

	Online Comments
Application No:	18/04678/FUL
Comments:	<p>Regarding the above application, we would like to make the following comments.</p> <p>We strongly object to the proposed change of use for the following reasons.</p> <p>The success of this application will mean that the growing village will be served by only one pub, The White Hart, which does not serve food at the choice of the owners.</p> <p>The 'Shoes' was, and could be again, a draw for visitors on the bypass being at the top of the village on the village green, the traditional and a most attractive part of the village.</p> <p>Once tenants 1 were gone the pub declined in popularity. As tenants 2 had insufficient knowledge & experience in running a busy wet & dry pub, it is not surprising that customer volume deteriorated</p> <p>It once shared customers with The White Hart, which at that time also served food, both were popular & the village had less people, this suggests that it is the tenant not the facility which is wanting.</p> <p>As The White Hart does not open at lunchtime it cannot be considered to offer a full service to local customers, it even has to place a notice outside stating it is a “no food pub” presumably to avoid disappointing potential diners.</p> <p>Our understanding was that the pub would be sold as a going concern as suggested by Wadworths in Feb 2018</p> <p>We hope you take these comments into consideration in order to restore what was, a very important village & local facility.</p>
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