About the application

Application number: 2020/91919	
What is the application for?:	Demolition of existing supermarket and erection of block of 6 flats with associa
Address of the site or building:	The Co Operative Food, 19, Northgate, Almondbury, Huddersfield, HD5 8RX
Postcode:	M60 0AG

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Whilst there is no doubt that the existing supermarket building is a negative element within the townscape of this important and historic Conservation Area, the proposal to replace it with a block of 6 flats can only be classed as mediocre.

It is accepted that the site layout constrains redevelopment proposals but equally the scheme pays little attention to the architectural and historic form of the Northgate area. In order to provide adequate parking for the number of flats proposed, the whole frontage is to be laid out as a hard-standing area. This appears contrary to the values that should be achieved within Conservation Areas in general.

There is, in addition, meagre detailing with regards stonework and related materials and it is considered that any development should be in coursed York stone to all elevations, not simply on the front elevation.

In summary, although it could be argued that the proposal is better than what currently exists, the result is disappointing and could be rectified by reducing the number of units with layout and elevational amendments that include reduced parking requirements.