

2 Kelso Close

Sompting

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West Sussex

BN15 0DZ

2nd May 2026

AWDM/0423/26 - Change of use from Public House with flat over to residential dwelling including relevant internal and external changes, parking and landscaping.

Dear Mr Barnett,

I want to object to the above application for the change of use of The Gardeners Arms pub to a private house.

One of the reasons me and my husband chose to move to Sompting and bought our house here was because it was within easy walking distance to a pub that sold good bitter for my husband.

When we moved to Sompting there were three pubs within easy walking distance, now there are none.

The Gardeners Arms pub was friendly, homely and cosy.

When the pub closed I lost my cleaning job there which I liked very much, and it was close to my house and easy to get to.

The customers at the pub were all very friendly.

I had my hen party in the pub when I got married two and a half years ago and it was very good.

They kept the pub open through Covid as soon as the first lockdown was lifted. This helped me very much after I had severe mental issues caused by the lock-down when I couldn't see or talk to anyone.

Please don't let the Gardeners Arms pub be turned into a house.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Fisher