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Dear sir/madam

Having been away, I have just discovered that yet another local pub is up for change of use.

Although a small village, Sompting used to have another pub, the spacious 1930s Marquis of Granby, and whilst it was disappointing to lose such a gem I could understand, with the pressure of housing demand, why closing it happened as there would still be one pub left.

Here we are again though! The Gardeners Arms is a much smaller concern but nevertheless it provides an important focal point for local people to gather and socialise and it is now well documented that such pubs provide a vital lifeline for the community, providing mental health support to lonely people, especially. Many pubs in the UK are closing and many pubs have closed around the Sompting area, The Ball Tree and Joyful Whippet to name two, so please let's retain the last one, especially as housing pressures mean more of the fields in that area will be developed. Imagine, all those houses and no pub!

Yours faithfully

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