



1. Access Road. The entrance road from Whitechapel Road, passing the West side of Whitechapel Church is shown on the planning application details with a red line around the whole of this access road indicating it is owned by The Priory. However, this road has been used for at least 900 years to access the site of Whitechapel Church. (Church has been dated officially from an 1120 AD font and the site may possibly pre date that as a Yew Tree stood in the grounds indicating a pre-Conquest for this site). Unfortunately the yew tree was removed in the 1960s to build a porch on the Church.

Another indication that the road was not belonging to the Priory is the set of Mounting Steps by the Graveyard wall on this access road.

It may well be that the Priory had right of way and owned the part of the road nearest to its building, however it certainly does not own the whole of this access road. Please also see Land Registry Title Number WYK405779. This matter needs to be investigated and the Church usage and access on this road must be satisfactorily agreed so that the Church and its congregation have some ownership of part of the road and can use this road for funeral access and parking at any time. Whether this is a Highways or Planning issue it must be resolved before Planning is allowed.

2. Building not in keeping with this Ancient Site - Elevation at the site of the Church. The illustration on the Planning Details shows high roof gables to the frontage of the site - aligning with the rear of the Church. We would ask that none of this elevation is higher than the current elevation of the Priory.

Materials to be used for this site - The illustration on the planning details shows a building build of a bright beige material - possibly rendered. We would ask that the material and colour used is the same as the current building - ie white plaster. This blends in well with this ancient site with minimum visual impact..

3. Historic Impact Assessment - the long and detailed Impact Assessment does not do justice to the ancient church of Whitechapel or the history and heritage of the building now called The Priory. We are concerned that, in the past, the recording of a building to be demolished was not done in a satisfactory manner and we would like permission for our own Heritage expert to be allowed access to the site as well as the Kirklees Conservation Team and West Yorkshire Archaeological Advisory Services.

(Images emailed separately)