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As you are aware from the previous update a Planning Application has gone in to convert The Foresters Arms into three houses.

Having read the application carefully it is difficult, regretfully, to give guidance on any strong grounds for objection as the application stands.

The application is well researched. The current plans are sympathetic to the building and its position in the proposed extended conservation area. Although the village would be losing an amenity it is pointed out that there is another pub in the village and other community meeting places.

Harveys makes a strong case that the business is no longer viable and has been in decline for several years.

### **So what is happening?**

- 1) Advice is pending from CAMRA.
- 2) The Parish Council have applied to Wealden to make the Foresters, Kings Head and Blacksmiths Assets of Community Value (ACV). If a pub is an ACV the community has the option to purchase the pub. It may be too late for the Foresters but could help protect the other two pubs.
- 3) Village Concerns has applied for The Foresters Arms to be a listed building and for Wealden to put a Building Preservation Order on it. This could prevent another application going in which is less sympathetic or more extensive.

### **What can you do?**

#### **1) Make a comment to Wealden**

Submit a comment online for Planning application WD/2017/1290/F. The deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup>.

<http://www.planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=138586>

or email: [planning@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:planning@wealden.gov.uk)

or write to: Wealden District Council, Head of Planning and Building Control, Council Offices, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham BN27 2AX

#### **Always give your name and address and quote the Planning Application Number WD/2017/1290/F**

Comments you could make.

- a) The Historic Building should be preserved. It is an important part of the proposed Conservation area.
- b) There is a hedgerow at the side of the building which needs to be preserved. The application actually says there are no hedgerows.
- c) The Foresters has played an important part in Village Society for over 100 years.
- d) The Application says that the Foresters is not valued by the community. In your own words prove them wrong. Explain why the pub is important to you personally and to the community.

#### **2) Write to Harveys' Directors.**

Appeal to them to try to get another tenant with a good business model and experience relevant to running a Village pub. Say that the community has always valued the pub. It has been in Harveys' portfolio for over 100 years. It is part of their heritage as well as that of the village. Explain why the pub is important to you personally. We do value the pub. Make suggestions for making the pub a success.

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