

Business Statement supporting the Planning Application for Erection of a open freestanding fabric tent to cover part of existing external licensed drinking area

Vision

This is a community pub and we need to evolve to keep this business going .

Due to the Covid pandemic it was clear that the business would not be able to survive if we did not have an outdoor trading space that was covered, had heating and lighting. We looked to use a structure that could be used Summer and Winter for most of the year.

As part of the customer offer we need a larger part of the existing outdoor licensed area to sit under and be protected against the british weather .

We decide to use a stretch tent as it can be moved or reconfigured depending on the usage and at what time of the year it is being used, this meant we had a large tent that could cover the existing paving / decking. We also allowed for seats to be dotted around the rest of the garden so those that would like to sit in the sun could do so.

The tent is furnished with loose benches tables and chairs.

It is clear that outside trading spaces are now essential for the hospitality industry and to date we have realised that lots of people would rather sit out-side when eating and drinking rather than inside as this reduces the risk of infection.

The tent is not an enclosed room it is in fact open on all side and this allows for natural air flow through the area.

Why do we want to do this

We want to do this to provide our Publican with an outside trading space that will help to keep the business sustainable during these tough times. It will also allow customers to continue to use their community pub whilst feeling they are in a safe environment whilst socialising with family and friends.

When will it be used

The Stretch tent could be used most of the year if needed dependant on the amount of heating and lighting fitted.

The tent will be made available to customers every day even though there are no restrictions on the premises licence but we are mindful that the pub is situated in a residential area and we do not want to cause noise issues for our neighbours so this will be managed by the publican.