

About the application

Application number: 2020/91978	
What is the application for?:	Part demolition of boundary wall to form new off road parking space (within a Co
Address of the site or building:	22, Town Head, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6BW
Postcode:	WF14 8EA

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Type of comment: An objection
The wall in question is an attractive, defining feature in the street, which reflects the history and development of the Town Head area and contributes to its character; it should therefore be preserved. The demolition of the wall would have a negative effect on the appearance of the street, and the introduction of hard standing for vehicles would erode the special character of the area. The Victorian terrace of which number 22 forms a part, relates to older surrounding buildings and to the boundary wall - the only current opening in the wall appears to predate the building of the terrace and thus reflects the site's history and original (agricultural) functions. Contrary to the statements in section 7 of the planning application, the proposal would create a new vehicle and pedestrian access onto the public highway, which has not been addressed. The proposal to block the footpath will presumably have to be withdrawn, as it is clear that there are historic rights for people to cross the land in front of number 22 to access their own property and to access the outhouses; their only alternative would be to make another undesirable breach in the wall. Although the works may not have started on the date of submission of the application, they have certainly been started without consent, as a skip load of topsoil was removed on 1 August 2020; and since then paving stones and gravel have been laid down. Of more concern is the damage to the wall that was caused on either the evening of 1 August or, more likely, the following morning: it is now bowed inward when it was previously perfectly upright throughout its length (as can be seen from the photo in the design and access statement).