

Address: 111 Quaker Lane Liversedge WF15 8DF

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

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	No
I am writing to register my opposition to the proposed demolition of the Shears Inn in Liversedge. I am an independent scholar, with a PhD from the University of Alicante (Spain). My doctoral research focused on British industrial culture, Luddism and its literary projection. My postdoctoral research concerns the history, culture and literature of the West Riding. I have visited West Yorkshire and specifically The Shears many times in the course of my research. The Inn is fictionalized by Charlotte Brontë in her novel Shirley (1848) in order to highlight the history of the labour movement in the West Riding. And its role in the Luddite movement is detailed in Frank Peel's book, The Rising of the Luddites, Chartists and Plugdrawers (1968). There is no doubt that secret meetings took place at The Shears, and it is the only building left standing where such Luddite meetings happened, because St Crispin's Inn at Halifax was demolished some time ago. Please with-hold permission for this demolition, as its destruction would be a terrible cultural and historical loss for the Liversedge area; for the country as a whole; and for international scholars.	