

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 29/01/2024 1:23 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] Harvel Kent

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:

The previous planning application (for the extension intended for a B & B/holiday let) was proposed by the owners on the basis that the pub was such a successful business in a thriving, vibrant village and was strongly supported by the villagers, many local groups & clubs in the community, together with walkers/ramblers and passing trade. It stated that there just wasn't enough accommodation to support such local demand with tourism in the area.

The current reasons being offered for the pub NOT to keep going, (despite its ACV order) paints the complete opposite picture. The Licensees showed very little, if any, intention of re-opening the business after 'lockdown', despite receiving all government grants to help them through.

They often voiced their desire to keep it residential only.

For a considerable period of time before finally closing, it appeared that all interest was lost in running the business, demonstrated by the attitude of the Licensees. Based on personal experience, these include:-

Bad attitude, swearing and short tempers towards customers and having arguments between themselves within close earshot.

Comments/complaints were frequently made to them regarding:-

Poor quality of the draft ales

Extremely unhygienic and smelly toilets

Dog mess never cleared from the garden; particularly around the seating and children's play areas.

Publicly voicing their negative opinion towards customers and the clubs & groups who met there

Advertised opening hours frequently not adhered to.

Visitors to the local campsite who chose to visit the "local country pub" to dine, often found that food was unavailable, due to the very limited time that the kitchen was operating so they went elsewhere.

A rat was caught in the dining area by one of their dogs whilst several people were eating there.

A good many locals, clubs & groups who met there, gradually went on to meet elsewhere.

Harvel has had a local newsletter in publication since 2008, which is hand delivered to all Harvel households, every member of the clubs and groups

involved in the village, and is also available to the public via local shops, sports pavilions and the pub itself. The aim is to widely publicise and promote all village events. The success of promoting our village in this and other ways is self evident based on the outstanding attendance and support it receives from both local residents and the wider communities. The Licensees have declined to be included in this newsletter for the past 8 years. This can only indicate a complete lack of interest in the business and disregard for the desire of the villagers to continue having a pub in which they can socialise, have a meeting place, keeping our many clubs and activities alive.

In fact, despite being in a conservation area, demolition work to parts of the building has gone ahead plus delivery of substantial new building materials have appeared on site prior to the necessary planning application being granted. This can only demonstrate total disregard of protocol with full intent to proceed with their plans without the necessary consent being granted; yet another example of something which GBC's Planning Department might like to take into account.

Kind regards