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Dear sir,

RE: Proposed Creation of Dwelling The Greyhound The Street Botesdale

Please find attached our Planning Application seeking retrospective consent for the above.

The Greyhound Pub is a key local facility in Botesdale and provides the full services of a public house and restaurant. As currently configured, the building contains the primary pub on the ground floor in the main street-facing section, on the first floor is a self-contained two-bedroom apartment and self-contained managers accommodation.

In a rear section, and as previously existing, were two ancillary rooms on the ground floor and two letting rooms and a bathroom above. It became clear over a number of years of operation up to 2005 that the maintenance of these rooms was not financially viable as they did not attract the level of occupation required. In order to support the viability and future of The Greyhound this area was converted into a separate dwelling. The dwelling has its own dedicated postal address and Council Tax levy with occupation commencing in 2005.

The accommodation created is a modest two-bedroom dwelling. As the images on the Proposed Floor Plan drawing show the dwelling has the appearance of a traditional cottage resembling a conversion of an out-building. Access is taken from The Street to an internal courtyard where car parking and cycle/bin storage is provided. To the rear of the created dwelling is a good-sized amenity space typical of those found in the centre of Suffolk villages. The Site Location plan illustrates the 'urban grain' of existing development and shows a typical arrangement and density of buildings – often dwellings – behind more formal frontage development.

I hope the proposal, which has not affected the operation or viability of The Greyhound will be found acceptable and I look forward to responding to any comments you may have; if in the meantime you require any further information please feel free to call me at any time.

Yours faithfully,

Antony Pettifer | [architectural](#)