

	Online Comments
Application No	18/04656/FUL
Comments	<p>I cannot believe this is even on the table. This must be the most beautiful and historic garden in all of Trowbridge; a secret, magical retreat full of gnarled and ancient fruit espaliers glimpsed tantalisingly over its warm brick walls.</p> <p>My children and I have even been lucky enough to play in there, all giggles and sunlight and dew... It's the stuff of fairytales - and someone wants to destroy it for ever, just to profit from yet more unaffordable, soulless 'executive' homes.</p> <p>Why there? There's so much alternative space in Trowbridge crying out for redevelopment; huge old mills, derelict sandstone villas and even the vast Bowyers site, all rotting away and blighting the town. Please, help yourselves to those.</p> <p>It's blindingly obvious to anyone passing the site that this garden should be opened onto the adjacent park and incorporated into it, ideally complete with an airy, open-fronted cafe (housed in the dance school).</p> <p>The garden could be used for anything from weddings to community projects, heritage gardening to yoga or tai chi, wildlife conservation projects to forest schools - most of which are lacking in the town.</p> <p>The lovely old school building is in an appalling state; but if the council cannot make use of it then it should be given away to someone who can breathe new life into it; perhaps as a private museum, boutique hotel, function venue, residential training centre, or anything that retains its character, and pairs well with the orchard.</p> <p>With so much spare land rotting away across our dying town centre, there are plenty of other plots that housing developers could prey on. This one must be retained for the local people, as one of the last surviving green and pleasant corners of Trowbridge.</p>
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