About the application

Application number: 2025/90930	
What is the application for?:	Erection of micro brewery and associated works (within a Conservation Area)
Address of the site or building:	Bamforth Warehouse, Station Road, Holmfirth, HD9 1AB
Postcode:	HD9 2DQ

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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As a supporter of sensitive development, I appreciate the need to make use of this site. However, I must object to this proposal on the grounds that it is wholly unsympathetic to the character of the conservation area and disregards the area's traditional architectural language.

The proposed design introduces a starkly modern appearance that is entirely out of keeping with the surrounding historic environment. The excessive use of glazing and contemporary fenestration is visually jarring and fails to reflect the scale, rhythm, and detailing typically found in nearby traditional buildings. Of particular concern is the use of a mono-pitched roof, which bears no relation to the pitched roofs characteristic of the area. A conventional pitched roof with exposed guttering would be far more appropriate, especially in reference to the architectural heritage of the former postcard factory.

In addition, the scheme makes no reference to biodiversity net gain, nor does it appear to make any meaningful attempt to preserve or enhance on-site biodiversity. This is a missed opportunity, especially at a time when ecological considerations are integral to responsible planning.

Equally troubling is the complete lack of traffic or highways analysis. Without a proper assessment of the potential impact on local traffic, parking, and pedestrian movement, it is impossible to understand the full implications of this development for the surrounding community.

In summary, the application fails to respect the architectural heritage of the area, overlooks environmental responsibilities, and lacks basic infrastructure analysis. I urge the planning authority to request a comprehensive redesign that is rooted in traditional design principles and responds more appropriately to its sensitive context.