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About the application

Application number: 2025/92139	
What is the application for?:	Alterations to former library to form 14 apartments with associated internal and
Address of the site or building:	The Old Dewsbury Library, Wellington Road, Dewsbury, WF13 1HN
Postcode:	

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The long over due redevelopment of this important historic site is to be welcomed. After 30 years, the people of Dewsbury deserve to see their beloved library restored and put to good use.

The town does need to shrink to meet market conditions and housing is an appropriate use and need. I would be concerned about bedsits, given the experiences of Bedsits in Textile St, low resale values, challenging tenants, lack of care for the environment. Hopefully the small size of the development will mitigate these concerns to some degree.

The preservation of the Herbert Wood 1931 mural, commissioned for public benefit and much loved by all who visited the library is to be welcomed. What measures can be put in place to allow members of the public to see it, for example on Heritage Open Days? Will the weather vane be restored and protected also?

It is common knowledge that Dewsbury is blighted by rubbish and fly tipping and the council lacks resources to tackle it. The area around the library, The Terrace and beyond into Daisy Hill is a blight on businesses and residents and there are clearly insufficient bins and waste services to meet demand and even those bins supplied and used are full to overflowing. There is insufficient space for the range of bins households are expected to maintain and increasing with new recycling policies on the horizon. Where will bins be located? How often will they be emptied? Who will manage the site? Rats are a regular problem already and visitors to the town pass between the bus and rail station the the side of this building. How will the new transport connectivity policies impact this site?