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Dear Sirs

Planning Application ref. no: 20/02996/FULMAJ
Site of Ripon Cathedral Choir School, Whitcliffe Lane. Ripon
Demolition of former school building and erection of new building to form 12 apartments

Ripon Civic Society objects strongly to this application.

The planning permission granted comprehensively for residential development at this location was for the work on site and the refurbishment of the original building. The claim that the former school building is now unsafe and beyond saving is due, it must be reasonably assumed, to the developer's and / or owner's lack of care. This must not be rewarded by approval of this application.

If the application to demolish were to be permitted, it opens the door for the cynical neglect of other important buildings, in Ripon not least the former Girls' High School.

The Society urges the local planning authority to refuse this application at the earliest opportunity.

Yours faithfully,



Chairman, Ripon Civic Society