

About the application

Application number: 2019/91239	
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

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<p>The consultation response from Kirklees Council's Conservation and Design team accurately reflects concerns that this historic roadside building with its well documented associations with the Luddite revolt should not be demolished for private housing as it would be a significant heritage loss.</p> <p>Though currently not listed, the building nevertheless contributes to the overall historic streetscape of Halifax road and its exterior form and character should be maintained as a heritage asset. If the property is no longer viable as a public house, then it could be successfully converted to residential use without destroying it entirely. An example of how this has been done successfully would be the Rising Sun in Scholes.</p> <p>Retaining the historic structure externally would allow residents and visitors alike to appreciate the role of the property in the planning and execution of the raid on Rawfold's mill, one of the most significant events in the area's social and industrial history which is also of national importance. Much of the physical evidence of events of that period has been lost, including the mill so retaining what historic structures survive is important to understanding the history and geography of the Luddite uprising, the promotion of the Luddite trail currently allows this to happen, if this building is destroyed an important part of that story will be lost.</p>	