

Objection letter to Planning Application

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~~33~~ Giles Road

Littlemore, Oxford

Dear Ms Gray

Re: Planning Application 20/00934/FUL

We are writing to object to the above proposal in the strongest possible terms.

I (Barbara Kelly) have lived in Littlemore all my life and over many years several generations of my family have used this pub and its grounds for socialising, sporting activities and general community engagement. It is viewed as an institution providing a fantastic facility to so many from locally and further afield.

The pub and its land also lies in the Littlemore Conservation Area and has links to Saint John Henry Newman who lodged there as a simple priest serving the community in the early 1800s. It is very unfortunate that the person who owned the land and pub has chosen - by selling it on - to separate one from the other.

The space for the proposed development is far too small and the access for vehicles of residents would create danger and congestion. By taking the parking space at the rear away from the pub to allow the development it would severely curtail the capacity of parking for pub customers. Also the other members of the local and wider community who use it - parents from the local primary school; village hall users; church attendees; and Oxford United supporters. Over the years the pub has raised money for many charitable causes and hosted all sorts of community events. The pub will definitely be at risk of closing if this goes ahead.

The proposed development would theoretically provide 16 extra car users. Turning in and out of the pub would be dangerous and increase the traffic in the overly congested and polluted Sandford Road and further Oxford Road. Also children living in the houses would have to contend with traffic from the pub. An accident waiting to happen!

We both feel strongly the whole proposal is mis-guided and ill thought through by people who live outside of the village and have no thought for local community and its history

Yours sincerely

Barbara Kelly

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