

About the application

Application number: 2021/91035	
What is the application for?:	Alterations to existing dwelling and erection of front and rear dormers to form
Address of the site or building:	66, Blacker Road, Birkby, Huddersfield, HD1 5HS
Postcode:	HD1 5HS

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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The proposed dormer/attic extension will directly overlook affect the privacy. It will provide a view which overlooks the only area where we get daytime sunlight, . We use this area daily as home educators, it forms a vital part of our curriculum.

The proposed dormer/attic extension will directly affect the sunlight coming into our garden, in the exact place where we have our food planting/growing and seating areas; we use this area daily as home educators and as a vital part of our curriculum, as well as it forming our family allotment.

The proposed dormer/attic extension is not in keeping with the design or aesthetics with the majority of neighbouring properties.

I have concerns about the submitted proposal turning a terraced, historical family home into 4 seperate flat dwellings - ergo, 4 or more individual/unknown parties potentially overlooking my private garden, , as well as the associated negative impact on the character of a neighbourhood which already has ample single letting options.

In the late 1990s/early 2000s a terraced home on the same road) was turned into a HMO*, to the great detriment of all surrounding. With no rental restrictions, it was leased to a prison release housing support agency, and escalating violent incidents and threats, excess noise day and night, criminal damage and theft to and from neighbouring properties occured over a long number of year's, directly affecting the health and wellbeing of those occupying many dwellings around - some of whom have lived here for over 40 years - and affecting our rights to peacefully reside.

Police and council records will support the above.

For this HMO, and other rented properties on the same row, many neighbours had gardens which were subsequently used by residents, visitors and police to access the property/properties; access to the terrace back gardens via the communal path was - and is often - limited.

I am concerned that changing a historical and current family dwelling into seperate rented flats will mean an escalation of noise, nuisance - a return of unmanaged rubbish (referenced belows) - and lack of community cohesion.

Complaints have already been made to Kirklees Environmental Health about the mismanagement of litter and refuse , which led to a significant rat infestation in early/mid 2020, proving costly to neighbours, who subsequently had to call their own vermin managment. The owner(s)/landlord of the property did nothing to address this at the time, despite repeat letters being posted by neighbours, and the issues escalating over a number of months. Action was only taken when the council were involved.

*the HMO house in question has subsequently been bought and turned back into a family home.