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Notification of Unsuccessful Nomination for Assets of Community Value

Dear Sarah Jane Marshall

Asset Name: The Gardener's Arms

Asset address and postcode: Public House, West Street, Sompting, BN15 0AR

Further to Adur & Worthing Council's letter dated 13 May 2026, advising of the nomination for the above asset to be included on the Councils List of Assets of Community Value, please be advised that after careful consideration, Adur & Worthing Council have classed the nomination as unsuccessful. Please see the following details regarding this decision:

- The Public House was closed in July 2025 when it was bought by an individual. Whilst the Council recognises the public house has, in the recent past, had community and social uses, there is no current non-ancillary use that furthers the social interests or social wellbeing of the local community. The Council considers that, due to its dilapidated condition and strip-out of pub fixtures and fittings, the likely sale price and post-sale investment required makes it financially unviable to be re-opened and run as a public house again. It is also noted there were no offers to purchase from community groups during marketing between 2022-2025.*

Adur & Worthing Council will proceed to include the above asset on the Assets of Community Value unsuccessful and removal register for the next 5 years, which can be viewed on the Council's Assets of Community Value and Community Right to Bid webpage.