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Dear Anneliese Dodds,

I am writing reference the planning application number 20/00934/FUL the land at the rear of the George public house and the reasons why this should not go ahead. I have lived in Littlemore for all of my 62 years, with the George being a part of Littlemore life, and for me way back with my grandparents in the garden and later being a regular in the pub and of course that is one voice, many in Littlemore can relate the same story. Littlemore has lost in the past the Marlborough Head, the Fox Sandford. As you can appreciate a public house is a central part of the local community and The George being a very central part of Littlemore history and indeed being a major venue in the Oxfordshire pub summer game Aunt Sally.

This is of course not a reason to turn down a planning application. Many pubs are disappearing rapidly due to many reasons which has a big impact on the local community as I guess you will know 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 loose 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. 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? In a closing opinion, clearly my perception of the whole matter is that the current owner (taken over in the previous year) purchased it for one reason and one reason only to build on the land, knowing full well that one that had gone ahead then the pub would close on non profit making, that fact becomes more plausible when reading who the proposed builder is ! So as My constituency MP I ask you to represent the locals and oppose the current planning proposal, I believe a watered down may be two house at the bottom could be viable in terms of the pub.

Yours sincerely,  
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