

About the application

Application number: 2024/92063	
What is the application for?:	Conversion and extension of dwelling to form 8 apartments (within a Conservation
Address of the site or building:	45a, St Helen's Gate, Almondbury, Huddersfield, HD4 6SG
Postcode:	WF7 7HF

User comments

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<p>Although I have no objection in principle to the site being converted to flats, there appears to be three significant issues with the plans in their current form</p> <p>1. Access to the site would be via the existing driveway - which is on a blind and dangerous corner. The plans would see 8 dwellings on the site - with the associated high volumes of traffic in and out of that entrance way. This seems problematic given the location of the entrance, existing traffic problems in that area and the volume of foot traffic to and from the school. It seems inevitable that this would cause further traffic problems and potentially accidents.</p> <p>2. The plans do not appear to include enough parking spaces. The apartments seem to be designed for couples or potentially adult sharers. So we might reasonably expect at least 16 cars to be associated with the residents - with visitor parking frequently needed in addition. The plans don't have enough spaces to accommodate this and there are few, if any, safe on street alternatives close by. I believe the council are already taking steps to address existing obstructive and dangerous parking on St Helens Gate. These plans would likely worsen the position - by forcing the residents of the proposed apartments into inappropriate on street parking.</p> <p>3. The plans would see the existing building increased in size. The property is already very large in proportion to the plot. The extensions would worsen this - potentially making the building disproportionately large for its plot and generally out of character with the conservation zone.</p>	