

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 object to the proposed change of use at 136 St. Werburgh's Road.

I've been a member of little box gym since 2017 shortly after suffering a miscarriage when I was vulnerable and certainly could not have attended a larger gym. Little box became a place of solace and support which has continued in the years since. It's no wonder we rushed to return and reconnect post covid. Little box and the community it has created is supporting and unique, it really is a much needed and essential hub in Chorlton.

I have attended for years, making many friends from all backgrounds and ages and I can attest to the fact the absence of little box would leave a huge hole in the community and take away the social and active support of many older, vulnerable people in the local community who would not otherwise come to a gym.

I also often bring my neurodivergent daughter who finds the small size and quiet friendly atmosphere something she can cope with. Again, removing this resource from us would be a travesty.

There are also several other small independent businesses operating from the premises who would immediately suffer, as would their customers and the local economy. Many will be forced to close or relocate if this proposal is approved.

In addition, 136 St. Werburgh's Road is a Grade II listed building with significant heritage value. Converting it to flats would strip it of its role as a living, active part of the community.

I really do implore you to think of the repercussions to the community - particularly and already underserved demographic of Chorlton who currently have access to a small friendly cheap gym that they value as a social and community hub before you agree to turn it into yet more flats that

quite frankly chorlton does not have the infrastructure to support