

PLANNING REF : 242954
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Woodlark House
: 3 Whiting Close, Warren Row, Reading, Berks
: RG10 8ER
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Steven Payne
DATE SUBMITTED : 09/12/2024

COMMENTS:

I support the plans. The changes the community owners want to make are essential to the long-term future of the Horns.

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 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.

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 Horns must evolve for it to be viable not just in 2025 but over the coming decades.

The pub has already fallen into disrepair due to years of lack of investment. If left undeveloped or left to go derelict it will be a target for flytipping and vandalism.

The council also benefits as the pub offers somewhere for people to live and work as well as bring in revenue for the council.