Address: Blake House, Greenside Road, Huddersfield, Hd4 6xa

About the application

Application number: 2026/92537	
What is the application for?:	Change of use, conversion and alterations of an existing redundant water pumping
Address of the site or building:	The Water Tower, Green Side Road, Thurstonland, Huddersfield, HD4 6XA
Postcode:	

User comments

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I am overall supportive of the original Storthes Hall Bore Hole No1 structure being adapted for holiday accommodation as detailed in the planning application. Reason - to aid the restoration, future maintenance and preservation of this derelict local landmark structure.

Supportive subject to - planning approval being conditional on use restricted to holiday accommodation only and no further development to convert into a permanent dwelling or add additional structures. Reason - important local landmark (one of a few original Storthes Hall hospital estate structures remaining), greenbelt location, poor access, preservation of the adjacent greenbelt.

Other comments:

The original metal window frames - can planning approval consider their restoration as they form a surviving part of the original structures heritage features. Please consider this aspect of conservation during the planning process.
The recently planning approved pitched roof in my view will spoil the distinctive appearance of the tower. A new a roof design within and hidden by the castellations would have been more suitable to maintain the towers external appearance. Planning is already approved for the pitched roof, this further planning application could be an opportunity to revisit the roof design to retain the original external appearance of the roof castellated parapet feature of this water tower. Please consider this aspect of the preservation of the external appearance during the planning process.
Site access point / parking space - Does the development adequately consider the potential for this access point to be fly tipped or used for other unauthorised parking or other access purposes; does the development design adequately deal with this, i.e. include provisions of secure gated access and only of authorised vehicle use?
Any legitimate concerns raised by the adjacent lower Greenside Road residents around access and egress to the site should be taken into account so the development has minimal impact on them considering the rural and isolated location of the proposed development.