

About the application

Application number: 2022/93344	
What is the application for?:	Conversion and extension of existing building to form 10 one bedroom apartments
Address of the site or building:	School Of Dance And Performing Arts, 61-63, Moor Lane, Gomersal, Cleckheaton, BD19 4LF
Postcode:	

User comments

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<p>Government Guidance</p> <p>Health and social care budgets are at breaking point. The Dancing House helps people of all ages from young mothers, toddlers and children to elderly people stay physically and mentally well reducing the strain on local GPs and social services.</p> <p>Exercise facilities should be available to all. The nearest gym requires a car and is not easily accessible by public transport. Therefore, the affordable pay-as-you go exercise classes at the Dancing House are invaluable.</p> <p>The Dancing House is a place for many vulnerable people to keep warm during the cost of living crisis.</p> <p>Character of the area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are many people in the local area who now work from home. The Dancing House provides free Wifi and a warm, social and affordable space to work.• The Dancing House provides a venue for local businesses including fitness instructors, literacy tutors and pre-school sports coaches. It also employs local people in the café.• There are exercise and dance classes specifically aimed at older people in the local area which is a particularly vulnerable group. The exercises promote fitness and balance skills, helping improve mobility and balance which elderly people to live independently for longer.• This an area suitable for young families and children rather single occupancy apartments. There are local primary and secondary schools.• There are many secondary school students in the area who earn much needed extra income by working in the café, gain experience in hospitality which can help their	

income by working in the café, gain experience in hospitality which can help their future career and benefit directly from career opportunities offered by the Dancing House. For example, it provides new dance and yoga teachers with an affordable venue and customer base to start their own enterprises.

- The garden café area provides access to green spaces at an affordable price.
- Conserve building heritage

The Dancing House has been a community venue for over a century. Other community sites including the Red House have already been lost and have not been replaced.

Transport

- There is not a train station in walking distance and buses are increasingly infrequent. Over recent years the bus service to Bradford has been halved. This means older people and those without cars really benefit from community hubs they can walk to. Councils should encourage walking over car use to promote physical and mental wellbeing in addition to cleaner air.