

About the application

Application number: 2019/62/91239/E	
What is the application for?:	Demolition of existing public house and erection of four dwellings
Address of the site or building:	The Shears, 201, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge, WF15 6NR
Postcode:	WF156NR

User comments

Type of comment: An objection
This building is a fundamental part of our local history and should not be destroyed! The Pub dates from the 17th century and the upstairs was used for secret meetings of Luddites as they planned their attacks on local mills 200 years ago. Luddites met here in 1812 to plan the attack on Rawfolds Mill. The Shears was the headquarters for the Luddite movement in the Valley area. The presence of open fields at the rear of the inn would have made for an easy escape from local militia arriving. Men took the oath of secrecy, an oath many would take to their grave. Several oaths were recorded. A man would be "twisted in" to the organisation to keep its secrets on pain of death". Please see details here https://www.spenvalleycivicsociety.org.uk/uploads/spen_valley_civic_society/files/Luddies_in_Liversedge.pdf and here https://www.google.co.uk/amp/s/secretlibraryleeds.net/2018/04/06/the-luddites-of-liversedge/