

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Market Street
Huddersfield



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INTRODUCTION

This statement has been produced by C49 Architecture Ltd in support of a Full Planning Application for the proposed change of use from Offices to Student Accommodation.

EXISTING LOCATION & SETTING

The site at Market Street Huddersfield is located within the Town Centre.

The surrounding area is predominantly flanked by built up retail, office and residential zones.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Considering the constraints presented by the site, such as the existing access point, separation distances to neighbouring buildings the usage etc.

It is a requirement for all major planning applications that a 'The Statement of Community Involvement' is presented setting out the actions taken by the design team to inform/consult neighbours and ward councillors in relation to the development.

There has been a letter drop undertaken which highlights the proposed development and the change of use to the neighbouring properties.

There was no response or feedback received we expect this to be due to the nature of the surroundings and there been little impact through the proposal.

A copy of the letter is below:



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PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE TO STUDENT ACCOMODATION AT KIRKLEES HOUSE, MARKET STREET, HUDDERSFIELD

Dear Sirs/Madam,

We are writing on behalf of Barkisland Investments Ltd to inform you and request your feedback for proposals at Kirklees House, Market Street, Huddersfield which will be subject to a planning application in the coming weeks.

We attach to this letter a location plan which highlights the site location.

The proposed development is for the change of use of the existing building to provide student accommodation with extension on the roof within the existing heights to provide an external roof terrace.

The alterations will be designed to be in keeping with the street scene with no other alterations made to the exterior of the building. We would like to emphasize that the height will be unchanged.

Most of the building is currently vacant office space which has been up for rent for a number of years.

There is a risk that the property will remain vacant in the future as there is less demand for lower grade office space due to increased home working. By converting Kirklees House to student accommodation, this would secure the building's long-term future viable use.

The proposed conversion of the existing building to student accommodation will provide high quality individual studios. Additional amenity such as lounges, private dining and study spaces will also be provided. A dedicated management suite within the building will oversee the security of the property and ensure the safety of the residents.

Barkisland Investments Ltd has an excellent track record of redeveloping and converting existing buildings to high quality student accommodation which meets the needs of the market and serves the needs of the local community.

Ultimately, the proposed development will help secure the long-term future of the largely vacant building whilst providing high-quality student accommodation and amenity space that is in keeping with the surrounding area.

Providing Feedback

The planning application will be submitted within the coming weeks, and as you're aware you will have the opportunity to submit comments to your planning officer on the proposals at this stage. Your support for the proposed development would be appreciated. The application pack will include further information of the proposals, including a full set of drawings and assessments in relation to noise, ecology and other planning considerations.

In the meantime, please contact josh@c49architecture.co.uk with any comments or queries on the proposed development. We would appreciate it if you could please send any feedback you may have by the **5th December**.

Yours faithfully

Josh Harling

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