

About the application

Application number: 2025/90889	
What is the application for?:	Demolition of existing hostel and erection of residential development comprising
Address of the site or building:	Former Combs Hostel, Hall Lane, Thornhill, Dewsbury, WF12 0PL
Postcode:	WF13 3NF

User comments

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I write to formally express my full support for the planning application concerning the redevelopment of the former children's home site, disposed of by Kirklees Council via public auction. This site has been derelict for several years, during which it became a hotspot for anti-social behaviour, fly-tipping, and public nuisance, all of which were detrimental to the amenity of the local residents. The previous planning permission for this site was granted after a rigorous planning process. That scheme proposed fewer dwellings than the previous institutional use, with carefully designed parking provisions for each unit and additional on-site capacity. Importantly, that decision was fully in line with local and national planning policy, including the need to make effective use of previously developed land, in accordance with the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework). The subsequent lapse of the original permission was a technicality and does not justify any material change in planning policy. No new constraints have emerged, and there is no valid planning reason to reject this application. On the contrary, the development of this site is a rational and essential response to the acute housing shortage in Dewsbury and the surrounding area. Each dwelling includes dedicated parking, alleviating existing pressures on the local highway network. I strongly contend that any objections at this stage are groundless and contrary to the public interest. The council has a statutory duty to deliver sustainable development and respond to the housing needs of the borough. Therefore, I urge the council to apply planning policy with consistency, uphold the previous approval, and grant planning permission without further delay.	