

## 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
<p>The Brontë Society wishes to object to the above planning application.</p> <p>The Shears is associated with the Luddite uprisings of the early nineteenth century, and as such, is a notable visible feature of an area of working-class history. It was here that the Luddites planned their attack on Rawfolds Mill in 1812, an event which was later fictionalised by Charlotte Brontë in her novel Shirley.</p> <p>The Shears forms part of the group of locations known as 'Shirley Country', which attract literary tourists to the Kirklees district.</p> <p>To allow the destruction of this significant heritage asset is likely be viewed by future generations as a form of cultural vandalism and we urge the developers to seek an alternative solution to retain the building.</p> <p>On behalf of the Bronte Society</p>