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Application number: 2024/62/91857/W	
What is the application for?:	Erection of single storey extension to rear and front and rear dormer windows (w
Address of the site or building:	1, Spinkfield Road, Birkby, Huddersfield, HD2 2AY
Postcode:	HD2 2AY

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
I object to the application. I have lived on Spinkfield Road for 20 years and have no plans to move. I know the street, and lots of the people who live on it, well. Spinkfield Road is a traditional stone built/slate roofed Victorian terraced street. It is in, or is adjacent to, a conservation area. There are no existing dormer widows on any of the roofs of the houses which face the street. There are no dormers on any of the roofs of numbers 1 to 31 (the same 'run' of the terrace) which face away from the street. Almost every house in the street is roofed in traditional Welsh slate. All the houses that have attic widows have windows which are limited in size and in keeping with what the original attic windows would have looked like. The existing 'original' look of the street represents considerable visual and historical amenity to all who live on the street and those who visit. While the houses are fairly modest, it is an attractive and 'original' street of terraced houses. Again, it is in or adjacent to a conservation area. I know the 'original' look of the street is highly valued by people who live on the street. When I had to have my house re-roofed, there were discussions with a planning officer. It was agreed that it would be re-roofed in Welsh slate and the widows would be of a size, number and location so as to maintain the character of the street. I was happy to agree with the planning officer's requests because he was absolutely right about the importance of maintaining the existing 'original' look of the street and the visual amenity that provides. I know of two other residents who have had discussions with Kirklees planning in relation to roof work and the importance of maintaining the 'original' look of the street because of the value it provides have been stressed. When it is gone, it is gone forever. I cannot believe the current application has been made. I assume it has been made by	

I cannot believe the current application has been made. I assume it has been made by the developer who is undertaking works at the property currently.

If the application is approved the work will have a fundamental and negative impact on the look of Spinkfield Road. There are no other dormers on the street. They will look completely out of character such that some strange aberrations have been inserted into the street both on the rear and front. It will have a profound impact on the character of the street. It will look weird.

The developer has no doubt made the application because he wishes to maximise his profit on the development. Having inflicted the aberrations of two dormers on the residents of Spinkfield Road, the developer will no doubt take his profit and flee the scene leaving the residents of Spinkfield Road - many who have lived here for decades - to suffer daily the results of his actions. I find it hard to believe it is possible that Kirklees could - for the sake of a developer's profits - inflict the dormers on the residents of Spinkfield Road.

Two final points in relation to a concern that something fishy is going on here.

First: the stated public consultation date online is 31 July 2024; the public consultation end date is 4 September 2024; and the target date is 25 September 2024. But: the date of the notice on the lamppost is 30 August 2024 which states residents have 3 weeks (plus public holidays) to make objections. If the consultation ends on 4 September 2024, then the notice is completely misleading.

Second: as set out above, there have been conversations between myself and other residents over the years with Kirklees planning officers about the importance of maintaining the 'original' look or visual amenity of Spinkfield Road. If a developer comes in and gets planning permission for work which fundamentally alters the character of the street then something very fishy has gone on.