

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 fully support this planning application as it represents a positive and sensible use of land that has already been developed previously. The proposal will contribute much needed new housing, helping to address local housing demand while making efficient use of an existing brownfield site rather than building on undeveloped land. The redevelopment will also bring clear investment into the local area. Transforming a neglected site into well designed homes will improve the appearance of the neighbourhood, increase activity, and contribute to the wider community through council tax, local spending, and improved environmental quality. Importantly, this site previously contained a derelict building which had become a focal point for crime, drug use, and other anti social behaviour. Its regeneration will remove a long standing problem for local residents and replace it with a safe, secure, and actively used development, improving public safety and quality of life in the surrounding area. In response to concerns about road width and traffic, it should be noted that many roads in the immediate area are similarly narrow and already accommodate a significant number of homes without issue. Roads such as Edge Road and Judy Haigh Lane are clear examples of residential streets that function effectively despite their width. As such, the proposed development would not be out of character with the existing street pattern or place unreasonable pressure on local infrastructure. Overall, the application delivers clear social, environmental, and economic benefits. It makes productive use of land that has long been a problem for the community, supports local housing needs, and aligns with the character and established nature of the surrounding area. I therefore strongly support approval of this application.	