

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 24/01/2024 7:27 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	The Amazon And Tiger Harvel Street Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0DE
Proposal:	Change of use to C3 dwellinghouse.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address:

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:

I would like to register my objection to this application as I disagree completely with the decision of the landlord to permanently close the Amazon & Tiger as a public house. This pub represents the only place where the members of the local (and very rural) community can meet and socialise without the need to drive. With the Amazon & Tiger closed there are no pubs or indeed any other points of interest without walking a considerable distance and with the local public transport to the village being axed several years ago the closure of the pub leaves the local community isolated and without anywhere to realistically meet and socialise, people are already beginning to lose touch with friends and acquaintances and we have even had one elderly resident move away because without the pub and the opportunity it offered to chat with freinds and neighbours he could not cope with the loneliness.

There is also the subject of local property because the closure of the pub is going to make it considerably more difficult to sell a property in the vicinity of Harvel because who is going to want to buy a house in the middle of nowhere with the prospect of having to travel by car for any sort of entertainment. This must also have an impact on property prices in the area.

This building was built from scratch specifically as a pub in the 1920's, it has been run as a pub ever since (including by the present owner for several years) and should continue to operate as a pub, testimony to this is the fact that the parish council have seen fit to issue an asset of community value in an attempt to prevent the permanent closure because after all, what is a rural community without a pub.

The present owner has also angered many people in the area buy seemingly ignoring the terms of the ACV which clearly state that the bar may not be altered and has demolished the cold room, also judging by the amount of building materials that arrive on an almost daily basis it would seem that there are considerable alterations being made behind closed doors although there is no proof if this.

I understand that the present owner wishes to retire and I also realise that he owns the building, but my opinion is that when you buy a pub such as this you are a custodian and consequently should sell it on for someone else to run when

you are finished with it, not close it for financial gain and deprive a whole community of its local pub.

Kind regards