

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 11:00 AM 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: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:

I strongly oppose the planning application for change of use from the Amazon & Tiger public house into a residential home. This building was built for sole use as a pub over 100 years ago. It has many restrictions placed on it so that the use could not be changed.

This pub was a lifeline to many. The village has not been the same since. It was used by many clubs, organisations, residents, ramblers and to many visiting the area. There were many village events that created additional custom for them throughout the year, which boosted their profits substantially. The villagers have tried to keep the community spirit going with putting on additional events such as a music festival, cinema nights and of late a pop-up pub in the village hall, but this does not replace the pub, which was a local social hub for all.

Regardless of what the current owners state, the pub is totally viable. There is ample evidence to support this. So many local events boosted their earnings to a degree most proprietors would be elated by, but not them. Instead, it appeared an inconvenient for them to employ more staff even though they were bulging at the seams with customers and making substantial profits. In addition to this, there are individuals interested in purchasing and reopening. Also there have been discussions for the community to own it. The current owners wanted to run it into the ground in order, to give a reason for change of use, merely so they could profit financially from the change. The building is worth far more being sold as a home than as a pub. The owners have rejected good offers made to them. Many years back a meeting was held with them, to try and help them and see a way through keeping the pub open that would benefit them. They had closed ears. It was obvious from that meeting, that other than if an excessive amount was paid for them to go, they would stay there, not because it wasn't viable, but as said above, to make a much higher profit.

It should be noted that a higher number would go to the pub if reopened by new owners. The current owners regularly excluded and upset many customers. They always regarded the place as their home and not a business and.

Recently they applied for a change to the B&B part, as they wished to have this operational. Most knew this was just so that it took them one step closer to having its status changed from a pub to a private dwelling. We were right to

believe that as since, not once has it been advertised. Not once did they intend too, as we voiced in the last meeting with councillors. Locals witnessed the brother of the landlord's wife living permanently in the B&B throughout. After alerting the council, GBC did a few checks but only after giving them ample notice, given them time to make it look empty and available for B&B guests. GBC never did an unplanned visit.

They have a total disregard for council legislation. They know the council won't implement rules and regs on them. Even before this application is approved, they have the audacity to start the transformation. They believe the council will do nothing about it and have even voiced this in the past. They have constantly gone against the council orders and the AVC and changed much of the interior. The last court hearing was a mockery and appeared to be a done deal before it even a got a hearing and this is beginning to be a repeat. There are many opposed to this, sadly a great deal do not feel confident to use the online system. This objection should also be raised in respect of the applications 202205094 and 2022057 and the ACV on this building should be taken into account.

We are struggling in the village without the pub, our hub. There are ample people willing to purchase and make this a thriving business again. Without a doubt, this is a profitable enterprise. Don't let the unnecessary change occur and destroy our beautiful social village. Please reject this application and not allow them to do this purely for their gain at the expense of our community.

Kind regards