

## About the application

Application number: 2019/91239	
What is the application for?:	Demolition of existing public house and erection of four dwellings
Address of the site or building:	The Shears, 201, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge, WF15 6NR
Postcode:	WF156NR

## User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
Posted on behalf of _____ :	
<p>I'm a Labour historian who has published widely over many years on the struggles for democratic reform and trade union rights in nineteenth-century Britain. I believe that there is an application before Council to redevelop the site which includes the Shears Inn in Liversedge a pub that was a hub for croppers many of whom were active among the Luddites.</p> <p>At a time when Labour heritage is constantly under threat and indeed fast disappearing not only in the UK but also in Australia I urge you and your colleagues to oppose this application. I'm not trying to interfere in your local business from afar. Numerous radicals and trade unionists were transported to Australia during the first half of the nineteenth-century so we share an interest in the preservation of a shared heritage. Protest songs sung in pubs in West Yorkshire were sung by labourites in Australian pubs. Speeches given in places like the Shears Inn were given in the same sort of venues here too.</p> <p>In my view we can't afford to see places such as this disappear into history or we risk losing a vital connection to the causes they fought for. Causes we share.</p> <p>I thank you for considering my views.</p> <p>All best,</p>	