

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 28/01/2024 12:51 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: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Gravesend Kent

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:

I object to this proposal. It became clear during the Covid pandemic that the pub had become permanently shut, as the owners erected a tall fence around it, blocking off the car park and restricting visibility to drivers, making that junction dangerous when driving. There was also talk on local social media pages of disputes between the owners and some of the local community. There was a consensus aired in discussions that the owners would benefit substantially financially by closing the pub and turning it into purely residential accommodation.

I am shocked that this planning application has only recently been filed, as to all appearances, the change of use from pub to a residence, started many years ago.

We moved here a decade ago, and loved having a village pub within walking distance from our home in Culverstone. It was our go-to destination when we had family and friends visiting. We also went there every year during and after the Harvel Village fetes, and more frequently in the summer months when we could sit outside. We really miss the Amazon & Tiger. If it were reinstated we would make the effort to support the new owners and visit more frequently.

Over the years the pub appeared to deteriorate - the food offered was very poor and the pub could not be relied upon to be serving any food at all. All pubs nowadays need a good food offering to attract business, so I am not surprised that customers looked to other pubs further afield for a venue for a country pub meal and drinks, as did we.

Harvel Village has now lost its heart, and Harvel and the Culverstone valley homes have become a satellite housing conurbation straddled between Vigo and Meopham.

The Harvel Village Hall hosts many community events, and I am sure if the Amazon & Tiger were to be reinstated under new ownership, many community

events in the Village Hall could be held in (or in conjunction with) the pub, with the pub providing the alcohol and food for such occasions.

Kind regards