

About the application

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| Application number: 2025/90434 | |
| What is the application for?: | Change of use and alterations to former public house to form dental surgery |
| Address of the site or building: | Shepherds Boy, 157, Huddersfield Road, Westtown, Dewsbury, WF13 2RP |
| Postcode: | WF14 9TB |

User comments

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| Type of comment: An objection | |
| Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously? | Yes |
| <p>Work began on gutting this well-loved pub, without planning permission, within a month of it closing last Autumn, on inspection now it is clear that conversion work is well advanced. Pubs are supposedly protected as a unique planning category but in this case planning rules have been ignored and no action was taken by enforcement officers to stop the work proceeding.</p> <p>The pub was doing significant trade and had a good reputation but the owners had found that it no longer suited the style of pub that they wished to have in their chain, but it may well have suited another party with an affinity for the local area. This was a pub of character, part of our local heritage which should be retained.</p> <p>Custom for the pub was primarily people on foot, either from local houses or via the bus and train services and in my experience the car park was rarely full. Pub customers tend to stay for over an hour, so if the pub becomes a dental surgery, where appointments would be several per hour for each dentist, then traffic movements can be expected to be much more frequent.</p> <p>Loss of the pub is a loss to the community and also the loss of some residential accommodation in the form of the manager's flat upstairs.</p> | |