

About the application

Application number: 2025/93140	
What is the application for?:	Installation of replacement shop front and roller shutter (within a Conservation
Address of the site or building:	Kami Healthcare Ltd, 8, Market Place, Birstall, Batley, WF17 9EL
Postcode:	WF17 9EL

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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<p>This building is in a prominent position within the Conservation area of Birstall, an historic village. The building has been left in poor repair by its owners for several years now and it needs restoring to be in keeping with the area, but as a retail shop. As a resident of Birstall for nigh on 70 years I have always known this shop to be a Pharmacy, with a wide, double fronted facade, the windows having sections of original leaded lights, a shop frontage in keeping with the area. These windows, and the shop front, were damaged recently by the new owners and the outside trashed, until local residents and Councillors stopped the work, which had no planning permission. The village of Birstall does not need any more barbers' shops, there are already several within the village centre. The building should be used for a retail shop which will encourage people to buy household commodities, trading alongside the Butchers, Post Office, Bakers etc that already exist. The Conservation Team at Kirklees need to visit the village and see how the Conservation rules are being flouted by ugly signage and shutters, and make a determined effort to improve the village centre by limiting the number of shops which offer the same service. The old Pharmacy is a large shop, opposite the market place, adjoining an Antique shop, and a thriving cafe next to that, the application for yet another Barbers' shop is totally out of keeping with the site. And before any application is even considered Kirklees need to insist the building is repaired, an ancient door adjoining the Pharmacy, leading to the flat above in Gothic House, has already been replaced with an ugly boarded up doorway. Based on this we strongly object to this application, which will further flout the Conservation rules and Kirklees should be encouraging people to shop locally and not allow further decline to our village shopping centre.</p>	