

Comments for Planning Application 142671/FO/2025

Application Summary

Application Number: 142671/FO/2025

Address: 136 St Werburgh's Road Manchester M21 8UQ

Proposal: Change of use of a gym (Class E) to create 3 no. residential apartments

Case Officer: Holly Wright

Customer Details

Name: Not Available

Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am writing to formally object to the proposed change of use at 136 St. Werburgh's Road.

This building serves as a vital community hub, housing a much-loved, family-owned gym and several small, independent businesses that provide essential services to local residents. Critically, there is no other gym in Chorlton, so the loss of this facility would have a significant and immediate impact on the physical and mental health of local residents.

These businesses play a crucial role in supporting community wellbeing, fostering social connection, and sustaining the local economy. Approving this proposal would force these valued businesses to close or relocate, leaving a serious gap in community provision and weakening the fabric of our neighbourhood.

Furthermore, 136 St. Werburgh's Road is a Grade II listed building with considerable heritage value. Its current use ensures it remains an active, living part of our community rather than being reduced to private residential space. Converting it to flats would not only erase its unique character and history but also sever its connection to the community it has served for many years.

I strongly urge you to reject this application to preserve a space that is integral to the health, vibrancy, and heritage of our local area. Protecting 136 St. Werburgh's Road is vital for maintaining the social and cultural heart of our community, both now and for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.