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I object to this proposed change of use for the following reasons.

As a resident of Broadwater this had been my local pub for many years and was a place for the community to come together and socialise.

Given the shortcomings in both the Viability Statement and Planning Statement, the application fails to justify the conversion of Somptings' last pub.

The Gardeners Arms represents an established community asset, and its loss has not been adequately justified. The applicant has failed to robustly demonstrate that the pub is no longer viable or that reasonable efforts have been made to retain it in pub or community use, including meaningful marketing at a realistic value for a sufficient period.

The change of use would result in the permanent loss of a valued local facility, contrary to the objectives of the development plan, which seek to protect community uses and social infrastructure.

The Planning Statement places insufficient weight on the social role of the pub, and the Viability statement offers no supporting evidence.

In the absence of clear and compelling evidence to justify the loss of the public house and the clear support the pub has, the proposed change of use is unjustified and should be rejected.

Yours sincerely,
Karen Galtry