

About the application

Application number: 2022/62/93344/E	
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:	

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<p>Conserve building heritage</p> <p>The Dancing House has been a community venue for over 100 years. We have already lost the Red House so protecting public spaces is important.</p> <p>Government Guidance</p> <p>Reducing health inequalities is a government priority. The Dancing House helps achieve this through targeted exercises classes for young and old. People of all ages including groups at high risk of isolation (new mums and the elderly) meet, socialise and form support networks at the Dancing House. Children and adult have access to affordable exercises classes in the community. At a time when obesity levels are at an all-time-high we cannot afford to lose such spaces. Access to the nearest gyms requires a car.</p> <p>Character of the area</p> <p>There is a strong sense of community created by the Dancing House. 10 people will benefit from the new houses, but hundreds benefit from the existing studios and café. It helps local people stay mentally and physically well reducing strain on local GP and social services which are already over-stretched.</p> <p>There are exercise and dance classes specifically aimed at older people in the local area. The exercises promote fitness and balance skills, preventing falls, fractures and</p>	

extra strain on local health services.

This an area suitable for young families and children rather single occupancy apartments. There are local primary and secondary schools nearby.

There are many secondary school students in the area. The Dancing House provides them with opportunities to further their career e.g as dance teacher and to learn new skills e.g completing a qualification in food hygiene. Others work in the café during the summer for much needed extra income and work experience.

The garden café area provides access to green spaces at an affordable price.

Transport

There is not a train station in walking distance and buses are very infrequent. This means older people and those without cars really benefit from community hubs they can walk to.