

Comments for Planning Application 20/00934/FUL

Application Summary

Application Number: 20/00934/FUL

Address: Land To The Rear Of The George Inn 5 Sandford Road Littlemore Oxford Oxfordshire OX4 4PU

Proposal: Erection of 2 x 1 bed, 3 x 2 bed and 3 x 3 bed dwellings with associated off-street parking, private amenity, secure bicycle parking and recycling and refuse storage provisions.

Case Officer: Clare Gray

Customer Details

Name: Mr Stephen Edmunds

Address: 83 Mandelbrot drive Georges Park, Littlemore Oxford

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Access
- Effect on existing community facilities
- Effect on pollution
- Effect on traffic
- On-street parking
- Parking provision

Comment: Many pubs are disappearing rapidly due to many reasons which has a big impact on the local community and should be protected, this pub will not survive if the application is approved, due to the following reasons. No parking, the article in the Oxford Mail states 7 spaces is adequate for the size of the pub, clearly whoever advised on that figure has clearly not been there. The pub has numerous darts teams, more often than not two teams home together, two aunt sally teams, all away teams have at least three drivers, the women's darts most drive, plus home players all need space for their cars, Oxford United home and away supporters on a match when the whole area can be filled with cars. With insufficient parking these activities cannot survive and hence a major loss of revenue for the pub. On the subject of Oxford United, when there are big games against local or major rivals the gate into the car park is closed and manned to control ingress at request of the police, this will be unmanageable if the house were built as residents would need to be in and out, hence drinking in the pub would not be allowed by the police. To lose the patio area and Aunt sally throw would again be a major loss of revenue, two teams of six players plus all other supporting people and families during in the summer months enjoying the garden weigh there children. Also the landlord organises family days, activities for kids with all profits going to the local church as do all fund raising activities from the pub. The Church uses the George parking

as an overflow to the limited spaces on the road when there is a large service or wedding, this would again add to traffic congestion and problems for the residents of the Marlborough flats. Obviously an alternative parking would be on the paved area opposite and in railway lane, but I would guess that will be a major issue for those living in that area. If the current proposal were to go ahead, then there would not be sufficient parking for the residents, their families and friends, of course they will end parking on the pub spaces. So clearly although the pub itself, as suggested in the article in the Oxford Mail would not be effected, it would be in an untenable position to stay open with all the lost revenue, in addition the regulars who drive to the pub and leave their cars which I haven't mentioned previously would not be able to. Another key point is that the access out of the pub onto the road is blind and across a pavement, regular use of residents in and out I'm sure will lead to a serious accident sooner rather than later, and indeed how is construction traffic going to negotiate the area if approved? I believe a watered down may be two houses at the bottom could be viable in terms of the pub.