

PLANNING REF : 242953
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Woodlark House
: 3 Whiting Close, Warren Row, Reading, Berks
: RG10 8ER
SUBMITTED BY : Ms Sharon Louise Standerwick
DATE SUBMITTED : 09/12/2024

COMMENTS:

I support the application.

The Horns is at the heart of both Crazies Hill and Warren Row communities, and it plays a critical role in our community wellbeing. The purchase of the pub by no less than 37 members of the community (sadly I was not one of them) only serves to reinforce its value to us.

In the 8.5 years I have lived here there have been various tenants in the pub all of whom have failed to make the business viable. The changes the community owners want to make are essential to the long-term future of the Horns.

The Horns must evolve for it to be viable not just in 2025 but over the coming decades. The world we live in today is vastly different to the one in which the pub was built and if we want to retain the pub, we need to allow it to evolve. I would also argue that the plans are wholly consistent with the building's historic integrity - a community meeting place in which we gather after long hard days at work to spend time with friends and neighbors.

Furthermore, the pub already fallen into disrepair due to years of lack of investment, the sign rotted out and the gardens need attention. Its sad to go past it everyday and see the area in such a state and the absence of flowers and baskets in the summer. This application offers an opportunity to restore a welcoming community space, a space that will also offer somewhere for people to live and work as well as bring in revenue for the council.

If left undeveloped or left to go derelict it will be a waste and a target for flytipping (already an issue around the woods) and vandalism. PLEASE help us save our pub.