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Subject: Comments for Planning Application AWDM/1285/25
To: <planning@adur-worthing.gov.uk>

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 31/10/2025 10:46 PM from Mr George Stone.

Application Summary

Address:	Gardeners Arms West Street Sompting West Sussex BN15 0AR
Proposal:	Change of use from Public House with flat over into full residential dwelling including relevant internal and external changes and loft conversion with dormer, half-gable end and roof windows.
Case Officer:	Peter Barnett

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Customer Details

Name:	Mr George Stone
Email:	
Address:	17 Millfield Sompting West Sussex

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:	- Loss of General Amenity
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Comments:	This is the last pub in Sompting and it would be a real shame to lose it forever. Pubs are a critical part of British culture, and it's important to preserve them. In Sompting we've lost The Joyful Whippet to housing, and we lost the Marquis of Granby to house to housing too, which was pretty much dead opposite The Gardeners Arms.
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As a pub it definitely needs a bit of money spent on it, and I think it could do with moving with the times a bit and updating its decor.

But with the right owners I am sure a success could be made of it.

There's more and more people moving out of Brighton and into the surrounding areas. There is some gentrification going on in general, and I think if Sompting loses its last pub it'll never get a pub again.

It's not like drinking has fallen out of favour locally, just how people drink has changed. I note that in Lancing Bakkus (a wine bar) opened and has been thriving. Clearly there is demand in the area for venues where people can meet and drink.

Maybe the Gardeners Arms in its current iteration was not that, but that's no reason to give up on the pub altogether.

I object to this plan.

Kind regards