

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 6:53 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 Lane Harvel Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I wish to object in the strongest terms possible to the planned change of use of the Amazon & Tiger public house in Harvel, Kent to a C3 dwelling house.

Since the current landlord and landlady stopped opening their doors in Spring of 2021 there has been nowhere in the village for the local community to come together and mix on an ad hoc informal basis. While there are 1 or 2 premises that can be pre-booked for private social events, this is in no way comparable to an open public house that can be accessed by all. The value of the Amazon & Tiger as an asset to the local community is recognised in the ACV which was granted to the premises by the local council, which is still in force. After the loss of The Vigo pub in Vigo village some years ago, and The Green Man in Hodsoll Street to a fire in 2021, the loss of The Amazon & Tiger would be a huge blow, not just to the village of Harvel, but also to the surrounding communities.

As has previously been noted by other objectors, there has been much development at the site since the pub ceased to trade, all of which has been extremely detrimental to the look and character of the village, and contrary to the Conservation Area status conferred on the village on 25th September 1970. Indeed, as recently as 2017 the document Harvel Conservation Area Appraisal SPD 2017 clearly lists the Amazon & Tiger as a positive feature of the village, and the changes that have taken place thus far have had an extremely negative impact. Significant changes to the frontage, demolition of the beer cellar, and extensive digging taking place where the cellar stood, suggest that, rather than genuinely be for conversion to a single dwelling, this application for change of use is just one more step in the incremental development that started with the pub's closure in 2021, continued with the LDC allowing domiciliary use without the pub being open for trade, and which will almost certainly culminate in a pair of semi-detached houses that the applicant can, and will, sell for a substantial profit.

One this asset is gone it is gone forever, it is therefore incumbent upon Gravesham Borough Council to act swiftly and decisively to reject this application

and order the complete restoration of the pub back to its pre-2021 appearance and layout.

Kind regards