

About the application

Application number: 2023/93667	
What is the application for?:	Outline application, including the consideration of access for vehicle into the
Address of the site or building:	Storthes Hall Student Village, Storthes Hall Lane, Kirkburton, Huddersfield, HD8 0WA
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
I object to the planning application both for practical and environmental reasons. Practical reasons - for years now there has been talk of putting a "retirement village" on the old Storthes Hall hospital site. The student flats at Storthes Hall campus as they exist, are no more than 30-35 years old, and as far as I am aware, structurally sound. Surely with conversion, this is a ready-made retirement village?? Why tear down perfectly good buildings when they can be easily converted into single dwelling flats where the structure, plumbing, surrounding environment, parking etc already exists? Each flat could have a large kitchen/diner, living room and perhaps 2-3 bedrooms. There are communal buildings there which can be put back into use, and as I remember them, the stairwells of the flats should be large enough to allow for lift installations if needed. These types of flats for retirement into a community, or even a mix with some executive flats for those who would like a nice rural location, are the exact type of properties we need but are NOT building! We don't need more 500-750k executive detached houses. We need places for people to downsize into, or decent starter flats for professionals starting on the proerty ladder. The flats have existed there with no problems for this long. Leave them be! Environmental - It would cause damage to the enviroment to pointlessly tear down these perfectly good blocks of flats and replace them with houses, whilst also tearing down healthy surrounding woodland in the process. Leave the buildings and the surrounding enviroment as they are, convert the flats into individual dwellings and make use of what is already there. I imagine plenty of people would be happy to downsize into such a beautiful area!	