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Development Management, Place Directorate
Worthing Town Hall, Chapel Road, Worthing
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Business Support

Dear Sir/Madam

Your Ref: AWDM/0123/26

Gardeners Arms West Street Sompting Village

Thank you for advising residents of West Street of the receipt of a planning application to change the use of our much loved old public house to a residential dwelling.

The proposal goes strictly against the strongly voiced views of the current government who recognise the vital importance of local pubs in providing a social hub for the community.

Kate Dearden, Parliamentary Under Secretary at the Dept of Business & Trade quoted:

" Rural pubs are the hubs of their communities and this government wants to support these vital country assets, creating jobs, supporting local communities and providing for residents to socialise and come together....."

The proposal also goes strongly against the wishes of Sompting Village residents, who have already lost so much -We have been cut off from our farms and walks by 4 lanes of heavy traffic, Our horse fields and farm lands are being swallowed up by continuing housing developments, West Street Conservation area serves as a rat-run for even more heavy traffic which ignores speed limits and weight restriction as it passes within feet of our bedroom and living room windows. Our flint walls are crumbling and farm hedges going untrimmed and obscuring important views, all contrary to conservation guidance.

However we still love where live and don't want it to decline further still.

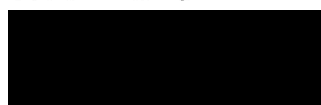
The Gardeners Arms was a popular place where we all met as friends old and young alike. it was also regularly enjoyed by people from the wider local area.

The are hundreds of new residents coming into the village who could be warmly welcomed into our once friendly old pub.

The proposal should not be approved and Sompting should retain the wide benefits of a public house for future generations.

I strongly object to the planning applications,

Yours sincerely



Colin Head