

About the application

Application number: 2025/90441	
What is the application for?:	Listed Building Consent for conversion of existing listed church to 2 dwellings,
Address of the site or building:	Church of the Holy Innocents, Vicarage Road, Dewsbury, WF12 9PD
Postcode:	BD19 5LX

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p>There is something seriously wrong with society if we cannot allow the dead to rest in peace! Graveyards should be quiet, peaceful, tranquil places where the bereaved can visit their loved ones in surroundings befitting a peaceful final resting place. This is an active graveyard. You only have to visit at Christmastime to see how it transforms into a sea of beautiful floral tributes & wreaths left for folk's loved ones. I appreciate the Church has now closed however housing would not be an appropriate use of this building. This Church is grade 11 listed, it is part of our history & culture. It has beautiful stained glass windows which should be protected not removed. I am also concerned with the removal of the trees & wildlife habitats. There are definatley bats at the church as I have seen them on many occasions along with a vast array of other wildlife. Vicarage road is also not suitable for extra traffic as in my opinion those parking spaces on the plans would be dangerous as vicarrage road is so narrow. I visit many graves in this churchyard. My Mum & Dad are there along with many other relatives, friends & former neighbours. If housing is approved the privacy & tranquility for those visiting loved ones would be destroyed. It also concerns me that if this application does get approved what would stop an application in the future for removal of the graves? Slippery slope springs to mind !</p>	