

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 07/11/2025 10:53 AM from Mrs Ann Jennings.

### 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:	Mrs Ann Jennings
Email:	
Address:	24 Cokeham Road Sompting West Sussex

### Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Loss of General Amenity
Comments:	The Gardeners Arms, Sompting, is a lovely, old building and has been a popular, welcoming, well run pub offering quality drinks, food, and a comfortable, safe, social space. The Gardeners Arms has offered social and community amenities in the past, one being overflow parking for residents to relieve congestion and parking problems on the narrow village Main Street. There is no other pub in the village and nowhere offering such a community facility. The new owner bought the building as a pub but didn't open it, then fenced off the car park and took out the commercial kitchen without planning authority, in the intent of making the building a private residence. Sompting needs a pub, a community hub, to welcome existing residents and visitors, and new residents residing in the many new homes in the village. The building is attractive as it is, does not want its architectural heritage spoiling. The pub has many supporters who object strongly, like me, to it being turned into a private residence. Financial gain for one individual running roughshod over a community facility and heritage should not be allowed.