

Planning application AWDM/0423/26

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to record my objection to the Application for Change of Use for the Gardeners Arms public house in West street, Sompting, from pub to private residence.

Over the past few years we have lost The Joyful Whippet, The Balltree, and The Marquis of Grandby, leaving The Gardeners as the only pub in the village.

The Gardeners has been a meeting point for many clubs, including pensioners lunch clubs, and the home for football, golf, crib, and darts teams.

I have been a member of a weekly quiz team there for many years, and was the quizmaster for the last couple of years, with a well attended and very enjoyable quiz night.

The restaurant was also very popular, and I regularly had my Sunday Dinner there.

As an 80 year old widower, living alone, the Gardeners has been a place to go for company and conversation. I'm sure there are many in the area in a similar situation, and the loss of The Gardeners would mean there is nowhere left within walking distance.

In addition to this there is an estate of 400 houses being built just round the corner from The Gardeners; this means 400 families within walking distance of the pub who would otherwise have to drive to one - surely not what we are trying to achieve?

In view of the above I do ask that you give careful consideration to the impact this loss of a community asset would have before making a decision on the application.

Best

Lee Curtis.
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