

Address: St Marys Presbytery Cross Bank Road Batley WF178PQ

### About the application

Application number: 2023/92633	
What is the application for?:	Demolition of buildings and erection of residential development (within a Conser
Address of the site or building:	St Marys Rc Church, Upton Street, Carlinghow, Batley, WF17 8PH
Postcode:	LS6 2BX

### User comments

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<p>Having been the Parish Priest of St Mary's for the last 9 years, I can honestly say how proud I am to be the Parish Priest of such a wonderful parish with such a proud history. However, as with everything in life, the needs of the parish community and the parish itself have changed over the years. We need to adapt and build for the future.</p> <p>Sadly the Old School and Convent is now in a very sorry state of repair. But worse than this, it is also the constant target for anti-social behaviour - including arson attacks, vandalism and drugs use. All of which results in taking up valuable police time and resources. Indeed, it is not unknown for used drug needles to be found in the church / school grounds. This as you will appreciate could be devastating as it is opposite our thriving Primary School.</p> <p>St Mary's Church is a beautiful building and the primary listed building of the site. We as a parish wish to invest in our church to make it viable for the future and also, make the area around our church a place to be proud where our parishioners can come and celebrate their faith as have their fore-bearers for over 170 years.</p> <p>The parish certainly does not want to forget our proud history. Indeed many of our current parishioners were children in the old primary school. That is why we wish to keep the façade of the old school which is attached to the church. This will be literally an important link between the church and the old school and a poignant reminder of our history and where we come from.</p> <p>The link between the old school and church will enable us to create a parish space for use by the parish, the current primary school and also the local area. We as a parish long to utilise the facilities we have for the sake of our future and celebrating what our fore-bearers passed down to us.</p> <p>I strongly support this application and pray that this time it will be successful.</p>	