

	Online Comments
Application No:	19/11025/LBC
	<p>We are writing to comment on Planning Applications Nos 19/11025/LBC and also 19/10636/FUL which have recently been submitted. We have not been consulted on either of these applications, despite being owners of a neighbouring property and we have only been alerted to the proposal by the presence of a green planning application notice being posted on a nearby street-light on the High Street.</p> <p>Whilst it is a shame that The White Harte within the Marlborough Conservative Club should be closing after being there for many years, we have no objection to the proposed change of use to a dental clinic and surgery, given that for many years there was a dental surgery at nearby Potters End. Indeed, the proposal should reduce the present nuisance and improve the cleanliness and environment outside the property in the lane known as Russell Square/Russells Yard. Currently on occasions the lane is used as an overspill area for The White Harte, such that customers and employees come out on to the lane through the "fire door" to smoke, drink, and chat to each other or on their phones, and they frequently leave cigarette butts, glasses and other rubbish on the ground. There is no prescribed location for the storage of rubbish bins within the property and so The White Harte has been positioning them and leaving discarded boxes and crates on the east side of the lane, thereby considerably narrowing it for access and attracting vermin and birds and causing odours and rubbish to be blown around. With the change of use it is hoped that these activities will cease and nearby residents will once again be able to use and enjoy a much cleaner, quieter and safer lane.</p> <p>As there are already numerous eateries, cafes, restaurants and public houses in close proximity to the subject property a change to a different use should be supported.</p> <p>In changing the use to a dental clinic and surgery, or indeed any other use, we would wish to see the proposed design amended so that it does not provide for regular direct access to and from the lane thereby discouraging people from wandering up the lane and using the lane for smoking etc. We would like to see the number of doors reduced to the minimum necessary for fire escape purposes only. This will avoid the risk of people pushing a door open and coming out on to the lane and walking into a vehicle using the lane (as has happened several times over the last two years). Any windows on the ground floor overlooking the lane should, for privacy purposes, comprise opaque (not clear) glass and be kept closed. All the proposed dental surgeries, and particularly the proposed plant room (including any compressors), should be well sound-proofed so that drills and other equipment cannot be heard by adjacent residents and passersby. Finally, any waste disposal proposals and especially the storage of chemical and hazardous waste need to be carefully considered and frequent waste collections will be necessary to reduce the number of rubbish bins, which should all be stored within the property itself and not outside in the open.</p>
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