

About the application

Application number: 2022/93731	
What is the application for?:	Partial demolition and alterations to convert public house to 4 residential unit
Address of the site or building:	Woolpack Inn, Whitley Road, Whitley, Dewsbury, WF12 0LZ
Postcode:	WF12 0LZ

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
These comments are more about the Woolpack being the centre of the community rather than the actual building work. There are a number of points that contradict themselves in this planning application for example stating there is a bus route for the argument of converting it into 4 residential homes and then also stating there is an insufficient bus route for the argument of why it isn't a viable venture as a public house As stated by themselves the local community have expressed widely about it being a community asset. Just because the council refused this does not mean it isn't. I'm sure there are many technicalities in the refusal. The Woolpack IS of local historic value. It has been a community hub for many years and at the heart of the Whitley community, again just because it doesn't fit a national listing criteria doesn't mean it is not locally historically important to the community. Whether a massive investment has happened or not, the fact that it is dismissed as not important is strange. We regularly travel through the village and often suggested calling at the Woolpack but unfortunately it was always shut, and this was around 6pm. The community centre is a venue for hire and is not open regularly. It cannot replace a public house. If the Woolpack had a long history of failure, why was it bought. As stated in the Planning Policy Statement "Our intention would not be to develop ourselves but transfer to a small builder (preferably local) . We would then reinvest the proceeds to further develop the Blacksmiths Arms increasing its appeal to a tourist market and offering further local employment".	