

About the application

Application number: 2022/92799	
What is the application for?:	Erection of extensions, conversion of existing attached barn to living accommoda
Address of the site or building:	17, Town Gate, Upperthong, Holmfirth, HD9 3UX
Postcode:	HD9 3UX

User comments

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<p>I support this planning application.</p> <p>The property sits at the centre of the village and conservation area, and is in clear need of redevelopment. The proposed design is both sympathetic and discrete. I admire the use of traditional features on the aspect of the building facing Towngate, particularly the cobbled driveway as a direct replacement of the existing plastic garage door</p> <p>I have seen the Royal Oak's Facebook campaign aiming to stop this development, and after reading the objections on here, I can see almost all are based on the perceived loss of the view from the Royal Oak carpark – which has itself been used as a 'beer garden' since 2020.</p> <p>As someone who doesn't drink I tend not to frequent the pub myself. However, having personally witnessed loud, drunken behaviour and littering, I can understand why the owners' would want to ensure their privacy – as they are entitled to. A traditional 6ft drystone wall seems appropriate in these circumstances, this is Yorkshire after all. The car park itself is always untidy so the proposed dry stone wall would, in my mind, be an improvement to the area. The only view being sacrificed is one of the applicants' property.</p> <p>Parking however, is a problem on Towngate, and the situation has been made far worse since the Royal Oak has replaced its parking provisions with outdoor seating. I'm pleased to see this issue is being addressed by the oapplicants through additional off street parking, using the existing garage as access.</p> <p>I note the owners have already began to clear up their garden and field, planting native trees and growing vegetables etc which will improve the landscape and local ecology for the years to come. I think the sedum roof of the proposed garage is a fantastic touch too. It's lovely to see young people wanting to make a home and garden and I firmly believe their proposition represents an enhancement to the Conservation Area of Upperthong and its natural environment.</p>	