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SUPPORTING
STATEMENT

RECONFIGURATION OF 6 STUDENT BEDSIT
FLATS TO CREATE 16 STUDENT APARTMENTS
AT 5A NORTHUMBERLAND STREET,
HUDDERSFIELD, HD1 1RF

Ref: 2134

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- 1.1 This statement has been prepared to support a planning application to reconfigure 6 student flats at 5A Northumberland Street, to create 16 student apartments.
- 1.2 Planning permission (ref: 2010/92450) was granted in November 2010 to convert the building, which was previously used by the Kirklees Music School and The Christian Fellowship, to create 11 student flats. Further to that a non-material amendment (ref: 2011/NMA/90676) was approved in March 2011.
- 1.3 Whilst initially they were popular, the demand for student accommodation has changed with most student accommodation now comprising self-contained apartments with their own bathroom, kitchen and living space. The proposed development reflects this change in demand, with each flat having its own bathroom and kitchen/living space.
- 1.4 This document provides a description of the change of use and the implications this has on transport and servicing the building.
- 1.5 An application was approved in November 2022 (Ref: 2022/91298) for the reconfiguration of 5 student bedsit flats to create 14 student apartments. This was phase 1 of the reconfiguration. This application seeks the reconfiguration of the remainder of the building.
- 1.6 The site has been used as student bed sit accommodation with 6 units containing a total of 29 bedrooms. The proposed use comprises 15no 1bed apartments and 1no 2 bed apartments.
- 1.7 **Impact on Highway**
- 1.8 The number of people living in the premises will reduce from 29 to 17 so there will be a positive impact on the highway network

Waste Storage

- 1.9 The waste storage facility will remain in the same location but the number of people living in the premises will reduce from 29 to 17 so there will be more than sufficient space for bin storage. Bin collection arrangements will remain the same, but the number of bins will reduce.

Pedestrian drop off and Pick-up

- 1.10 There are no additional drop off and pick up facilities but the number of people living in the premises will reduce from 29 to 17 so there will be a drop off in the number of drop off and pickups associated with this building.

Cycle Storage

1.11 The accompanying drawing shows there is cycle storage for 16 bicycles, which is nearly 1 for each of the 17 residents. Previously there were 16 spaces for 27 residents so there is a significant improvement on the ratio of cycle parking spaces per resident.

1.12 Sustainable travel

1.13 The site is in a sustainable town centre location with good access to shops and services as well as good access to public transport.