Address: 21 Croft House Lane Huddersfield HD1 4NY

About the application

Application number: 2024/90471	
What is the application for?:	Alterations to convert former club to 7 flats
Address of the site or building:	Marsh Conservative Club, Abb Street, Marsh, Huddersfield, HD1 4PB
Postcode:	HD3 3SE

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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Knowing the site quite well, (I live close by), I was surprised to hear about the proposed re-purposing of this old club in the Marsh area.
My initial reaction was that the site would be too small for the number of flats suggested – 7. The phrase that came to mind was 'rabbit-hutch' homes, (something I'd read in a magazine article that sounded applicable). These are homes built that are too small for the needs of most buyers and that cram too many flats into too small a space. Having looked at the plans on the Kirklees website, I would suggest this is less of a viable plan and more of an example of such a thing.
The housing supply needs to increase but we need the right homes. Is this the development that would serve the needs of Marsh best and provide decent housing? Would this site not better suit the building of say three family houses / homes for young, 1st time buyer families, priced at an affordable cost? Such a plan would benefit the area, increase social cohesion and not negatively impact on our local environment. We need homes that allow for children and family growth, with suitable storage space and parking – assets to our Marsh community. Not a plan that simply generates maximum percentage for a developer.
I would welcome more information on the amount of space and daylight that each proposed flat allows.
Parking is also a concern with Syringa and Abb Street frequently being congested. There is a similar issue on Croft House Lane and Forest Avenue, lots of cars, not many spaces. I don't see a clear amount of new parking created for these plans – is it 4 parking spaces?
If that is the case, it seems insufficient as households potentially have one or more cars each. This would equate to a significantly higher number of cars in the area, contributing to poorer air quality and traffic congestion for us Marsh residents.
I believe that this proposed development would also negatively impact on my home and my privacy. I do not wish to see this (reasonably) quiet and friendly area changed for the worse with a plan that fails the buyers these new homes are meant to serve along with Marsh and its residents.