

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2010

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Since our last meeting, there have been three new planning applications. As we suggested in our last newsletter, the developers at Oats Royd, having been given planning permission for one extra apartment to be constructed by dividing a large one into two, have now applied for permission to repeat this and construct one extra apartment again, bringing the total number now to 42 instead of 40 as agreed at the appeal to the planning inspectorate.

However, the developers also state in their application that there are three other apartments that they have identified as being too large to sell in the present climate, and obviously, they will be putting in planning applications one by one until they are turned down.

The Conservation Society will vigorously oppose both the present application, and any further ones that may be made. We do hope that local people will also do likewise, as the greater the number of objections, the more likely this is to be turned down. A specimen letter that could be sent is shown below. These should arrive at the Town Hall before the 26th February.

Chief Town Planning Officer
Town Hall
Halifax.

Your address

Dear Sir,

Planning Application 09/01621/FUL

I wish to object to the above planning application on the following grounds.

1. Previous applications for both 40 and 41 apartments were turned down by Calderdale as being unsuitable – I feel that they still are. The appeals inspector gave permission for 40 apartments to be constructed. This should not continually be increased one by one, but the number of apartments allowed at appeal should be kept to.
2. There will also be an unacceptable increase in the amount of traffic generated on roads which are even now struggling to cope, and this is before half the apartments at Oats Royd fully come onto stream. In addition, no new apartments should be allowed at Oats Royd unless extra car parking spaces are provided. Once the car park is full, there is nowhere on the road for at least 600 metres for traffic to park without either blocking the road, or going on to private land at the back. The latter is already happening with the builders, causing great problems, and a standard of 1.5 cars per parking space should be strictly kept to.
3. There are insufficient school places in the area, particularly at Calder High, but also at junior schools.

Yours faithfully,
Your signature

One of the other two applications is also for Oats Royd, to rearrange a penthouse apartment, and rooflights, and to build four balconies to the front. The balconies will be above the large arch in the middle, and will certainly alter the look of the front. The number of the application is 09/01717/LBC.

The third application is for a single story side extension, dormer and balcony with steps to rear, and additional rooflights to front at 20 Railes Cottages. The number of this application is 09/01725/FUL. The Society will consider these and make any comments which are thought to be suitable.

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YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM

As mentioned before, Luddenden has been entered in the Yorkshire in Bloom competition again this year, and the spring judging will be taking place towards the end of March. A Bloom newsletter will be coming round before then, but we are hoping that everyone will support this again as in the past.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

The Methodist Church will be holding a Fairtrade coffee morning on the 27th of February from 10am until noon, when home-made jams, cakes and historic local pictures will again be on sale. The Fairtrade shop will also be open on the 25th February from 7pm until 8pm (just before the next Conservation Society meeting), and from 7pm until 8pm on the 4th March, also during Fairtrade fortnight.

NEXT MEETING will be held on **Thursday, 25th February at 8pm** in the **Methodist Church**, at the junction of New Road and High Street. Local resident Victor Mitchell will be talking about life in Luddenden in the first half of the twentieth century, and it will be illustrated with old photographs, with questions afterwards. A large attendance is expected.

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