Address: Whicham House Whitley Road Dewsbury WF12 0LY

About the application

Application number: 2022/93731	
What is the application for?:	Partial demolition and alterations to convert public house to 5 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	
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I strongly object to the proposal to convert this wonderful building into small houses for several reasons. It is a large part of the village with the Church and Community Centre and has a long history. Traffic and parking on Scopsley Lane is already difficult and further residential properties would completely exacerbate the situation with a risk of accidents and fire or ambulances unable to attend in an emergency - extra properties would bring more vehicles which haven't been allowed for in the proposals. The covenant was put in place to protect the pub for future generations and should be adhered to. The applicant states that the people of the village didn't use the pub and only parked their cars there when going for a walk. Anyone who lives in the village knows this is completely untrue. The pub used to be very well known all around and very well respected. The reason it went down before the applicant bought it was because, although there were several very good chefs and front of house staff who tried, they were handicapped completely by the totally impossible rent required by Greene King who were very greedy. When the pub was bought for a very small price, we all thought it would come back to what it used to be, It could have done, but not when one could not be sure that a meal would be of a reasonable standard, and then that there wouldn't be any meal at all, because the chef had been taken to the other pub. People used to come regularly from the surrounding villages for meals but the standard was very unreliable as to whether it would be good or not, and they made the journey to find it closed, so they started to frequent other local pubs. Then it was closed more than it was open and it was said the beer wasn't up to standard - I don't drink so I have only been told that. We used to have a regular meeting there with a meal to start, but obviously have had to go elsewhere when there was no food, Now it has been all boarded up making it look terrible and as if it is in an area of vandalism which is totally not true, we do not suffer from vandalism in Whitley. It seems that the person has seen a cheap property that he can purposely run down to say it's not viable, then get planning permission and make a large profit while ruining the village for the residents - but he doesn't care about that because he lives elsewhere. I really hope that permission is refused and the pub can be sold so it can be properly run and returned to it's former high standard.	