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In Luddenden village

Hill Corner Studio, Jowler,
Luddenden, April 7, 1958.

Sir,—Your recent photograph of the ancient building, formerly the Wolf Inn, now due for demolition, raises once again the question of development plans for the centre of Luddenden village.

From the photograph it will be seen that no action has been taken to remove the garages which were the cause of strong public protest over a year ago. The village centre, which could so easily (and cheaply) have been made a delightful brookside garden, remains a hideous eyesore and a constant reproach to the owners and to the council.

Now we must ask what is to be the future of the adjacent area? Are we to have more garages, another derelict site, or can we hope for belated recognition of the opportunity there is to restore beauty where there is now only ugliness?

Let us have a public-spirited gesture from the owners of the land, a more sympathetic and imaginative response from the council, and an even greater determination among residents to resist any further extension of the wilderness left by the demolition contractors.—Yours, etc.,

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