



PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application No	2025/0532
Proposal	Conversion of vacant church and church hall; installation of first floor in church building and associated works to create 11 residential apartments (Use Class C3)
Address	Wesleyan Reform Church, Wakefield Road, Smithies, Barnsley, S71 1NP
Date of Consultation Reply	30 th June 2025
Consultee	Children's Services

Consultation Assessment and Justification

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council is responsible for ensuring there is adequate provision and a viable education infrastructure to support sustainable communities. The council has a statutory duty to ensure there are sufficient places in the area and to promote parental choice by increasing the diversity of educational provisions. Established Pupil Yield Ratios (PYRs) are applied to estimate the number of children likely to result from new housing development in Barnsley. At the time of this application, the PYRs per 100 family dwellings (2+ bedrooms) are as follows:

Early years	Primary	Secondary	Post-16*	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
8	32	15	5	1

* Penistone Secondary Planning Area Only

This application and its supporting documentation confirm the proposed development will include **eleven one-bedroom dwellings** and has been assessed in strict accordance with the Financial Contributions for Schools Supplementary Planning Documentation (May 2025). Based on the established criteria within this document, the proposed dwellings are not considered to include any family dwellings.

Consequently, it is concluded that there will be no additional pupil yield generated from this development. This absence of new pupils means that the sufficiency of existing school places within the local educational infrastructure will remain unaffected by this development.

NO OBJECTION

Consultation Suggested Conditions:

None.

Consultation Informative(s):

None.

Planning Obligations required:

None.