

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 04/11/2025 12:44 PM from Mr Malcolm Foster.

Application Summary

Address:	Gardeners Arms West Street Sompting West Sussex BN15 0AR
Proposal:	Change of use from Public House with flat over into full residential dwelling including relevant internal and external changes and loft conversion with dormer, half-gable end and roof windows.
Case Officer:	Peter Barnett

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Customer Details

Name:	Mr Malcolm Foster
Email:	
Address:	53 Beaumont Road Worthing West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Loss of General Amenity
Comments:	<p>The Gardeners Arms was the last remaining pub in Sompting. If planning permission is approved, this would remove the only remaining venue where the local community could meet socially. The Gardeners has a long history of serving the local community. Built in the 19th century, it has always been a friendly pub located in the original village main street. It was well known for its quirky 1962 British Rail passenger carriage built on to the side of the pub and for its home cooked food served daily. It was also the winner of the Arun and Adur CAMRA branch pub of the year. It offered a friendly old-fashioned atmosphere which together with its outside sun terrace was a great place to relax and meet with friends. All this will be gone, with no remaining alternative for the people of Sompting and surrounding neighbourhoods.</p> <p>It is difficult to see why the Gardeners could not be run as a viable pub business. It has enough, and there will soon be even more, residence within less than a mile's radius of the venue to make it work as a local pub. Past experience would also suggest that people are prepared to come from further afield to use this pub.</p>