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Subject: Comments for Planning Application AWDM/1285/25  
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## Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 02/11/2025 6:00 PM from Mr Geoff Fisher.

### 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 Geoff Fisher
Email:	
Address:	1 Kelso Close 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
Comments:	The Gardeners Arms was the last remaining pub in Sompting, providing a vital role as the only place where friends, neighbours and anyone within the local community could meet, socialise and enjoy themselves. As a frequent user, I can confirm that it had a friendly and cosy atmosphere and hosted various team games such as cribbage and darts, held raffles and quizzes, and every few weeks, had a musician, singer or band playing. It was a viable and thriving business, and only closed because the last pub landlord was told to leave (at very short notice) by the new owner. The

hundreds of new houses presently being built at nearby Malthouse Meadows are likely to create more customers and an even greater need to retain a local pub.

If this change of use request is granted, Sompting will have lost its last pub, following the earlier loss of the Ball Tree, The Joyful Whippet and, most recently, the nearby Marquis of Granby, now rebuilt as residential accommodation (most flats still unoccupied).

The nearest remaining pubs are then The Crabtree, Lancing 1.9 km to the east and Ye Olde House at Home, Broadwater about 1.7 km to the west, involving a section of walk through a muddy field or along a road with no pavement. It should be noted that bus services along West Street are sparse at best, and non-existent in the evenings.

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Kind regards