Heritage Statement – Proposed change os use of former priestlys sports bar to a gym use.

Introduction

The enclosed application seeks change of use permission alter the use of a sports bar to a gymnasium at 6a Low Lane, Birstall. The sports bar ceased trading late 2025 due to dwindling numbers and has since remained empty. The building sits on the edge of the local conservation area.

Proposals

1) Change the use of the building from a sports bar to a gym.

General description

The existing building is currently vacant, the building has a brick finish with flat roof. The building backs onto a courtyard area which houses garage parking and general parking for adjacent units and business. The site is accessed from Carr Street, the property benefits from a small amount of parking to the rear.

The change of use proposal will not involve any alterations to the exterior of the building, the internal layout will also not alter except for refurbishment and redecoration.

The proposal will enhance the area as it will give a much needed use to a redundant town centre building, the character of the building will not be effected but an efficient use of the building will be given which will give way to an improvement in the area and also provide potential employment opportunities to the local area.

The Importance of the significance of the property.

The proposed property as stated above is set within the local conservation area - the proposal will not in our opinion affect the character of the property or effect or have a detrimental impact on the area.

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