

Hetton Town Council



Hetton Town Council makes plea to preserve town's historic identity

Hetton Town Council has voiced concerns that proposed new housing in the town will lead to the demolition of an historic former pub.

At the last meeting of the Town Council, Councillors learned that a planning application for seven new homes at the Lyons Tavern site at Four Lane Ends would see the former pub razed to the ground.

Councillor Kay Rowham, Chairman of the Council's Planning and Development Committee said "Lyons Tavern has local significance due to its connection with the social history of the former Durham coalfields and railways. It's one of the few remaining early 19th century buildings in the area and Town Council would prefer to see instead the building saved and converted as it forms part of the town's historic identity."

Councillors also expressed concerns about an increase in traffic at an already busy location.

The Town Council has now written to Sunderland City Council outlining its views. The City Council will consider all views received when the planning application is formally determined.

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