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Just found this on my return. Don't know if any attempts have reached the correct place or even if still in time. Appreciate any help you can give. Thanks.

I object strongly to these applications for the following reasons:

1. Previous landlords opened daily, providing a pleasant environment for families and individuals to drop in, meet other residents and welcome newcomers.
2. Working with customers they improved their offer, adding light lunches, additional evening meals, quizzes, The Revellers (local drama group), various musicians and vocalists.
3. The pub was the hub of the Great Gransden area. It was designated a Village Asset and included in our Village Plan.
4. Things changed with the new landlords and the pub closed during covid lockdown.
5. As the hospitality industry was badly affected, many informal and formal offers of help to speed a successful re-opening were made. All were refused, making it clear to villagers that the landlords had no genuine intention of re-opening.
6. Our committee sought legal advice and the help of a successful pub re-opening organisation. The landlords stonewalled all attempts to communicate.
7. The Local Authority accepted the landlords' word that they intended to re-open. Now the pub is on the market, it is obvious that they do not.
8. The asking price for a 'going concern' without accounts is totally unrealistic.
9. The Crown and Cushion sign has been removed from the front wall.
10. The car park gate has been closed and an area sufficient to build a further property, cordended off.
11. Changes to furniture and furnishings in the public rooms make them more private.
12. In the four Bluebell group villages 2 pubs remain open. Little Gransden's brews beer on site, Abbotsley's serves meals.
13. The villages' poor public transport means socialising, including visiting these pubs requires private transport.
14. Over 50 new homes have been built in Gransden since the pub was last open and there are plans for more.
15. Without the pub there is nowhere to foster our community spirit and integrate new residents.
16. Gransden wants to buy the pub - but at a commercially appropriate price - to re-open it.
17. The village's heart must not be sacrificed on the altar of profit, forcing an Appeal.

Although no longer a Gransden resident, I remain a regular member of the community.

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