permitted development or requires a formal planning application.

Understanding Permitted Development:

Permitted development refers to certain types of home improvements that you can typically undertake without needing to submit a formal planning application to your local authority. This can save you time and money.

Conservatories and Permitted Development:

The good news is that many conservatories fall under permitted development regulations. Here's what you need to know:

Size Limits:

Detached Houses: Up to 8 meters deep from the rear wall of your original house.

Other Houses: Up to 6 meters deep from the rear wall of your original house.

Height Restrictions: No more than 4 meters high to the eaves (the horizontal line where the roof meets the wall).

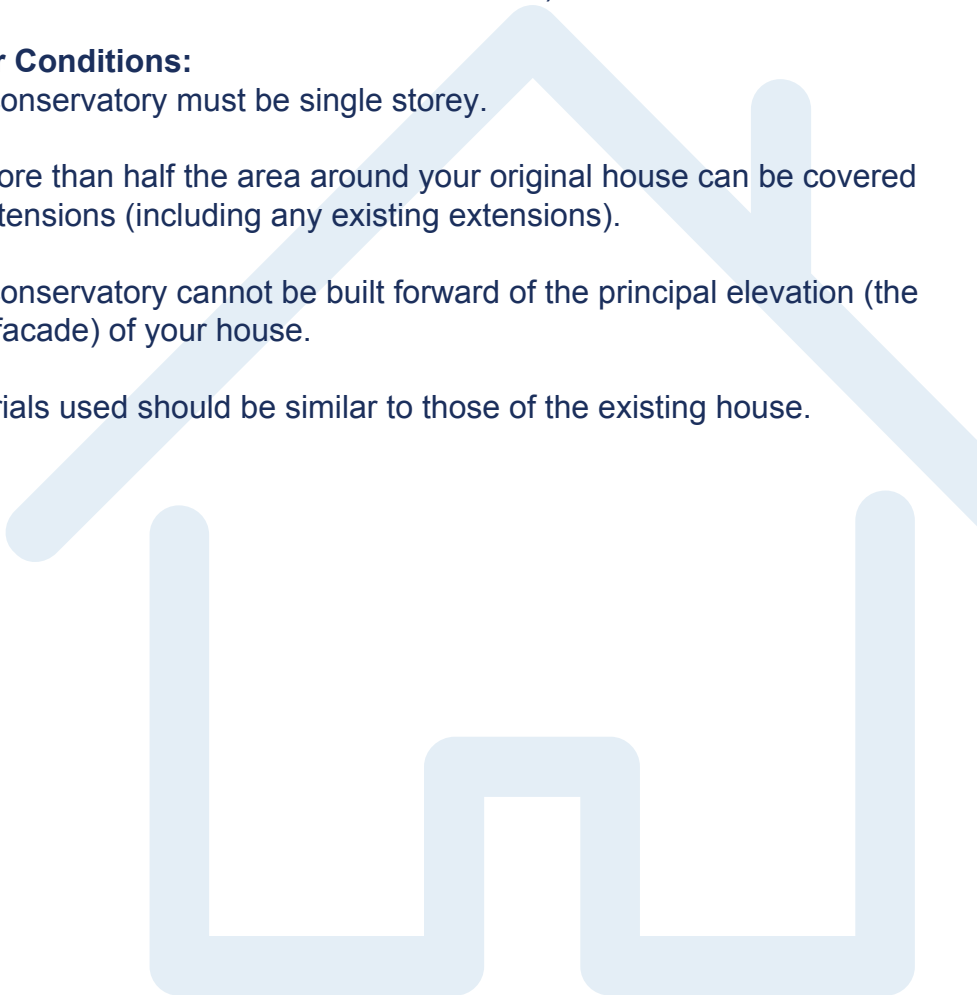
Other Conditions:

The conservatory must be single storey.

No more than half the area around your original house can be covered by extensions (including any existing extensions).

The conservatory cannot be built forward of the principal elevation (the front facade) of your house.

Materials used should be similar to those of the existing house.



Important Note:

It's crucial to check the latest planning regulations in your specific area. These can sometimes vary slightly from national guidelines. You can find the most up-to-date information on your local council's website.

When You Might Need Planning Permission:

If your conservatory doesn't meet the permitted development criteria, you'll need to submit a planning application. Here are some situations where this might be necessary:

Larger conservatories: If your desired conservatory exceeds the size limits for permitted development.

Complex designs: Conservatories with unusual shapes, multiple stories, or verandas may require planning permission.

Listed buildings: If your property is listed as having historical or architectural significance, additional restrictions may apply.

What to Do Next:

Measure your available space: Carefully measure the area where you plan to build your conservatory to ensure it meets permitted development size limits.

Check your local council's website: Review the latest planning regulations in your area for any specific requirements.

Consult a professional: If you're unsure about planning permission or have a complex project, consider seeking advice from a planning consultant or architect.

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