

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?	Yes
<p>Please do not publish my postal address.</p> <p>It is unimaginable that this proposal is even being considered. The Shears Inn is an historic building that played a significant part in the extraordinary history of the Spen Valley. As children growing up in Liversedge, the Luddite period was a tangible part of local history for us and to destroy a symbol of this would be sacrilege.</p> <p>Although not a listed building (why?), the Shears should be preserved with the same respect. It is an integral part of Spen Valley's industrial heritage and should be valued as such.</p> <p>Charlotte Brontë's novel, Shirley, is set against the backdrop of the Luddite uprisings. The Shears' connection to such an iconic literary family is further proof that it should be preserved as a building of considerable historic significance.</p> <p>Other valuable buildings such as the Piece Hall in Halifax and the Chester Rows were almost lost through decisions made on a whim and based on short-term planning proposals rather than forethought for the historic implications. Thankfully these were saved for future generations and hopefully The Shears will join them.</p> <p>Consideration should be given to the struggles of the forebears of local people by not destroying one of the few remaining symbols of that era.</p> <p>Kirklees Council should listen to ordinary people making valid and heartfelt objections to the destruction of The Shears Inn and not be philistines!</p>	