

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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opinions**

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"Outrage" at Luddenden

Hill Corner Studio,
Jowler, Luddenden,
January 22, 1957.

Sir,—May I endorse the criticism made by Luddenden residents against the garages erected in the village centre; your excellent photograph is ample evidence of their justification.

Luddenden has been described as the most picturesque and historic village in the district and one which has retained much of its medieval character. It has — to quote James Walton's words in your columns some years ago — a rare and curious beauty and this, in spite of demolitions and the erection of a new estate nearby, is true to-day.

But how little it is valued is increasingly evident. Here, instead of a local showplace and gateway to the (almost) unspoilt Dean, we have derelict buildings, rubble and now this affront to our sensibilities. How infinitely more beautiful, more satisfying and more rewarding to residents, visitors — and perhaps even to Mr. Warne — to have had a grass plot and a few trees rather than this!

What I cannot understand and what is so alarming is the attitude of the Planning Authority who permitted it. Have they no eyes, no imagination, no sense of fitness — or have they no hope of stemming the tide of ugliness and outrage which is sweeping over the land?

—Yours, etc.,

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