

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 05/05/2026 12:26 PM from Mr Andrew Message.

Application Summary

Address:	Gardeners Arms West Street Sompting West Sussex BN15 0AR
Proposal:	Change of use from Public House with flat over to residential dwelling including relevant internal and external changes, parking and landscaping
Case Officer:	Peter Barnett

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Customer Details

Name:	Mr Andrew Message
Email:	
Address:	Trelawneys Cottage West Street Sompting West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design
Comments:	Dear Mr Barnett I fully support this change of use. Having lived opposite The Gardeners Arms for over 12 years I have watched the slow decline of a once popular well run establishment. The last 3 years have seen numerous landlords coming and going without presenting accounts. Frequent police attendance drunk driver's crashing into parked cars in West Street ,brawls in the street and general antisocial behaviour. The last landlord actually reduced opening hours and stopped serving food in an attempt to make ends meet. The passage of time and non investment in this establishment which is plain to see has left no other practical solution. Contrary to many submissions that have been made the Gardeners Arms had been available either for rent or sale for years giving anyone who wished to purchase it ample opportunity. For better or for worse the drinking culture especially of the young has changed leaving establishments like the Gardeners in an even more precarious position. It is refreshing to see that this decaying building is going to be sympathetically restored into a beautiful family home in keeping with other historic buildings on West Street. Very refreshing to see this is not going to be converted into unsaleable flats as The Marquis had been. Yours Sincerely

Andy Message
