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Sent: 08 November 2019 15:53
To: DCAdmin
Subject: 2019/92920

Dear Kirkless Council

I write to register my objection to the proposal for CCTV cameras to be installed at 3 Bank End, Golcar as per application 2019/92920.

There are four grounds for my objection. Privacy, look and feel, fire safety and the perception that security cameras would bring that this area is at risk from thieves or vandals. There is no justification for CCTV on security grounds - there hasn't been a single issue of vandalism, theft or damage during the years I have lived here. None.

I am a supporter of the listed building concept, and proud that my house is considered to be part of this programme.
I think it is brilliant that Kirkless properties are protected in this way.

As defined by the government, Grade II buildings are particularly important and 'more than' special interest. A listed building marks and celebrates a property's special architectural and historic interest and protects it for future generations.

Great! But have you seen the state of No 3? More than special interest? Protected for future generations?

The front door is half-eaten away by rot, and so are many of the windows.

One of the windows at the rear of the property has recently been 'fixed' by inserting a short piece of untreated/painted 3x2. It's a mess.

The porch (a man-made structure and therefore considered part of the listed status) is filthy with mud and rotting too - it has never been treated with any sort of preserver. There are plastic bags shoved under the roof tiles (the tiles have not been turned for 30 years at least), and there's a plastic bag stuffed into a cavity on the outside wall.

The driveway is a mix of broken flags and tarmac, and not only looks horrific, it's dangerous. And the two leylandii trees to the front of the property have fused together and are in clear distress having been neglected for years. As have the broken fences.

The blinds to the windows are literally never lifted, and we can only assume this is to hide the state of the inside of the property.

And the windows are never open either. With no air passing through, the mould and damp must be incredible.

All-in-all, the building looks derelict. It's an eyesore and a disgrace to its own status as 'listed'. It makes a mockery of everything which a listed building is supposed to stand for.

With pictures being available on the internet and to anyone anywhere in the world, CCTV cameras would destroy the sense of privacy,

seclusion and the look and feel of this private, small hamlet. It would FEEL so different!

And who wants to live next door to an unoccupied, derelict house with security cameras?

And even worse, who's want to try and SELL a house as such (as I might want to do next year)?

It's just not a good look, and the perception is very negative indeed. As I have said, there's never ever issue with security here thanks very much.

No 3 Bank End is not visited enough to be fully insured, and with a threat to my property from fire, I do not like the prospect

of anything electrical being switched on permanently. Myself and most of the other neighbours were rather hoping that when the 150% council tax kicks in in February, the owners would choose to sell the house - hopefully to someone

who would respect the neighbours, the property and the area. But with CCTV being applied for, this hope appears to be in vain.

I would respectfully suggest that you visit No 3 Bank End to see the terrible condition of the property for yourselves. Perhaps you might agree that new windows and a secure front door would be a more appropriate course of action. CCTV would add insult to the injury which many people around here feel by living close by.

CCTV attached to the building next door to me would be - in every respect - devastating, and I would be most grateful

if you would reject the preposterous application.