

About the application

Application number: 2019/93284	
What is the application for?:	Alterations to convert former church to 6 dwellings
Address of the site or building:	Clayton West United Reformed Church, Church Lane, Clayton West, Huddersfield, HD8 9LY
Postcode:	BD20 5PF

User comments

Type of comment: An objection

Before writing the objections to the proposed plans, I would like to point out that there is a discrepancy between the date on the website for the close of comments period and the date on the letter the we received at our property. Our letter states that the closing date for comments is 25th November. We have been on the website today (13/11/19) to begin to look at the plans in order to fully understand the proposal before making our comments, and the website states that the final date is in fact today – 13th November. We would therefore like to make initial comments in this time period, but intend to write a more formal, detailed comment prior to the date in our letter – 25th November. We strongly object to the proposed conversion of the United Reform Church into 6 flats on a number of grounds.

Firstly, we believe that our privacy would be significantly compromised as a result of the proposed new windows to the rear of the church.

the rear of the house. We specifically chose to purchase our house, because of the church behind us, to avoid being overlooked. The windows will also look

Secondly, we believe that there will be a disturbing increase in noise as a result of the new dwellings and the associated vehicles, which will be essentially driving

We also chose to purchase our house due to the quiet location. In addition, there will be increased light disturbance with car headlights shining as they drive up and down the proposed driveway and in and out of parking places, which is not going to be an easy task given the space allocated and due to the gradient of the land. Furthermore, the proposed location of the wheelie bins which may result in additional noise and odours and potentially vermin encroaching on our garden.

Thirdly, we feel that the entrance and exit from said driveway will be associated with a significant risk to traffic coming up and going down Chapel Hill and Church Lane, as the road there is very narrow and it is a blind spot due to the brow of a hill. It is often quite tight if a bus is passing. We do not feel that the parking allocated to the flats is adequate – one car per flat is not a realistic assessment of the number of cars that 6x multi-bedroom apartments would attract. There would most certainly be additional cars, and there is absolutely no space for safe parking on the road side in the immediate vicinity of the church, especially considering that this is a major bus route.

In summary, we do not feel that this is an appropriate use of this building for the provisional reasons we have provided. The proposal is completely inconsiderate to the dwellings that are adjacent to the current church building with respect to privacy and noise, and would result in a significant traffic risk in the immediate vicinity. We feel that if this proposal was to go ahead we would see a significant depreciation in the value of our house.

is currently a quiet cul-de-sac, and a desirable place to live, but would be far less appealing with flats overlooking our dwellings.