

8 West Moor View,

Honley, HD9 6HU.

27th November 2025.

Re Planning Application 2025/62/93126/W

The Coach and Horses, Eastgate, Honley, Holmfirth HD9 6PA.

For the attention of Mr J Holmes, Kirklees Planning Officer.

Honley is one of several Kirklees Conservation Areas, so designated because of important criteria which include the areas history, geographical information and buildings of special architectural interest. Kirklees Council will be producing a Honley Conservation Area Appraisal Document which will describe the features which make Honley such a special place to live. These will include information about buildings of special interest from the eighteenth and nineteenth century as well as those from earlier times.

The Coach and Horses is an old inn dating back to the 1800s, with an historical association stretching as far back as the Luddites. In the nineteenth century it served as a place where political and educational meetings took place and more recently it served as a restaurant.

It is a building of some historical importance and is seen immediately on entering Honley via the Eastgate road.

As it is in a conservation area it would seem proper to recognise this and preserve its appearance which recognises it is an old inn. The plans which have been submitted to change its function into apartments do not respect its architecture, indeed they appear from the architect's drawings to make it into a totally modern building. The plans also include demolition of parts, including a totally new roofline, thus destroying its appearance. This seems completely out of character in respect of its history and the fact it is part of Honley's heritage.

I would urge the Planning Committee to consider this application extremely carefully as it clearly does not meet the requirements laid down by Kirklees for consideration of any planning application within a conservation area.

I believe there are sufficient grounds for the Committee to reject this application.

Many thanks for giving your attention to my views.