

Consultation Response from KC, Conservation and Design		
2020/90667 Farmers Boy Inn, 44, Marsh Lane, Shepley, Huddersfield, HD8 8AP		
Formation of entrance porch and outdoor terrace, internal refurbishment, replace kitchen extract cowl and landscaping works (within a Conservation Area)		
Date Responded: 18.3.20	Responding Officer: Sue Oakley	Responding Ref:
The Farmer's Boy Inn is an unlisted public house within the Shepley Conservation Area and is currently vacant. This two-storey end terraced building appears to date back to the early 19th century or earlier, with hammer dressed stone external walls, a stone slate roof and ranges of mullioned windows. The building style is typical of the local vernacular and makes a positive contribution to the character of the conservation area. I have no concerns about the internal refurbishment and replacement kitchen cowl, or the festoon lighting at the side of the building as these do not affect the character of the conservation area. The post and rope barrier and timber box planters will enhance the front of the site and can be removed when they are no longer required and upgraded lighting will enhance the façade. An oak framed entrance porch is proposed, with stone walling and a stone slate roof. This building is in a terrace of three, with simple repetitive detailing along the façade including ranges of mullioned windows and heavy stone door surrounds, distinctive features of weaver's cottages in the local area. In accordance with LP35, proposals should maintain and reinforce local distinctiveness and I have concerns that the construction of a porch will undermine the significance of this façade and will cause less than substantial harm to the significance of the conservation area. The heritage statement does not provide public benefits of constructing this porch to outweigh the harm caused. I fully support the other proposals for the building including bringing a vacant historic building back into use, but I have some concerns about the construction of a porch on this elevation and would prefer the applicant to explore alternatives such as an internal lobby.		