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From: DevelopmentControl
Sent: 11 March 2025 08:11
To: DevelopmentControl
Subject: Comments for Planning Application 25/00078/FUL

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 11/03/2025 8:10 AM from [redacted].

Application Summary

Address:	Crown And Cushion West Street Great Gransden SG19 3AT
Proposal:	Change of Use, including internal works, from Public House (Sui-Generis) to Dwelling (Class C3)
Case Officer:	Hannah Hodges

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Customer Details

Name:	[redacted]
Email:	[redacted]
Address:	5 Meadow Road Great Gransden Sandy

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	We write to strongly object to the Planning Application made for the Change of Use of the Crown & Cushion (C&C) Public House to a residential dwelling. This is the last Public House in the village. The Crown & Cushion has been the beating heart of the community for generations. It remains an Asset of Community Value and is vital to retain for future generations. The current owners purchased the property in recent years as a going concern. The outgoing landlord was running the C&C very successfully, with accounts showing a profit. [redacted]

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The COVID-19 pandemic has brought communities closer, highlighting the importance of facilities that enable community integration. The recent Pop-up Pub initiative has been a great success, demonstrating the strong demand for the C&C to remain a Public House.

The recent marketing of the property has been weak, with no external marketing boards advertising the property for sale. The property looks tired and neglected, with external signage and lighting removed without consent.

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Post-pandemic, there has been no effort to re-open the C&C.

The present owners should not have the right to change the property's use from its sole purpose as a Public House, a role it has fulfilled for over 400 years. This is a village asset that must remain for the villagers and younger generations, serving as a social hub with a warm and welcoming environment.

We draw attention to a similar application for the Dragoon Public House in Brampton, where an application for change of use to three dwellings was rightfully refused by the Planning Officer. This decision was made despite Brampton having alternative pubs and community facilities.

In contrast, the village of Hail Weston has successfully established a community-run pub, which was previously threatened with closure and change of use.

A local pub is the beating heart of any community. Great Gransden needs its village pub back. Losing the Crown & Cushion would be a travesty, and we strongly object to this application.

Kind regards