Consultee Comments for Application 2025/92139

10/02/2026

Application Summary
Application number: 2025/92139
Location: The Old Dewsbury Library, Wellington Road, Dewsbury, WF13 1HN
Proposal: Alterations to former library to form 14 apartments with associated internal and external works (Listed Building within a Conservation Area)
Planning Officer: William Simcock

Consultee Details
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Comments
Thank you for your request for consultation on the above application. The comments are made with the intention of reducing opportunities for future crime and antisocial activity which addresses our collective responsibilities outlined in Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, by creating safe and secure developments where people will want to reside, visit or work.

The recommendations are supported by the following guidance:
NPPF National Planning Policy Framework (Section 8. Promoting healthy and safe communities) https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2
Kirklees Council Planning and development policy
https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-and-development.aspx
Kirklees Development Plan https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/local-plan.aspx
Secured by Design www.securedbydesign.com
Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).

This advice is given as a view as to what measures might reduce the risk of crime; there can be no guarantee that the recommendations/ concerns will prevent crime.

Before any measures are implemented you are advised to consider current Health and Safety Legislation, Planning Permission and consult with your local Fire Safety Officer or any statutory body that may require notification or consultation.

Acquisitive Crime and Antisocial Behaviour Threat and Risk

The level of security at the site should align with any identified threat and risk and the proposed business of the end users. Therefore, it is advisable to adopt a pragmatic approach towards security requirements and take note of the information regarding crime and ASB outlined below.

A development such as this is vulnerable to attack from a motivated criminal seeking to break into the property, by exploiting vulnerabilities in the built environment and poor physical security measures.

Risk of not considering security at an early stage:

1. Inadequate protection
2. Increased risk
3. Wasted resources due to theft/ damage/ antisocial behaviour, etc.
4. Delay, disruption and cost caused by retrofitting security measures post attack/ incident.
5. Reputational damage.

Current crime statistics in the locality:

I have conducted a search using the WYP crime data and mapping tool. The search covered offences committed between 09/02/2025 and 09/02/2026 and included robbery, residential burglary, arson, criminal damage, theft of motor vehicle, theft from motor vehicle and vehicle interference in the area of partial postcode WF13 1*. This returned 89 results: 5x residential burglary (all dwellings), 3x arson, 43x criminal damage (11x non-dwelling, 13x dwelling, 10x motor vehicle, 9x non-specific), 16x robbery, 2x vehicle interference, 7x theft from vehicle and 13x theft of vehicle.

Current ASB statistics in the locality:

I have conducted a search using WYP incident data and mapping tool. The search covered ASB/ nuisance type incidents which occurred in WF13 1* area between 09/02/2025 and 09/02/2026. This produced 44 results, 4 of which were located in the vicinity of proposed development. These related to nuisance youths and vehicular antisocial behaviour.

West Yorkshire Police have no objection in principle to this application, providing the development is delivered in line with the Crime Prevention Statement located on p.29 of the Design Pack submitted with the application.