



Full Planning Application

Conversion of vacant former public house into apartments and the construction of 4 houses each with parking and gardens on the car park and surrounding land

**former
Richardson's Arms
684 Bradford Road
Oakenshaw
Bradford
BD12 7EN**

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Community Facilities and Services Statement:

Statement:

- The Richardson's Arms was a "closed down", semi derelict, Enterprise Inn public House, which was purchased by the applicants family in March 2010 after it had been shut for many years.
- It had been up for sale for over a year before it was bought.
- A Planning Application to build a 25m swimming pool on the pub and the land was submitted, this was a 2 year process. During the 2 years of that Planning Application the applicant decided to get the pub repaired and reopened. At first there were quite a few people coming in and using the pub, but within a year the customers gradually stopped coming in and the decision was made to close the pub.
- The pub reopened after a number of months with the promise from locals and friends to support the establishment but again that soon stopped and the pub was forced to close again
- The planning permission was finally granted
- Over the years various people have tried to open this pub but due to the climate and other options the pub could never sustain a livelihood for the owners and therefore forced to close
- This application is submitted to diversify as the public house option is simply not viable