

Recipient: Rob Tulloch at Camden Council, Councillor Chris Knight, Councillor Simon Marcus, and Councillor Linda Chung

Letter: Greetings,

We wish to object to the application to change the Old White Bear in Well Road, NW3 from a public house (Class A4) to a six-bedroom house (Class C3).

The Old White Bear has been on this site since the early 1700's and there is no less need for it today than during the past 300 years. NW3 has lost 14 pubs to conversion since 1995 - this has already dramatically reduced the amount of available space for community use.

The Old White Bear plays an important and active community role, and is accessible to all members of the community, including the disabled. The pub fulfils many functions for local residents and visitors including meetings of local interest groups, school parents and residents that cannot be provided elsewhere.

By declaring the pub as "simply not big enough to provide a community role", the Developer has chosen to ignore that the first floor houses an upstairs function room which is regularly used by the pub or hired out. Added to the two separate rooms on the ground floor, there is a generous availability of space for multiple uses at any time of the day or evening.

The Developer states that the existing trade is unviable. There is no economic data provided in the application to underwrite this statement and the existing team have made it clear that the business is successful and has grown year-on-year for the past 4 years.

The supporting statement submitted with the application refers to Camden's policy supporting economic growth in order to create jobs, but if the pub is lost it will result in the loss of 16 full-time and 5 part-time jobs.

In summary, this application goes against Camden planning policy DP15. The adopted policy document states;

"We will resist the loss of local pubs that serve a community role (for example by providing space for evening classes, clubs, meetings or performances) unless

alternative provision is available nearby or it can be demonstrated to the Council's satisfaction that the premises are no longer economically viable for pub use."

Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Leean Young	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-09	A local institution with a rich history
Sam Young	London, Bahamas	2013-12-09	It's our local community being hurt
luke lawrence	dunmow, United Kingdom	2013-12-09	its a great 'proper' local pub serving the local community!
Janet White	Andover, United Kingdom	2013-12-09	As a former Camden resident (and still a visitor) it concerns me to see the character of Camden destroyed by commercial interests
Leonie Syron	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-09	I use this place and love it
Marie Crawford	North Bondi, Australia	2013-12-09	Love the
Samantha Waite	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-09	This is a 300 year old pub with historic cultural significance and a modern thriving business. It is the heart of a community, where people meet and mix and enjoy the beautiful surrounds. It is a busy and popular pub and a very viable business. Please do not let this pub become a domestic dwelling. There is plenty of housing in this region, the loss of this pub will be terrible and irreversible.
Serafiina Sainio	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-09	This place has so much history, it serves whole community and has so many functions. would be sad to let some rich developer to undevelope the area with changing this pub to be he´s house.. very sad. This should not be allowed as these pieces of history will not return if it is ones destroyed and small local pubs that are such a big part of Englands history are lost.
Lucy Sanderse	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-09	This pub is part of our community and should not be developed into a residential dwelling.
Therese Carlbrand	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	My friend Philippa works here and she is really passionate about this place so I want to help and support the best that I can!
Robyn Smith	Australia	2013-12-10	Never before have I known a business to be so loved by its staff and its punters, it seems foolish to allow that pleasure to be limited to the 6 people sleeping in those 6 bedrooms and not to the rest of the Hampstead community and its visitors. Bah humbug to a private dwelling.
Philip Matthews	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	NW3 has lost 14 pubs to conversion since 1995 - this has already dramatically reduced the amount of available space for community use.

it is different in character from many other public houses in the area as it has a family environment.

By declaring the pub as "simply not big enough to provide a community role", the Developer has displayed ignorance of the facts, which would be obvious if checked. these facts will form part of my formal objections to the planning application.

The Developer states that the existing trade is unviable. There is no economic data provided in the application to underwrite this statement and the existing team have made it clear that the business is successful and has grown year-on-year for the past 4 years. I believe that a very large premium was paid for the goodwill at aced to the remaining lease term. If the business is not viable there is no goodwill. so either this statement about viability is false or the developer is a fool.

If the pub is lost it will result in the loss of almost 20 jobs.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Lucy Fenton	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	This is a beautiful, popular old pub which provides jobs and character to the community. It would be a sad and unnecessary loss.
Michael Haslam	London N8, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	The Change-of-Use application is not supported by any relevant data. "When you have lost your pubs, weep, for you have lost the last of England." GK Chesterton.
Elizabeth Bowman	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	One of the best in London it would be a massive loss to the community and visitors to the area if it were to close.
Sophie Bewick	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	Because this is a truly great pub which keeps the community together and stops the area just being one more anonymous suburb where no one smiles at each other
Courtney Fonseca	Islington, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	great atmosphere whatever the occasion. it will be missed greatly
Barry Hamilton	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	One of few remaining public houses
John Cryne	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	http://tinyurl.com/savethebear
Neal Whitmore	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	There are LOADS of 6 bed houses round here but only one Old White Bear! We love this pub.
Chris Fisher	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	Because its a charming pub!
Colette McNeil	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	This is a landmark building in Hampstead and has been a pub for centuries.. There is no lack of expensive property development in Hampstead, but we are left with a great shortage of traditional pubs where the local community can meet and interact.
Jason Holdsworth	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	It is a place for all of the community to meet regularly
Victoria Taylor	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	I went to school near this pub and i have visited it for the last 25 years. Beautiful building in a beautiful area that should be preserved
sophie conntaylor	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	It reminds me of my childhood! I went to school at New End :)
Sarah Duncan	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	We have lived in the area for many years and this pub is the centre of the community. It is well run, quiet, lovely atmosphere etc. If sold I am sure it would become the London base of some wealthy foreigner who is never there.
Andrew Duncan	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	It is a brilliant pub and vital local community which we have used for 45 years. It is beautifully run and people come to it from all over London. It is absurd to turn it into a six bedroomed house which will probably be owned by a foreign oligarch, possibly laundering money, who may never even live there. It could well become one of London's many rarely used 'homes'. Please do not give planning permission to yet another offshore company and sacrifice a 300 year old institution.
Philippa Smith	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	The Old White Bear is the oldest pub in Hampstead, and the building has been there since the 17th Century. It is the centre of the local community and is an extremely important hub for the Hampstead residents - in the last 4 years the team working behind the Bear have brought it to its full potential being an absolute gem. The Change of Use application CANNOT go ahead it will ruin the area & destroy the local community.
Louise Eventon	France	2013-12-10	Community pubs which have been in situ for many many years should continue to be used as such and not turned into yet more uber expensive housing which destroys community atmosphere...much in demand in London.
Carol Smith	Tunbridge Wells, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	Such a great pub mid way between Hampstead High St and the Heath - a haven with excellent facilities, great wines and food - please don't change it!

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Will Mulvey	Tunbridge Wells, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	What's the point of living there if there is no decent pub to drink in nearby?
Hanna Pepe	Leeds, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	People loosing jobs for someone to make money on housing...central hub of people living in the area being taken down. So sad :-(
Tim Ruffles	NW3 1RD, Lithuania	2013-12-10	Hampstead is fantastic precisely because it has things other than houses in it...
Fiona Cameron	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	I love Hampstead for the history, community & great foods & pubs. Selling this historic pub to turn it into flat is wrong. The Hare & Hound went the same way & Jack Straws is now a Yoga centre. Pls save this pub!
Sandra Johnson	Bushey, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	Heritage, grew up in Hampstead, my family roots, good for community etc - developing it into flats is not only a crime but also a pure indulgence of the most greedy nature
Kiran Nandra	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	This pub is in irreplaceable part of our history and community. To destroy it to make way for a developer is a travesty.
carole holway	United Kingdom	2013-12-10	It has been my daughter's place of employment for the last 3 years. I have come to know through my daughter of the importance of this public place with regards to the local community.
claudia malic	toronto, Canada	2013-12-10	I have been there and ate many times. It is a lovely place with lots of history and is a viable business as well.
david arnold	londonrdLondon, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	Its historic,not property developed,socially important and a longstanding part of Hempstead environment
Sebastian Wocker	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	An essential part of New End, if The Old White Bear closes and turns into private residence it will be another nail in the coffin of a once vibrant community.
Olivia Knox	Australia	2013-12-10	Community and heritage sustainability
Claire Colvin	Exeter, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	I spent my childhood there!
Sophie Soumier	LONDON, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	the old white bear is such a great place !
Angela Parslow	Munich, Germany	2013-12-10	it is one of the treasures of Hamsptead...
kate fox	Reading, United Kingdom	2013-12-10	I used to work at the Old White Bear it is a fantastic old hallmark of Hampstead and would be ridiculous as a guest house! So few old, traditional places are left in Hampstead now.....
Richard Davies	Hampstead London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	This is an outrage. If the planning application is allowed to go ahead a priceless asset for the Hampstead community will be forever ripped out, never to be replaced.
Xavier Lopez	France	2013-12-11	Fell in love with Hampstead when I lived and worked in London 2 years ago, and want to keep the beauty and the authenticity of the most beautiful area in that city. Would be a shame to convert this historic place.
BARBARA WASSERMAN	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	The Old White Bear has been an institution in Hampstead for so long and it is such a familiar face in our village. Why would you take such an historic landmark and turn it into a house? This pub brings in money from tourists and provides locals with a place to go with the family. To lose this would be heartbreaking.
Simon Hosking	Australia	2013-12-11	A North London institution that must be preserved. We can not afford for such a fantastic venue to only be enjoyed by a wealthy few.
Chris Free	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	lived in Hampstead for 9 years regularly go back - Ye Ole White Bear is a fantastic addition to Hampstead village life - it is an absurd idea to replace it with flats - totally and utterly bonkers.

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Rebecca King	Australia	2013-12-11	I support of the local community
Martin Turner	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	A historical landmark with important personal memories
Andrew Vezey	Buenos Aires, Argentina	2013-12-11	Stop destroying history and start helping communities. A few years ago, the same thing was about to happen to the Wells Tavern. As a local resident I bought into saving it. I lost a lot of money but the pub remains. Dont kill the White Bear. It would be a huge mistake.
fabian stueckrath	Germany	2013-12-11	love ye old bear
fiona miller	watford, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	to maintain a facility for the community that brings people together and has a heritage within the area
Simonne Holdsworth	Hampstead, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	It is my local, I visit them numerous times per week
Lisa Dawson	York, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	Visited pub many times.
Claudia Smith	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	I am strongly against this application This pub is very important to the local community. It is a place where local residents can meet each other, meet friends and socialise. It is the heart of village life. If the application is granted part of the social fabric of the local community will be lost forever.
alain Le Grignou	Paris, France	2013-12-11	Does not London have enough luxury bedroom houses yet ?
Andy Hoyland	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	Because, for years, this pub was my local and it is a focal point for the local community. Hampstead doesn't need another luxury house....it has enough already.
Conrad Blakemore	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	Hampstead cannot afford to lose another pub. The WB should become a normal pub not an overpriced Gastro. Developers are ruining NW3 and turning into a theme park for the uber-rich!
Paul Harvey	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	My favourite pub after a Sunday walk on the Heath. Has a unique character which should be preserved as part of our heritage. This pub is an on-going concern, which has the potential to make a large profit as a well run gastro pub.
Thomas Glasgow	Germany	2013-12-11	This place is my second Home when I'm in Hampsted
DAVID BRILL	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	It is one of the Pubs that defines Hampstead for me
Nigel Green	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	My family and I regularly visit my brother David and my brother Paul for lunch at the White Bear at weekends. It is a great place to socialise and is a real part of the Hampstead scene. It would be a travesty to loose such a great pub/bar/restaurant
Sharon Atalay	Westminster, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	It's a part of Hampstead
Enis Atalay	Westminster, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	It's an institution!!!
Alexis Loizou	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	It's part of Hampstead's rich history, it's charm and appeal. It would be a shame to see it disappear in favour of more housing that won't make a similar contribution to the area.
Dennis Moynihan	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	As a Londoner and previous area resident, protecting these institutions are a key part of maintaining our cultural heritage and community fabric.

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harjit kaur	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	Need this pub open because of the history behind and great atmosphere. everything bout this pub is great and adds a great feeling to be around and the drinks and food is great. please don't close down this pub as it a asset for London. thanks Harjit
terry mcgivern	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	This is a valuable local community asset which should be retained
William Green	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	This is an historic hostelry that should continue giving enjoyment to the community
Rubenn Dovar	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	020 8445 9112
Stephen West	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	Continuing eroding of community by private developers is to the detriment of the area; not just those that reside but also the thousands of visitors to Hampstead.
jonathan bergman	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	The disruption and noise and increased traffic activity will effect pupils schooling close by It will be an enormous loss to the residential community iwith all of the activity within these unusually narrow streets effecting Burgh House amongst many others
Ian Short	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	Great pub. Adds a lot of character to local community. too many disappearing
Helen Sherman	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	Too many businesses disappearing and therefore loss of amenities
Charlotte Gribben	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	It would be a real shame to lost the old white bear its part of Hampstead!
Rick Conrad	Bradford On Avon, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	I have been going to this pub regularly since 1980, it's a local institution. Hampstead doesn't need another luxury housing development, there's more than enough already. This is an historic pub that serves the local community. Let's keep it that way.
Robert Balyuzi	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	This pub is an essential element of our local community and has been for centuries past.. Historically,present day Hampstead grew around the core of the New End area, where I have spent all of my 70 years. The area surrounding the pub was in the 18th Century known as White Bear Green. The visitors who flocked to Hampstead at that time to take the medicinal waters in the nearby Pump Room would have known and drunk at The White Bear. Doubtless, Keats, Dickens, Constable, Henry James, Dr Johnston and so many other of the giants of our cultural heritage, who either lived in or regularly visited Hampstead, would have known the pub too,as both Baines and Barratt in their histories of Hampstead tell us that it is one of the oldest inns in Hampstead. For this to be lost to satisfy the avarice of a Company which does not even have the good grace to be registered in the UK, is unthinkable. The overriding responsibility of a Local Authority is to act in the common good and to protect the integrity of the community which it serves. Hampstead needs The White Bear, it has no need of another six bedroom house to be occupied by a multi-millionaire.
Jacqueline Figueiredo	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	It is a landmark and should not be turned into yet another luxury housing which has no historic meaning
Lorraine foxLorraineFox	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	there are more than enough luxury 6 bedroom houses in Nw3.
Victoria Smith	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	I'm a local resident and Hampstead Business owner and I love this beautiful pub which is a great meeting place for the local community.
Mark Anchal	Hampstead, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	It contributes more to the local fabric than a luxury house conversion would.

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Adam O'Gilvie	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	I have celebrated a number of Christmas Eve's at the Old White Bear over the years and would hate to see it go!
Rubenn Dovar	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	Over 300 years of history will go down the pan if this wonderful place is converted just to satisfy the market for those rich enough to continue to erode the fabric of Hampstead. There is no moral, ethical or justifiable reason for the redevelopment of the White Bear which is so loved by so many people, into yet another expensive private home. Rubenn Dovar
Natasha Panas	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	I've been going to this wonderful pub for years with my dogs. It's cosy and warm and serves delicious food. For it to close would be a crying shame as it is the favourite pub of many dog owners and non dog owners alike.
Deb Cross	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	This wonderful pub and restaurant has been a community gathering place for centuries, and more recently has added an exceptional calibre of dining and delightful service to Hampstead. This beautiful and historic building deserves to continue to be enjoyed by customers, the public and the hardworking publicans; not just by the select few who may (or may not) live there, if it is converted to a private home .
Sean Spence	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	We've lost too many local pubs and other facilities which attract visitors to the area and help create a community. This is a great old pub, steeped in history, and would be a real loss to Hampstead.
Gerry Lewis	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	A FIRST CLASS AND IRREPLACEABLE LOCAL RESTAURANT.
malcolm weir	highgate, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	too many nice pubs like this have been lost and the area is losing its character
Elaina Bailes	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	The Old White Bear is a wonderful historic pub and an asset to the local community.
Robert Balyuzi	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	Just love it's atmosphere and do not want that to disappear.
Ian Fitzsimmons	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	This pub is important to me because we use the restaurant frequently. More importantly it's part of the charm of Hampstead.
Oliver Mayo	Lonodn, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	Hampstead is losing all its character to more residential homes which are mostly being sold to foreigners who use them as second homes anyway.
Barbara Jackson	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	Unfortunately more than half the pubs in Hampstead have closed since we moved here in 1989. The White Bear was a great little pub and more recently a great Gastro pub. We need these businesses more than expensive houses in Hampstead as they provide a community facility as well as local employment. Thus I wish to object to the change in use of these premises.
Simon Cawkwell	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	Because I think it is quite ridiculous for the vast surge of speculation currently going on in residential property to cause an important Hampstead landmark to close down. What will be the position when the speculation boils over?
Vera Coleman	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	What a shame to see the destruction of so many old buildings that give Hampstead its unique atmosphere. If 14 pubs have disappeared since 1995, how many will survive in the next 15 years? There are many developments of flats in the area, without sacrificing our community pus.
Ken Pyne	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	Because I live a few yards from the Old White Bear and apart from being one of the few places left where locals can still meet it is part of the history of the area
Martin Craxton	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	We often take guests and foreign visitors up to the Hampstead Heath. Dropping in at a pub like this with so much history and character is an essential part of this experience.
anna kusner	leeds, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	i love this pub and worked there

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Stephen Keppel	Miami, FL	2013-12-11	I lived right around the way on Gardner Road and loved this amazing pub. The world needs more "Old White Bear's"!
Richard Patrick	Archway, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	You might as well build another coffee shop or bakery, I hate to see the decline of Hampstead into a almost gated housing estate.
Dominique Cussen	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	It is our local pub/restaurant. It serves great food. Hampstead is blighted with overbuilding. We don't need another developer to make a greedy profit, we need the village to retain its charm and identity.
Ron Finlay	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	I've patronised it for years and it's a Hampstead landmark. Allowing the application would contradict Camden's own planning policy (DP15).
howard ross	London GB, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	This is an historic pub not a site for a luxury residential development!
Eunice Kossoff	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	This pub is an integral part of the Hampstead community. If we lose traditional pubs such as this, the area will become just another suburb.
Denis Ross	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	The pub is a longstanding and popular feature of Hampstead with an excellent restaurant and should not be replaced by expensive private housing
Caitlin Cannon	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	This is the most elegant pub in Hampstead with the best food and a wonderful neighbourly vibe. I understand why people want to live in Hampstead, but the area lose its appeal and become just a sleepy (rich) suburb if we don't fight to protect these historic local pubs.
David Brown	LONDON, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	Fond memories of drinking in this lovely hidden gem of a pub..
Aaron Watkins	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	The closure of The Old White Bear would be an enormous loss for Hampstead and residents all over the Camden area. There are far too few pubs (serving outstanding food) of this calibre. The history in Hampstead has been of pub closures in favour of housing. There has to be a balance. The area needs quality amenities such as this one. I am firmly of the view that the closure of The Old White Bear would be to strike the wrong balance. I would urge Camden Council not to grant this application and to allow what is a first rate pub and centrepiece in Hampstead's social scene, to continue growing and serving Camden's residents.
Cheryl Farmer	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	The loss of The Old White Bear would be devastating to its friends and neighbors. It would be a tremendous loss of culture and would signal a disregard to the preservation of the history of the neighborhood. I think a viable, high quality local establishment should be saved from the interests of developers looking for a real estate opportunity.
John Whiting	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	300 years of boom-and-bust economies weren't enough to destroy it but today's housing bubble may do the trick.
ElizabethElizabeth Boyd	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	I feel it is important to keep The Old Bear as a Hampstead pub. It has been in existence since 1704!
Yvonne Corr	Hemel Hempstead, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	USE THIS PUB TO MEET FRIENDS
paul wenham	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	This has been a favourite haunt in Hampstead for many years.

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sandra pukite	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	The Old White Bear is a slice of historical significance in Hampstead. Pubs down the back streets, a vibrant High Street, and a diverse community are all a part of what Hampstead was and is still. Please don't take away a place that everyone can enjoy to make room for another privileged family home. While there is still demand for pubs in Hampstead, keep it for what it is. We've had enough of the private property investors taking over our children's playgrounds, hospitals, churches and businesses for profiteering. Please, please save this and retain it's original zoning.
Stuart Holms	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	Hampstead thrives on independent business and is slowly losing its charm
Charlotte Hogg	Poole, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	It provides a fantastic dining experience for friends and family which is un-replaceable!
rachelle cohen	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	This is a lovely pub/restaurant and fits perfectly in Hampstead
christopher benjamin	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	this is a beautiful old english pub giving immense pleasure to locals and tourists alike it was a favourite pub of mine in 1956 when I was a student and remains so to day. a 6 bed house will be of no benefit to the community and maybe give pleasure to a dozen people and to the developers.
Peter White	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	A great pub as opposed to so-called luxury flats. Which of the two is of more value to the community? Need one ask!
Monica Taddei	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	Big companies are kicking out real residents and businesses from Hampstead to replace them with yet more useless chains and luxury flats that will be just empty investments. Hampstead is a community of real people. Give us back houses and businesses.
Lady Hannah Lowy Mitchell	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	It's important because The Old White Bear is such an integral part of Hampstead life. Don't ruin our history - we do not need any more luxury homes - we need to nurture what we have and treasure the beauty of our historic landmarks. The Old White Bear is part of our lives....
amanda holder	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	There are too many chains and not enough individual places in HAMPSTEAD.
Philip Schofield	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	This is a local pub, bar and restaurant and it would be a real shame if yet another local pub was to close in this lovely village.
mary whiting	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	Vandalism of our heritage!! This is SUCH a well-known landmark - OLD, HISTORIC, much liked, and a successful hostelry to boot. Part of Hampstead's heritage. Lost to private wealth forever.
Angus Ion	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	We simply do not need another billionaire hedge fund trader or Russian oligarch adding to their trophy property portfolio. I have lived in Hampstead for 30 yrs and seen one pub after another disappear. I have been going to this Pub on and off for the last 20 years. There must be someone out there who could easily make it work. Good food, dog and child friendly is all it requires.
Sarah Wingate	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	It's my local pub.
Eleni Achilleos	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	The White Bear is a great place for people in the area to stay in touch with each other. And all the great pubs are disappearing
M Armstrong	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	Historical conservation.
Paul Byers	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	Hampstead has lost many pubs over the years and there is already a lack of choice of good places local residents can go to socialise and meet others. The Old White Bear is an attractive and historic pub, of which there are very few now left in the area. Hampstead is not short of luxury homes and does not need to lose a great pub to create yet another.
antonia briffa	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	important local pub that hosts many a get together
Sandra Baig	Germany	2013-12-11	I have lived in London myself.

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Christina Roberts	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	The White Bear is an integral part of the Hampstead community. It is a place for People to meet and catch up and make memories.
Pedro Rafael	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	The Olde White Bear is a living historical component of this community and contributes to the unique charm of Hampstead.
Lisa Knight	Perth, Australia	2013-12-11	It was the centre of my life and community 6 years ago. It is a beautiful old building and a place for people to meet.
Yvonne Baker	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	great shame to lose a wonderful and attractive amenity
John Marshall	Southport, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	Once it has gone this 300 yr old pub can never be replaced. The business is good to very good and the community will be losing a valuable asset that cannot be replaced.
Henriette Pordan	København, Denmark	2013-12-11	It is by far the most wonderful pub, not only in Hampstead, not only in London but - probably in the world, To derive everybody - not least the coming generations - of the opportunity of spending time in this little gem of a waterhole would be to make everyone a lot poorer. Please let this very special house remain, as it has been for the past centuries, a great place- for everyone to enjoy!
Ryoko Williamson	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	The pub is a part of the community
Bo Kolbye	København, Denmark	2013-12-11	It has been my treasured Local pub in London for more than two decades.
Marilyn Grossman	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	Let's stop yet another nail in the coffin of Hampstead's very few remaining proper pubs.
Hoda Ali	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	I often visit this pub in hampstead
Vicky Joseph	LONDON, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	It's the best food for miles around. We need pubs that offer a service to the community not single luxury houses
Pepi Armara	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	Historic local pubs like this one need to be protected.
Nikolas Kantas	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	it would be loss from the historical, emotional and area character aspect
Sascha Hecks	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-11	This pub is one of the best in London - it's been the heart of many events, lunches and dinners in my life over the years and I regularly trek from the other side of London just to visit it. The staff are wonderful, the food and wine excellent and the atmosphere charming. Always. Please don't take away the heart of a community for money (and it's not even my local!) - your borough is much better with it!
Corinne Gibbons	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	Maintaining the character & use of significant buildings in the Hampstead Conservation Area.
Mark Botkai	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	Save local character and social centre
Stephen Taylor	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	Hampstead is losing all its character, thanks to these sad, money means all developers. For any social centre to exist for all these well-to-do buyers in NW3 to have anything to offer their visitors (who presumably have been attracted to the historic ideas of Hampstead being a refuge of the artistic set, it is vital to retain traditional English pubs. Perhaps the viability of the OWB was due to the conversion to restaurant use by previous owners, rather than its failure as a restaurant being clear evidence of its unviability as a pub. How many restaurants can an area support?
mander semmsmandrsemmen s13@hotmail.co.uk	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	Because it was one of the pub's i went to when i lived there in Hampstead in the "Pryors" In the 70's / 80's /
Chris Benz	United Kingdom	2013-12-12	It is an institution in Hampstead!
Marianthi Mikhaliysi	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	Don't want to see another Hampstead Landmark converted

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Alexandra Lavery	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	This is my favourite very close by neighbourly pub/restaurant
Andrew Lavery	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	It is a local facility which I use frequently.ew end will be hollow and without vibrance if it were to be replaced with a residential house.
Simon Lang FRAS	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	It is a charming old hostelry and an important part of Hampstead history. Most people buying private housing in Hampstead have no allegiance to the area and are speculative profiteers. The local community is slowly being eroded away as only the mega wealthy can afford to buy here now. Soon we'll have no useful businesses or places to go to socialise at an affordable price. The Old White Bear has been an integral part of the community and must be able to continue as such.
Adam Jones	Australia	2013-12-12	Having lived in hampstead for 10 years and seen a number of pubs close, I think it would be a shame to lose another for a dwelling house. Community facilities such as public houses are important to the social fabric of places.
MARTIN THOMPSON	LONDON, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	This pub is part of Hampstead History - some 300 years of history. We need to preserve our past for the sake of those who come after us. The pub is still viable. It has a regular clientel and makes a profit from what I gather. To me it seems illogical to make it into a house under these circumstances.
elaine kershberg	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	lovely old pub, great restaurant kids and dogs welcome please don't allow anymore hideous development that only benefits the developers
Alex Tew	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	Beautiful old public buildings should be kept accessible to the public, and not moved into the realms of private ownership for the rich.
Stephanie Gray	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	This pub is a real asset to the community and has unrivalled features unavailable elsewhere in NW3. Its' loss would be unforgiveable.
Miranda Carter	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	This is an important and enjoyable part of London history.
Kitty Brod	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	The Old White Bear is a delightful local gastro pub which has and still does serve the area admirably.
Julian Boss	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	beautiful, characterful hostelry which is a local landmark and social focal point for the community.
nicola finnerty	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	The Bear is an integral part of the New End community which includes the general store, a cafe, 3 schools, 2 nurseries, Christchurch and a Synagogue. Each relies on the other. The core clientel is local, the staff are fantastic and the ambience and service is different to that provided by the Duke and the Wells. Its use as a pub contributes to the community's view of it being of heritage value as well as its social value and sense of identity in Hampstead Village. The loss of this thriving pub would result in a loss of vibrancy and diversity that the area currently enjoys and would harm the character of the Conservation Area as a whole. It must be saved!
michael white	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	Hampstead village needs community amenities like pubs, not yet another mansion for a banker.
Margaret Benz	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	It is our local pub and it is also a historic building in a conservation area!
William Reeve	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	The White Bear is one of only a handful of decent pubs in NW3 and removing it would leave the Wells with a practical monopoly (of similar pubs) in that immediate locality.
Ioulia Bessa	Lonodn, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	I very often go there with my friends! We all live around! It is our meeting spot...
saima khan	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	To keep the local community intact, dont want more developments in the area.
Gillian Gould	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	PRESERVE INTEGRITY OF HISTORIC VILLAGE
michael stock	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	I just love the place-a wonderful social and special place full of history

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Jules Burns	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	it is one of the best and most hospitable eateries in Hampstead
karen smith	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	because i am a local resident. we DO NOT need more luxury housing in Hampstead.
Caroline Reik	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	Wonderful local pub at the very top of my road - in both summer and winter it is a very special spot for walkers and locals alike
Pamela Dixon	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	I've been visiting it for years when I'm in that part of London
Jim Morrison	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	I love this pub and we need pubs and publicans not property developers. When the last pub is gone will you wonder why the place has no atmosphere anymore?
phyllis walters	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	this pub has both historic value, and community value, and brings business into the area.
Nigel Walker	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	I have been a patron of Ye Olde White Bear for probably 40 years. It is a great local pub, and Hampstead is losing institutions like this every year. Soon Hampstead will be nothing but flats and houses with no amenities. The Council needs to consider the needs of existing residents, not just the profits of property developers. Hampstead needs more pubs, not fewer. This latest raid on available community space should be stopped - the Council needs to send a message to other predatory developers that their plans will not succeed.
Luisa Serafini	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	This pub should not be replaced by housing, better to keep a business going that supports the local economy and serves happy locals!
Martin evans	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	I visit this pub, to meet with friends as I have for the past 30 years. There are few remaining places such as this left in Hampstead thanks to uncontrolled development.
Sue Broomhead	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	A glorious, welcoming pub, absolutely central to our local community and part of Hampstead's extraordinary history. We cannot throw that away for future generations!
Gillie Regis	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	This is a wonderful place!
Peter Abrahams	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	It is the best pub in Hampstead and the one I enjoy going to, good food and a friendly atmosphere, a great place for friends to meet.
Matt Winkle	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	I'm a local resident, the White Bear is an important part of the local amenities and should be kept as a pub
Alan Murphy	Dublin, Ireland	2013-12-12	I have many fond memories of lazy Saturday afternoons in The Old White Bear
Robert Allenby	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	This is important to me because I care for the conservation area and do not want to lose this historic pub. This pub is also a significant contributor to the social life of the immediate vicinity.
Susanne Bresges	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	It is a beautifully run pub which greatly adds to the quality of life of local residents and visitors.
Thomas Radice	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	Please stop further destruction of old Hampstead's heritage
Bruce Blythe	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	Part of the very essence of the character of Hampstead.
Amanda Platell	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	it's a great pub, often used and part of the unique village community
Christian Reiner	Hampstead, London, Sweden	2013-12-12	Save the soul of Hampstead
Demi Abiola	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	Part of the local community and a lovely pub. Why turn it into house? Need to think about the community as a whole.
Rosemary Cornick	Australia	2013-12-12	As a tourist why would anyone consider closing one of the greatest icons in Hampstead. Tradition is not to be dishonoured!

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Susanna Taylor	Caister-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	A lovely and unique part of Camden's history should be preserved as a pub and a meeting place
M Nash	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	The Old White Bear is a wonderful part of Hampstead's heritage. It is well used and regarded by clientele both local and from afar. To lose this establishment will be major blow to the infrastructure and fabric of Hampstead's unique "village feel". We do not need another 6 bedroom house in NW3!
Ben Stirling	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	The old White Bear is one of my favourite pubs in the area and I have been a regular visitor for decades. It would be a sad day if it were to close...
Amélia Jones	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	I regularly eat and drink at the Old White Bear. It's a fantastic pub and should not be sold to developers, in particular if the business is viable.
Amit Unadkat	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	This is a special pub and one which adds character to Hampstead.
Hanna Ahlen	Hampstead, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	It's a lovely old pub that belongs to Hampstead and contributes to the very lovely and very special village feel of this area.
John Salmon	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	For 300 years this pub has been part of our environment. It seves locals, visits and walkers. Hampstead does not need more luxury accomodation.
Michael Hammerson	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	Pubs are vital part of local history and community identity, and this one particularly so, not only because it has been there for 300 years but because it is clearly still popular and viable - whatever the developer says. No-one forced him to buy an unviable pub, did they?
Els Bauer	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	We do not need another 6 bedroom house. This pub is part of our community and a meeting place for many of us locals. It would be a great shame to lose it.
Nichole Rees	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	We need to keep the community over and above luxury housing developments!
Iloyd Beiny	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	TOWB is a Hampstead landmark which serves our community well. We don't need any more property development but we do need to retain a part of what makes Hampstead so special...
Alex McGlashan	United Kingdom	2013-12-12	I grew up and still live in Hampstead and am completely opposed to this application which would destroy yet another of the historic landmarks that make this area so special and unique.
andrew bound	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	This is one of my favourite places in Hampstead to meet friends, entertain guests, have date nights with the wife. You wont find a friendlier or more hospitable pub/restaurant in Hampstead. Why take a great pub/restaurant and turn it into a very ordinary house
Coriander Stuttard	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	We value this pub and its wonderful restaurant as an example of an independent business in an otherwise increasingly chain-filled Hampstead. For such a great, highly desirable area, there are actually relatively few really good places to go and spend an evening and this is one of them. Please don't let it close
neil bruce	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	It's an active part of the local community, that caters not only for eating and drinking on ground floor but also for other events, including wine tastings, upstairs.
Rachel Leedham	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	I have been going to thise place for years - it would be such a shame to see it go.
Martin Jones	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	This is an important local facility full of character and it would be a travesty for it to disappear.
Verity Pask	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	Probably one of the best pubs I've been to. It being converted into a house will be a huge loss.
john Gilbert	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	The pub serves the local community, bringing people together

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andrew savva	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	traditional and community pub
Frances Blunden	LONDON, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	Pubs like this are an intrinsic part of the character of Hampstead Village. Its loss would be a great shame for the community - it is always well-frequented. Camden should refuse permission to change its use to residential accommodation.
Mark Coxall	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	Visit regularly, and would like to continue!
Suzi Brennan	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	This is a pub of charm and character that is an important part of the local community.
Mark Joyce	Shoreham, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	No business should be closed if it is profitable and part of the community.
Antonia Eades	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	This pub has been part of the community for 100s of years.
Alvaro Ribalta Millan	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	The company I work for sells wine to The Old White Bear
Heidi Wilmot	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	Another pub in this lovely area being sold for residential use. What about the community? What happened to the place to meet up with friends and enjoy each other's company. Hampstead will become an area of rich housing with no soul. Have been going to the White Bear for 17 years, I bemoaned the change from pub to restaurant at the time. It is, however, very welcoming and the food is delicious, as is the wine. This is another example of shockingly ignoring all the people that live in the environs.
Thomas Currie	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	The Old White Bear is an important part of the community and village field of New End. A pub has existed on this site for three hundred years, and the current one continues to thrive. This is not a pub that is in danger of boarding up; quite the opposite, the closure would be to the detriment of the local economy and the local community.
Janine Etherington	Grimsby, Canada	2013-12-12	Beautiful pub!
Parry Mitchell	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	Because The Old White Bear is a Hampstead landmark and part of the heritage of Hampstead Village. Replacing it with a new home would be an act of vandalism Lord Mitchell of Hampstead
Susan Keeping	Woodford Green, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	resisting the loss of community meeting spaces and jobs
Rachel Ward	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	I LOVE this pub, it's the best in Hampstead, much better service than the Holly Bush
Jan Harvie-Clark	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	its become our favourite eating place in hampstead and we should be very sorry indeed to lose it
Matt Terry	Vancouver, Canada	2013-12-12	A previous resident of Hampstead, this pub is an absolute gem that brought people from far and wide. Popular with locals, Londoners, tourists and food/wine industry professionals, it would be criminal to remove this from it's deserved place in the heard of the community.
Grahame Potter	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	An old favourite
Josef Konderia	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	Stop turning everything into houses for the highest bidder! These buildings are what make London such a beautiful city and this pup clearly means a lot to a lot of people
bernard atkins	LONDON, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	it is a virtual community hub and can not be lost. There are many houses in Hampstead, but too few pubs/community areas.
Nicola Oaten	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	The design is awkward and thrown together. The impact of removing this valuable community service.
richard greene	bushey, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	very important for the area

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Colin Coyne	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	To: Rob Tulloch at Camden Council, Planning and Built Environment Councillor Chris Knight Councillor Simon Marcus Councillor Linda Chung

We wish to object to the application to change the Old White Bear in Well Road, NW3 from a public house (Class A4) to a six-bedroom house (Class C3).

The Old White Bear has been on this site since the early 1700's and there is no less need for it today than during the past 300 years. NW3 has lost 14 pubs to conversion since 1995 - this has already dramatically reduced the amount of available space for community use.

The Old White Bear plays an important and active community role, and is accessible to all members of the community, including the disabled. The pub fulfils many functions for local residents and visitors including meetings of local interest groups, school parents and residents that cannot be provided elsewhere.

By declaring the pub as "simply not big enough to provide a community role", the Developer has chosen to ignore that the first floor houses an upstairs function room which is regularly used by the pub or hired out. Added to the two separate rooms on the ground floor, there is a generous availability of space for multiple uses at any time of the day or evening.

The Developer states that the existing trade is unviable. There is no economic data provided in the application to underwrite this statement and the existing team have made it clear that the business is successful and has grown year-on-year for the past 4 years.

The supporting statement submitted with the application refers to Camden's policy supporting economic growth in order to create jobs, but if the pub is lost it will result in the loss of 16 full-time and 5 part-time jobs.

In summary, this application goes against Camden planning policy DP15. The adopted policy document states;

"We will resist the loss of local pubs that serve a community role (for example by providing space for evening classes, clubs, meetings or performances) unless alternative provision is available nearby or it can be demonstrated to the Council's satisfaction that the premises are no longer economically viable for pub use."

Sincerely,

Colin Coyne

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Anna Henrikson	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	The Old White Bear pub is a crucial aspect of Hampstead's history.
pamela todd	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	hampstead is a place where tourists come for its outstanding beauty and historical buildings This old tavern is part of that history. They will not come to look at another modern featureless house.
margaret maddox	Studham, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	Because we as a family use it a lot for special family events and dinners regularly and it is a Hampstead lovely meeting place for informal /casual and formal occasions . This would be a great loss for Hampstead and miles around .
martyn harrison	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	heritage of the village and i attend regularly. Local meeting points are importnat to the community.
EILEEN GLENNON	LONDON, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	Provides a rare sense of community in an impersonal city.
kate hilton	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	This is part of Hampstead's rich history and it would be a travesty to see it turned into a luxury 6 bed house! we have enough of those in Hampstead already!!
Nick Marsh	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	Part of the fabric of the area.
Amanda Gray	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	It was where I had my first lunch (with a friend who has been invaluable in my time here) when we relocated from Singapore. It's a special part of Hampstead
Hayley Thurston	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	A beautiful building which has been a valuable meeting place for the community for centuries. Which has now gained a reputation as being one of the best places in London esp hampsted for eating and socialising. Please keep the white bear! It would be a terrible thing for it to go!! From a regular customer and friend of the pub restaurant.

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Tash Holway	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	<p>I have been a member of the staff of The Old White Bear for the previous 3 years, I can say from first hand experience how unjust it is to read that the business has not been a 'pub' for 3 years but has been a restaurant and therefore couldn't possibly be a centre for the community. This information from someone who has probably not set foot in the building during working hours, ever. There is a huge community centered around The Old White Bear, that I have personally witnessed the growth and encouragement of, through the management's unique understanding of what the area requires. The absolute backbone of the business is made up of local people, regulars, who we see 3/4 times a week. There are many older residents who live in the immediate area, who we see at the least 3/4 times a week also, who have wholeheartedly embraced the business as part of their Hampstead and who better to pass judgement on what or who is the best contributor to the community than those who have been a part of it for many years? The Bear has helped reconnect parts of the larger community the community through its presence. The notion that The Old White Bear does not constitute a viable business or community service to those in a largely impersonal city many who have a second family within the structure of the pub is unsupportable. I wholeheartedly contest the insinuation that the pub/ restaurant or whatever the prospective developer wishes to call it, does not constitute an extremely important part of local people's lives. I see the importance of our business to a community that stretches from babies that we have seen from their earliest days to our oldest regular who is 93. Within the walls of this building, rich in history that belongs to the public, they can relax in the company of people who know & support them. I cannot emphasise how widely this situation resounds.</p> <p>There is simply no justification or use to the public in allowing this property to be converted into a house for private use when it currently provides a truly important heart of a strong & rare community. It will be the greatest disrespect to the people who live and work in the immediate area to take away a community hub that they have given their support to over the last four years.</p>
Eleanor Pole	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	<p>The Old White Bear is a lovely and historic Hampstead hostelry and the local pubs should be preserved as such and not turned into private houses</p>
Michael Benz	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	<p>A 300 year old establishment...a community icon. We don't need another multimillion apartment or house in Hampstead. Pubs, restaurants, bars, create community.</p>

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noel casey	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	a well ,loved, well used and significant landmark that is as valuable four its use in the community as it is for its architecture
Ben Duncan	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	Loosing the pub destroys the character of Hampstead, it's a lovely pub and part of the village heritage. Keep the pub and the community that makes Hampstead unique.
judy green	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	its a delightful place and we have enjoyed many many good and happy times there.
luthuli eloi	Rio, Brazil	2013-12-12	because when i go to england, i love stay there!
petranka nacheva	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	I love this pub<3
Graham Terry	Charlbury, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	A great pub in a great area. It would be a loss when visiting
Amanda Herrmann	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	This pub is the best pub in Hampstead, it is a local landmark of historical interest and should be protected as such. It is always busy and is much loved by locals, playing an important part in this community. To let it disappear would be a disgrace.
robin woolfson	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	A change of use to residential accommodation would result in the loss of an important local amenity which adds to the character of the conservation area.
Elena Vershkova	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	It is next to my house and it is an amazing pub with a nice cuisine and fantastic people. we love it want to keep it!

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Nicolas Motelay	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	The Old White Bear is the heart of the village. An attractive meeting point for all locals and visitors alike, alluring and elegant it brings life to the area, to the street, distills a sense of community, a meeting point for the neighbors. As a newcomer to the area, thanks to the OWB, I met over a couple of evenings all the lively, friendly people of the area. All have a strong bond with the OWB, so do I as it made the area most welcoming. If the OWB goes so will that bohemian spirit.
Daniele Pintore	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	Because it's a friendly and cosy place to relax and enjoy the company of my friends. Moreover saving the Old White Bear means saving jobs!
Laura Fietta	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-12	The Old White Bear is my local pub. It is integral to community life in Hampstead today. With over 300 years of history as a pub, it is irreplaceable. It is a fantastic pub and serves a very important role in bringing the community together.
Sara Watson	Centennial, CO	2013-12-13	Please save this historic spot!
sophie marcroft	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	I believe as many public houses as possible should remain public
Pippa Pemberton	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	We should not allow the loss of another historic local pub.
Caspar Uniacke	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	I have been coming to this beautiful pub for years and it's a focal point for that part of Hampstead and one of the few 'inn's and proper pubs left. Please save the Bear. Would break my heart if it went. Surely Hampstead has enough 'Luxury Six bed houses'!!!?
Nicole Tinero	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	We love it! This is a VERY popular Hampstead haunt.
Caroline Goodridge	Lytham St Annes, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	We cannot allow yet another one of our pubs to be lost. This is a popular and vibrant public house. Please see sense.
Helen Waldie	brentwood, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	The pub is viable, the owning company is not and you should not lose a community resource because of Corporate desecration
James Watson	Hackney, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	Our planning system has failed to protect valued community pubs for too long, in spite of warm words from politicians. We have been battling a property developer with a smaller pub for 15 months now over in Hackney. See http://www.savethechesham.org Slowly the tables are beginning to turn with local authorities bringing forward pub protection policies and growing the balls to refuse change of use. However we have to keep plugging away as developers think it is still worth the fight as evidenced by this foreign investor snapping up the White Bear. It is vital that Camden REJECT this change of use as we need to build up a huge case history of pubs being protected by default by Councils. The developers need to get the message - hands off our pubs!
Laura Green	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	This is our favourite place to eat in NW3 by far
Phillip Percival	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	great pub!
Peter Green	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	We want to preserve the community spirit(s).
Anthony Frost	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	I drink & dine there regularly at weekends. Hampstead is rapidly losing its old charm. It's one of the very few pubs left in Hampstead. Capitalist greed is taking over
Carolyn Vanden Daelen	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	Our favorite pub in London....
Tim Green	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	There remain only a handful of locations that allow both families and pets to enjoy a social environment. Hampstead must retain these venues to ensure it remains a cultural area to live in and not just to reside.

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Louise Read	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	Hampstead's charm and beauty destroyed by people with money and not much else it seems. The Old White Bear is a lovely place, much appreciated. People with money can always go somewhere else.
Jamie Kilduff	Henley on Thames, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	This is a great pub with a friendly, local atmosphere. Places like this make London the unique and characterful city that it is and what's more is popular and financial successful. Turning it into a residential house is short-sighted and against the interests of both the local community and the city as a whole. Please do not accept the planning application.
Giles MacDonogh	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	These old pubs are going thick and fast.
LORD VACHOUX	LONDON, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	Because we are losing our warm and cosy pubs for the likes of coffee shops.
Robert Harrison	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	A lovely pub that is a valuable community asset . keep it open as a public house and not a private residence.
Brad Briggs	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	I've been a patron of the Bear in it's current and past incarnations. This provides to the community and is not simply a financial instrument. http://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/13/opinion/sunday/londons-great-exodus.html?_r=0
Robert Harrison	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	Too many public houses are being sold off for houses and supermarkets. We need to keep these pubs going, once they are gone , they are gone forever. Public houses are great places for social interaction and this one has my backing.
Jude DAVIES	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	We don't need more luxury houses in Hampstead, we do need to preserve our heritage & history & this is a historical pub. Madness.
Lucy O'Gilvie	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	Great place to drink and eat, friendly, local pub that has a nice buzz
Cecilia Tetard	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	Best community pub! My husband and I are there at least once a month for dinner and it's where we take all our foreign guests for a taste of Hampstead. Long live The Old White Bear!
Sofia F-G	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	I grew up around this area and this is a beautiful and historic pub. Just like the creperie, it is a hampstead landmark. Another luxury residence is not needed as much as a place for the community
Maria Van der Meer	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	It is my favourite local up which my husband and I use almost every week. The staff are exceptional, ambience truly special and a true local gem
Lucas Herrmann	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	Beyond its immediate utility, this pub/eatery is part of the character of New End and Hampstead. So much of the 'feel' and nature of this part of London has already been eroded. hampstead is already far more sterile and bland then it was but ten years ago. Pushing the erosion further is the last thing needed. Don't remove this vestige of all that adds charm in this locality.
Anna Hindley	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	This is a marvelous historic pub and should be preserved for use as such!
Rebecca Blackstone	Stroud, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	The bear is the heart of the community, it acts as a place to meet and unwind. The UK is losing a major part of its heritage to property developers and it has a destructive effect on neighbourliness and the ability for communities to thrive. This lacks foresight and vision and is based on greed! Jobs will be lost, and local businesses yet again not supported or prioritised!
Prit Mandair	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	It is more valuable to the area as a place of business providing a venue to meet, employment and purchaser. The whole area is already residential. Successful areas need balance and this change of use will negatively affect this balance.

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Юлия Морозова	Alkmaar, Netherlands	2013-12-13	i love this place!
Bianca Wessel	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	Our local pub
Tom Wanty	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	It was a great pub and now it's a great restaurant. Much needed in the area. We have enough houses/flats!
Matthew Davies	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	Does Hampstead really need another luxury house for a very rich family. Keep our pubs.
kirsty fine	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	the olde white bear is a hampstead tradition and has been a focal point and meeting place for the community i have lived in for 25 years. we do not need more expensive flats we need a community.
Philip Slotkin	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	Pubs are important community assets and too many are closing. More high-end residential property is not needed here.
richard hilton	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	part of the rapidly disappearing hampstead community
Alexander Lemon	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	The old White Bear is one of the few pubs left in Hampstead
Perry Le Dain	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	The Old White Bear is an excellent, family-friendly pub and restaurant that is an historic feature in Hampstead. Hostelrys such as The Old White Bear have been at the very heart of Hampstead for centuries. They form the fabric of what is a charming and lively village within the noisy bustle of North London.
julie Spooner	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	This is a beautiful old pub which my family visit regularly and we would be very sad for the community and ourselves to lose it to yet another luxury house.
Christine Ulrich	Vear, Norway	2013-12-13	People are worth more than money!
Massimo Giranzani	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	It is my local pub!
Howard Ricklow	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	I am a resident of Hampstead and visit the pub regularly. We do not want to lose this historic pub.
Linda Crowcroft	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	My husband and I often walk across the heath to the White Bear for lunch, sometimes meeting friends and have done for many years. As far as I can see although it has undergone changes over the years, it still appears to be a very successful business and a historical landmark in Hampstead.
Chris Foster	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	This pub is historic to the area and should not be allowed to be converted into a residence. It should remain a building for the public in some shape or form to be in keeping with the uniqueness of the area.
Jenni Buhr	Hingham, MA	2013-12-13	The Old White Bear is a part of Hampstead's history. It is a great meeting place, and a fine place to eat. Turning a popular public facility into a private use is unacceptable.
Fred Lambert	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	All pubs are
Fanny Makinson	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	I love Hampstead and its convivial atmosphere. For its old buildings and greenery. Pubs are a meeting place for everybody. The Old White Bear is an important old pub, should be preserved for its historical value and a wonderful place to sit outside in the sun having a drink during the summer. Do preserve Hampstead quaintness and stop all these greedy developers !!!
Loris Tinacci	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	As a local resident I was horrified to hear the news that the site has been earmarked for a residential development/conversion. This planning application is not forward looking and has only been submitted to line the pockets of the developers and as a result of the recent rise in Central London residential values. This is not reason enough to warrant the loss of this cultural icon and loveable venue.
Jan Tomalin	Hastings, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	I stay in Hampstead regularly and this is a lovely local pub sympathetic to a beautiful part of London

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Monika t Lambert	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	Because of its historical value
David Keane	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	Lovely pub.
Brigitte Slotkin	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	Too many old pubs have already disappeared in our area and also in general
Mark Bowman	Dewsbury, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	My old local when I lived in Hampstead. Great community pub.
Steven van Weede	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	This is a historical pub which fulfills an important social function, one of the factors that makes Hampstead special.
Hamish Thomson	Lonson, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	Best pub in the area by miles.
Charles Saumarez	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	The head chef is one of my good friends and he is striving to make it a gastronomic success
Jessica Greedus	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	This pub is a wonderful & treasured nw3 institution & should be saved! we don't need yet more luxury housing!
Charles Palmer	Baslow, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	Important to preserve the cultural heritage of London, in the face of naked greed of the very rich.
Doreen Joy Barber	Stoke Newington, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	Pubs are a huge asset to this country and to the local community, particularly a historic pub such as the Bear!
Kelli Parnham	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	Too many historical community landmarks are disappearing, especially ones that have been focal point for community gatherings & celebrations for 300 years.
Stephen Fietta	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	This is simply the most welcoming and best run pub and restaurant in Hampstead. It is obviously rubbish to say that it plays no role in the community. Anybody who has visited on any evening in the last two or three years would see just how much pleasure this place gives to so many people. My 40th birthday party there was one of my best ever!
jack matthews	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	It is my place of seasonal employment and the centre of my streets community
Brian Wernham	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	Old pubs keep character of Hampstead village.
Ralph Holden	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	It is an historic building built for a social purpose that has as much value and importance as it had when it was first built in 1704. Why is it not Grade 1 listed??
lynda thurston	Cambridgeshire, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	Great old place - too good to knock down/ Its so pretty, so much character, wonderful staff, amazing food, warm friendly atmosphere. It should be preserved not least cos' its a beautiful building but as importantly, it means so much to so many - its truly a heart-breaking waste.
Stephanie Clifford	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	Important part of Hampstead's community and charm
Louise Chatterton	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	Punch Taverns have also sold The Star in St Johns Wood for the same reason - sign here http://chn.ge/1bFQ7Q8. It's so sad, the greed of these developers is quite sickening ...
Nejwa Briggs	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-13	I live within 50metres of this pub and it's one of the reasons I love where I live. Amazing place for the community, fantastic staff and vibe.
Emily McEvoy	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	Great, lovely pub. Lovely food, family atmosphere.
Jan Levy	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	Part of Hampstead which we need and love.
David Makinson	Hampstead, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	(1) Historical significance (2) Traditional social venue (3) Position -- off main roads

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Sam Wilcke	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	We really question why this old landmark in Hampstead needs to be sold to developers of large houses. We need more community not more 6 bedroom houses
Jes Weinreich Holm	Horsholm, Denmark	2013-12-14	I love to go there.
Philippe Sands	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	I care about my neighbourhood.
Gemma Teale	Slough, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	We need to have something of London left. Pubs are a major part of British culture and the built environment. This move would further reduce the character of the area. Visitors to London, upon which this area relies heavily, come here to see pubs like this, and to experience them. This area needs not to become a museum full of things to look at but are no longer used.
mike crowcroft	highgate, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	Great traditional pub which my wife and I make a beeline for every time we walk across the heath. Unviable? Why do they need 16 full time staff plus part timers? You can never get a meal there on a Sunday unless you book well in advance.
Racharl Pearson Cobbold	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	The white bear is a historic pub and one of few pubs left in hampstead. It plays an essential role in the local community. The current manager has organised numerous events for the good of the village including street parties to celebrate the jubilee and royal wedding.
Sarah Orchart	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	The OLd White Bear is an essential part of the character of this GEorgian
Barbara Carmel	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	Very much enjoy going there
Harold Fairfull	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	Hampstead needs amenities as well as residences. It would be a sad loss to lose yet another historic pub.
Catherine Woolgar	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	Take Camden Council out of Hampstead and this madness will stop. The decisions made by Camden Council are mostly contradictory to building regulations as many of the long standing residents have found whilst their lives and properties have been adversely affected by these decisions. Hampstead does not want "special" dispensation, just the same rules and regulations afforded to other areas of London.
Lesley Golden	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	It is wonderful local pub/restaurant with fabulous warm, friendly atmosphere. An important part of the very special feel of Hampstead. It would be so wrong to have a house there instead - especially a "high end" one of which there are already far too many.
Shana Lipton	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	I'm a Hampstead resident and I moved here because of how charming, quaint and full of historic heritage the area is. The Old White Bear is part of this heritage.
Samira Haji Jafari	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	It's one of the nicest pubs in the area.
Katya Herman	Boston, MA	2013-12-14	The Old White Bear is one of my favourite pubs in London!
Jeanette MacDowall	LONDON, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	This pub hold's special memories for me. Places like this make Hampstead special. A real heart of the community.
Sandra wynbourne	Hampstead, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	We should strive to keep this historic area one of mixed use and not just expensive housing. This pub is in a well used, charming corner of old Hampstead and is frequently used by local groups for quiz nights, get togethers and family afternoons.
Toby Bell-Ramm	Parkwood, Australia	2013-12-14	Ye Olde White Bear is a piece of adorable history nestled in north London.
Cassie Barrett	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	It is part of hampstead and the village would not be the same without it.
David Mason	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	We need these places, they are part of the character of this lovely part of Hampstead.

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Betty Mason	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	This great old hostelry needs no reason to stay, it is part of our life here. Why does everything have to be torn down for housing, when that happened there will be less places to go out to eat and socialise.
Mary Barlow	Harrow, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	Hampstead has lost too many pubs already
Daniel Castles	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	Hampstead has been ruined enough in the past few years with more and more pubs, independent cafes and shops forced to close because of greedy developers
Tony Frank	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	I have eaten there a number of times. It's a wonderful place and would ruin a beautiful square.
James Barnes	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	This is a great historic pub that should remain part of Hampstead's rich heritage.
Jim Banks	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	It is a great family pub It provides a true community role The developer says it s no longer a viable pub - clearly ridiculous - you only have to call in to see that is patently wrong-also if that's the case why did the dev allegedly pay several £100s of thousands to acquire the lease They describe the pub as a brownfield site - doesnt look like 1 to me 20 people are employed on site who will lose their jobs I could go one ! It would be a travesty to lose a great local facility
Dominic Sender	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	I was saddened to read that this Hampstead institution is closing. This is simply about cashing in on high property prices and the loss of The Old White Bear will be detrimental to the area.
Rachel Roberts	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	I
Richard Cawdell	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	A fundamental local facility.
Ursula Ross	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	I have lived in Hampstead for 30 years since before ordinary people were priced out of the neighbourhood and I value the sense of community and history which The Old White Bear embodies. It's a local treasure and the priority should be to extend not destroy it's use by the public.
Sue Young	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	Loss of vital local amenity
Robert Balyuzi	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	Because this is the most romantic public house and restaurant in London!
steven pearson	cambridge, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	Everytime i travel to london on business, ye old white bear makes me feel at home
francesco garzarelli	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-14	its a local landmark that enhances the character of hampstead
myra egan	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	It is a wonderful old building the oldest pub in Hampstead meeting place for many people here who cannot understand why Camden Council would even consider allowing developers to pull it down and build another modern expensive house. This is a piece of beautiful history and we love it.
Sike Dallmann	Drymen, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	It would be a crime to destroy such heritage!! Especially since it is a successful business!
Nancy Rogan	Incline Village, NV	2013-12-15	The Old White Bear is the BEST pub in Hampstead! Elegant yet homey! Wonderful food, lovely staff, perfect wine list! Friendly folks; offered a pint by a local my first time in! SAVE OUR BEAR!!!
Sarah White	kings beach, CA	2013-12-15	It is important to someone who is important to me.

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Kirill Glukhovskoy	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	Ye Old White Bear is one of those places that make Hampstead Hampstead. If it is gone, a part of something really important will be missing. There is enough expensive real estate in Hampstead. One more house does not bring much benefit. The pub creates jobs, it attracts more people to come to Hampstead, it pays taxes. The planning application is lodged by a company that is not even on the registry of UK companies. So, all profits from this operation most likely to go offshore.
Timothy Csaky	abbotsford, Canada	2013-12-15	because we must share our environment
Renee Vincent	Eastsound, WA	2013-12-15	Save The Old White Bear!
Dylan Kerns	incline village, NV	2013-12-15	she was my teacher. i like pubs
Ron Vaughan	LONDON, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	pubs are heritage not houses
John Taylor	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	I might not a local, but I still feel that historic buildings such as this must be protected.
Michael Murphy	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	The Old White Bear is a tremendous community asset and a huge part of what makes Hampstead appealing to residents and visitors. Closing it would be a huge blow to both community morale and our local economy.
Lynda Lloyd	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	Offshore developers must be stopped from destroying our heritage
Nina Wissen	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	We, as a family visit The Old White Bear regularly (including our dog) for both lunch and dinner. It is synonymous with Hampstead life, past and present and it would be a sacrilege to replace such a bastion of the Hampstead community with a mere house! In addition, it is used by local schools and the community as a place to meet.
Stephen Grange	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	There will be no pubs left at this rate.
john swaine	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	Hampstead has several good pubs, and they form a vital part of the traditional feel to the area. I use this pub.
Joyce Jeal	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	The site and setting of the pub is perfectly positioned and a focal point both for locals and those walking to and from the Heath and round the village. It is historic and part of the fabric of this part of Hampstead. It's amenity value is huge as is its visual presence on the corner and junction of Well Road and Christchurch Hill. Yet another developer comes along and spots an opportunity to exploit a lovely part of Hampstead for commercial gain. It would be a disgrace if Camden grant planning permission.
Miles Halford	Cannon Place, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	This is a popular pub very near us. It is very convenient and well frequented. We do not need yet another pub to be closed.
Lynn Frank	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	Beautiful old building in the heart of Hampstead. Leave it alone!
Ian Birksted	Hampstead, London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	Let's save Hampstead as a living community...
Farokh Khorrooshi Khorrooshi	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	Because this is a valuable asset to the community
caroline compton	London, NC	2013-12-15	The White Bear is part of Hampstead's history. It has a purpose, namely providing what it has done for the last two hundred years, refreshment and sustenance: a social service of sorts.

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Nicole Sochor	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	The Old White Bear is a old pub and part of the fabric of historic Hampstead. Wealthy developers are busy destroying the things that make Hampstead special. Camden Council must wake up to their responsibility to maintaining Hampstead's heritage and say no to these sharks.
Mayank Patel	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	The Old White Bear is our local pub and is a "Community Asset" as a focal meeting place for various community events and has meeting rooms/areas for the community to gather etc. Further it has been for hundreds of years. The Old White Bear is a "Viable Business" – the argument that the Old White Bear isn't viable as a pub is disputed by the current business team. Anyone who frequents the Old White Bear knows that as a business, this argument is false, as the Pub is generally always full in the evenings and sometimes getting a reservation is not possible.
Lincoln Small	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	this is a great Hampstead institution...it must be saved
David Percy	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	CONSERVATION CONSERVATION CONSERVATION
Barry Higginson	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	I lived close the the White Bear for many years and used it frequently and although I now live in Belsize Park....a mile or so from the pub, i still use it on occasions, particularly when have friends visiting.
Gilbert Hall	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	This pub is a historic local amenity. It's part of what makes Hampstead.
Sarah Keech	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	To maintain the character and atmosphere of Hampstead village.
Rupert and Shawn Tower	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	It is one of the best places to eat in Hampstead Village and a special venue with a valuable history.
Jo Morris	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	Loss of local amenity. Altering the character of the neighbourhood.
Jeannie Billington	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	It is so important to maintain the heritage of Hampstead. THis beautiful building should remain a pub/restaurant.
Anna Lee	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	Its an important historical landmark, offering great services to the community. Lets keep public houses for the people, not turn it into a luxury home for an individual. Safe the community!
John Morison	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	I object to viable public amenities being closed for private use
Frances Pinter	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	I believe we need to preserve the community space.
Jessica Mazzenga	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	We love The Old White Bear and feel it is an important part of maintaining the atmosphere and heritage of the community!
John Hersov	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	It's another important local community resource that could be lost
Ria Booth	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	What makes Hampstead special is its historic buildings. We have already lost so many beautiful, historic buildings, including 14 pubs since 1995. Ye Old White Bear has been on this site since the early 1700s. It is a thriving pub, in the centre of our community, therefore, any attempts to alter its use should be stopped.
fiona rushton	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	we use it regularly and we feel that pubs are an important part of the community
Suzanne Ferreira	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	Should be saved, 1 of the best pubs in Hampstead
Kay Sprecher	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	It is a beautiful building with much character beloved by myself and friends as a friendly pub where food is also available. It provides a social hub to meet and one that is accessible for me as a wheelchair user. It's unique!

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Mark Mazzenga	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	The Old White Bear is not merely a private business, rather it's importance to the local community is an extension of the essence of 'pub culture' which has so long played an important role in Britain. Its potential closure speaks volumes about the changing values of our community and why we should strive to protect them.
Adrian Peters	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	The pub has already been turned into a modern establishment that lost much of its original character. To build a modern house will no doubt destroy the rest of its history and original features as has happened to many of Hampstead's houses already. Please do not destroy the history and culture of Hampstead, Hampstead residents and fans will not stand for it. We care.
Jackie Patel	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	<p>We object to the application to change the Old White Bear in Well Road, NW3 from a public house (Class A4) to a six-bedroom house (Class C3).</p> <p>On Camden's planning policy DP15 – the developer has argued on two factors, is The Old White Bear a Community Asset and is it a Viable Business.</p> <p>The Old White Bear is a focal meeting place for various community events and has meeting rooms/areas for the community to gather etc. Further is part of the community and has been for hundreds of years and removing it would have a detrimental effect on the community, as a resident in the community, I wholly reject the claim from the developer that it is not a community asset. Further, the Old White Bear supports economic growth in order to create jobs, if the pub is lost it will result in the loss of 16 full-time and 5 part-time jobs, not to mention the loss of trade to the local businesses that supply the pub. Thus the overall impact to the community is much broader than just serving as a meeting place for locals!</p> <p>The Old White Bear is a "Viable Business" – the argument that the Old White Bear isn't viable as a pub is disputed by the current business team. Anyone who frequents the Old White Bear knows that as a business, this argument is false, as the Pub is generally always full in the evenings and getting a reservation is not that easy. If this were not a viable business this would not be the case.</p> <p>Having this historic pub lost to yet another luxury home for the wealthy is something we need to fight and request the council reject this application.</p>
David Bates	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	Building houses is all very well but the people living in them need amenities and places to go. Pubs are part of our heritage and need to be saved
Lesley Fenton	Dewsbury, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	A local pub is of enormous value as a meeting place and is of very much more use to the social well-being of an area than yet another expensive home, which very few will be able to afford. And don't get me started on the morals of property developers lining their own pockets regardless of consequences to local communities.
Janet Suzman	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	The White Bear is an important local amenity, enjoyed over centuries by the inhabitants of Hampstead and should be left alone by greedy developers.
Sheila Broadway	London NW2 2EZ, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	This is a historic pub fulfilling a vital community role. It also provides jobs for many young people. I am horrified at the thought of losing one of Hampstead's historic pubs.

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elizabeth coll	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	Far too many pubs have closed in Hampstead in the last few years. This is the oldest pub in Hampstead and has served the community well. The last thing we need is another expensively refurbished house. Also it would spoil what is a charming part of Old Hampstead. This application goes against Camden planning policy DP15.
ROBERT LINGER	LONDON, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	It's part of Hampstead's unique heritage. It's one of the few remaining traditional pubs/restaurants. Hampstead cannot afford to lose such history.
Diana Cortès	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	The White Bear is an integral part of the community and a valuable local amenity which not only helps define and maintain the uniqueness of the surrounding area but also provides a much needed and important community function.
Edwin Strauss	Edgware, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	part of the fabric of Hampstead
Andrea Diehl	North Bennington, VT	2013-12-15	It is the essence of England and cannot be recreated. Don't let your heritage disappear!
Wolfgang Hochmuth	United Kingdom	2013-12-15	I am against further destruction of tradition and history. And it is a very nice pub, for both, the locals and visitors.
Georgina David	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	Because it is a thriving local restaurant and a valued amenity for the area
Alan Fowle	Hampstead, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	We are regular customers I have posted my objections today on the Camden website
Alan Fowle	Hampstead, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	Alan Fowle, Hampstead it's obvious there is a need for this place as it has been continuously busy since it was taken over a few years ago There is no merit in a change of use therefore as this applies only to pubs with a low attendance
juliette Sonabend	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	This pub is a precious and beautiful place where when happy times have been spent in the heart of Hampstead. Places like this enrich our lives, and allow people of different means share a beautiful place together on equal terms. PLEASE SAVE THE BEAR!!
Alexandra Powers	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	it's a staple in the Hampstead village
Elena Moynihan	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	Yet again money trying to muscle in on the area. Developers think they can buy a pub's freehold and turn it into more luxury housing, trebling their profits in the process. This pub is a perfectly viable business and there's absolutely no reason to do this other than greed. I remember when they tried this trick with The Wells a few years back: we opposed it then and we will oppose this.
Jamie McCombe	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	Vital part of local community, providing local jobs.
Sue Boucher	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	the pub is a significant part of old Hampstead. 40 years we have had a drink there when we are nearby.
Debra Silver	United Kingdom	2013-12-15	Historical landmark
Ruth Godwin	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	This is an historic pub which should remain as such. I understand that it is a good going concern too. Developers from far away or near must stop destroying community gathering places that keep us living and working together.
Roger Murray	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	This is a well-established pub with an enthusiastic staff who provide a valuable service to the local community
Evelyn Ellis	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	The Old Bear is part of the unique atmosphere that makes Hampstead different and is very useful.

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Amanda Briers	watford, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	Years ago my friends dad owned this pub, I spent many years having drinks here and fell in love with the character of the property.. It would be a tragedy if they were to convert this in to anything other than a pub... do not shut this down!
Paul Samuel	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	I leave near the pub, go there, and don't want to lose it
Bronwen Cunliffe	Cowley, Oxford,, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	Too many non resident owners in Hampstead who do not contribute to the local community.
kerri summers	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	The Old White Bear is part of the community and a popular place for locals.
Tim Jeal	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	I have lived in Hampstead for almost 40 years and have many memories of visiting this unique pub over the years. Hampstead's historic pubs are irreplaceable and should be kept as viable enterprises not turned into yet more over-priced housing.
adam daly	northwood, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	I may not be a drinker, but I agree with Samuel Johnson that the Pub or Tavern is one of England's greatest inventions, and it is very sad that so many pubs are closing down. The White Bear has a long history in Hampstead, which I'm sure many local people cherish, and it should not be sacrificed for the sake of development and profit. If it has to cease trading, let it serve some more socially and culturally useful function.
Ed Sheridan	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	The Bear has been a mainstay at the heart of the Hampstead village, and a big part of my family. A sad, sad loss if it were to go, a blow to the spirit of our community. Please, please keep it open.
Elizabeth Philp	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	My favourite local place to eat.
Stuart Perry	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	A lovely and successful pub, employing many people. Hampstead has lost too many such places already.
Vanessa Randall	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	This is a fantastic local pub which we regularly use. It is one of the few original pubs remaining in Hampstead village and to change it's usage would be a travesty of local planning thinking.
John Nasedkin	Vancouver, Canada	2013-12-15	oldest pub deserves to stay
Colin Payn	Basildon, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	Born and brought up in Gayton Road, went to Christ Church School. This is a magic area, do not destroy.
Sandie Rawlings	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	It is an asset to the community, which shouldn't be lost
Ann Flowers	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-15	need to attract folk over there....no more rich peoples living accommodation
Richard Bate	Shipbourne, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	This wonderful community facility should be retained for all
Jay Nasedkin	Vancouver,B.C., Canada	2013-12-16	We have always gone to the Old White Bear when in the U.K. Best pub around.
Robyn Kimber	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	Because it is more than a pub it is a community.
Jessie Twiest	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	I love the old white bear!
alan sanders	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	Hampstead is worth protecting it is part of our heritage and must be protected..
Olivier Lauchenauer	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	It's my local pub!
Tracey Larcombe	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	This is a wonderful old local pub, one of the few left that aren't chains so should be valued and kept as it is for the local community and millions of visitors to Hampstead.
Chris Ingram	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	The Old White Bear is our favourite pub in Hampstead and we've celebrated a number of special occasions there. It would be sad to see it go and a shame not to be able to eat and drink there again.
Kevin Peters	United Kingdom	2013-12-16	Because of the jobs lost to the area and the loss of part Hampstead's heritage

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Sheila Broadway	London NW2 2EZ, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	A great old pub that I have visited many times. A famous part of Hampstead. Of course it must stand fast against the vandalistic spirit which will destroy all that is good, beautiful and old. I am sure councillors will be enlightened defenders against those who would destroy this treasure.
Laura Gascoigne	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	Because a popular pub is a public amenity that should not be destroyed for private profit
Ruth Evers	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	<p>Subject: The Old White Bear / Planning Application 2013/7438/P</p> <p>We to object to the application to change the Old White Bear in Well Road, NW3 from a public house (Class A4) to a six-bedroom house (Class C3).</p> <p>The Old White Bear has been on this site since the early 1700's and there is no less need for it today than during the past 300 years. NW3 has lost 14 pubs to conversion since 1995 - this has already dramatically reduced the amount of available space for community use.</p> <p>The Old White Bear plays an important and active community role, and is accessible to all members of the community, including the disabled. The pub fulfils many functions for local residents and visitors including meetings of local interest groups, school parents and residents that cannot be provided elsewhere.</p> <p>By declaring the pub as "simply not big enough to provide a community role", the Developer has chosen to ignore that the first floor houses an upstairs function room which is regularly used by the pub or hired out. Added to the two separate rooms on the ground floor, there is a generous availability of space for multiple uses at any time of the day or evening.</p> <p>The Developer states that the existing trade is unviable. There is no economic data provided in the application to underwrite this statement and the existing team have made it clear that the business is successful and has grown year-on-year for the past 4 years.</p> <p>The supporting statement submitted with the application refers to Camden's policy supporting economic growth in order to create jobs, but if the pub is lost it will result in the loss of 16 full-time and 5 part-time jobs.</p> <p>In summary, this application goes against Camden planning policy DP15.</p> <p>Yours Ruth Evers</p>
Alix Tystad	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	it has always served as a pub and is part of the community.
richard doneo	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	part of our heritage not to be destroyed by greedy people.
Ruth Evers	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	We had many fantastic times in the Bear and I would hate to see this wonderful place being closed down. The fact that the current team are running a profitable business should be another excellent reason for keeping this timeless place open and alive. Where will the greed of property developers leave this magical part of London?
Juliette Bogaers	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	The Old Bear is a beautiful historic public house with an important role in the community.

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IAN SHARP	LONDON, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	We are sadly going to lose yet another local meeting point and community hub. Hampstead is in danger of losing its connective tissue which makes it function as a living breathing community, and it's only the vision of the council that can prevent this happening. The White Bear is more than just another pub.
James Tarry	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	It would be a terrible shame to lose this cornerstone of the community to yet another residential development
Siobhan Baillie	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	The Old White Bear is a busy pub with wonderful history. Hampstead is full of grand houses already - we should be protecting our pubs as meeting places for the community.
Alastair Nicolson	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	The Old White Bear is an important 300 year old historic pub. It is also a prominent local architectural landmark. The pub is also a cultural and social meeting place. Everyone knows the phrase 'at the White Bear' turn left, right or straight up the hill. Living in the neighbourhood are constantly asked for directions to the pub itself. We also regularly frequent the pub. For the developers to state the Old White Bear is unviable is just not true. The pub is larger than many other similar venues in the area, has a distinctive attractive character, an inviting nature and in short is a popular destination. The pub itself has a very distinctive character that is so different to other pub venues in the area that operate out of more recent buildings. To loose the pub will in our opinion will destructively alter the character of the locality and a popular local amenity that serves the community will have been destroyed for spurious reasons.
william bourbon-crook	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	I use the pubs in hampstead and we have already lost too many. pubs give character to an area and a sense of comunity
Charlie Lycett	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	The White Bear has been a fundamental part of the Hamsptead Community for as long as I can remember. I find it hard to believe that at a time when the government and councils are supposedly trying to preserve local business' and the uniqueness of the british high street they would even consider letting this happen.
Ted Lord	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	Our heritage and culture is rapidly being sacrificed on the altar of Mammon. ie; greedy offshore developers.
Linda Cohen	Hendon, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	It is so wrong to destroy a popular local amenity.
Charles Quilley	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	Childhood memories, date nights and relaxed Sunday eats contained within. Would be a loss to the character of the area.
virender khanna	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	This is an integral part of the character of Hampstead and must be preserved
Robert Pattermore	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	To many bars and pubs have already closed in Hampstead. The Bear serves the best cider in Hampstead
June Gibson	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	Not only is this a much-loved local amenity but it is a welcome refuge for visitors to Hampstead, in particular from nearby Burgh House. They will soon be greeted by nothing except private developments. The High Street is already a disappointment for visitors it being over-burdened by estate agents and mobile phone shops. Every last interesting or useful thing is falling to the developers' sword.

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paul cooney	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	<p>We wish to object to the application to change the Old White Bear in Well Road, NW3 from a public house (Class A4) to a six-bedroom house (Class C3).</p> <p>The Old White Bear has been on this site since the early 1700's and there is no less need for it today than during the past 300 years. NW3 has lost 14 pubs to conversion since 1995 - this has already dramatically reduced the amount of available public amenity.</p> <p>Furthermore the loss of this historic building will diminish the look and feel of Hampstead village.</p> <p>Why does Camden of all councils support the destruction of a local community in order to fill the coffers of yet another offshore property developer?</p>
mick smidmore	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	Pubs are precious
Marius Luedicke	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	This house is part of Hampstead's cultural heritage and shouldn't be converted
jean bourne	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	It has been an important part of our family life since 1963 for get-togethers as well as family meetings and mourning
Caroline Mulvin	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	It is a wonderful resource for both locals and tourists alike offering a real hampstead ambience together with great food. It would be dearly missed. We were taken here when first came to London and it has been a fantastic local for us. Welcoming dogs and children it is friendly and inviting ... please save the bear.
Caroline Williams	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	The Old White Bear eating house/pub is a vital part of Hampstead Village - a charming and much-needed resource for local residents (one of surprisingly few eating places in the area relative to the number of residents) and a destination point which attracts visitors to Hampstead with their associated spending power. We need to preserve it as a friendly, welcoming and characterful asset, part of the all-too-swiftly diminishing number of local amenities and attractions which make Hampstead such a special place. It is always warm, busy and bustling and is much loved and appreciated by so many. What a travesty it would be to make it another anonymous residence for the benefit of one family at the expense of so many others' pleasure and enjoyment.
Thorsten Hennig-Thurau	Muenster, Germany	2013-12-16	Because I have enjoyed the place and facilities (and its team) very often in the past -- they have been a regular highlight of my frequent visits to London. The Old White Bear can not be closed!
Jon Elstar	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	Heritage, too many of Hampstead's pubs have closed already.
Charlotte McDonald	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	This is a key establishment for the community
Berenice Wurz	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	Ye Old White bear is my local pub, and I live just round the corner. It is part of the Village character and History. It contributes to the Village atmosphere and makes the area more convivial.
a elias	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	We don't need another house in this lovely little square. This pub has been part of the community for centuries and should stay part of it!
madeleine gore	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	it's important because the pub serves a good purpose in providing a good watering hole for the local community. the pdrinks and the food are jolly good.
Melissa O'Carroll	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	Its a unique establishment, rich in history and a part of the local community fabric. Why do some people enjoy destroying that?! wtf!
Amanda Charlton	Nr Carnforth, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	I have family who live a few hundred yards away and have enjoyed eating there, and would like it to keep going as an eating venue!!

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Flora Hunter	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	Because we should preserve our old pub heritage , especially when it's a thriving business, rather than turning everything into residential property just for profit. Hampstead is such a popular area for visitors and needs lot of nice pubs/restaurants like the Old White Bear !
Angela Bellwood	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	It is important because I think that too many pubs are being closed and turned into houses or flats. The public house is part of our heritage and I do not want it to disappear. Pubs are also part of the charm of Hampstead and Highgate villages.
Leanda Newlyn	Bishops Stortford, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	As an ex-resident I used to go in the Old White Bear, still pop in on occasion, it's a community hub and a vital part of the varied character of Hampstead Village. Too many pubs are being converted into restaurants or private properties.
vincent mitchell	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	it's history, it's location for locals, it's great food. it's unique architecture which should be listed.
Ruth Ward	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	This pub is still very popular and I see no reason to close it to convert to yet another developers property
Janet Post	London NW3, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	As local resident for over 50 years, I deplore the loss of more ammenities such as this pub.
Geoff Watts	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	A long established local pub and, more recently, restaurant that is popular with the local community and serves it well.
Jackie Woodman	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	Focus of the local community
Diana Mason	Norwich, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	Too many real pubs have gone in Hampstead, we should save what we have left.
Nick Tischler	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	Lived nearby for most of my life, and my parent before me/ If you sell Hampstead to private individuals who will want to visit?
Alexandra Hicks	St.Albans, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	The Old White Bear is a great place for food and drink and always has a good atmosphere!
Colin Burnicle	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	Because the heart and comfort that this establishment provides to the local area should not be made exclusive for a smaller collection of people. The Bear has built it's success on the community that supports it and who have made it the epicentre of Hampsteads social hub, there is no reason why such a place should be lost and should this petition fail and the building move into private hands then I pity the people buying it as they will have incurred the wrath of a loyal and loving contingent! Vive la Bear!
Arveene Juthan	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	It's part of the local history and one of the best restaurants in Hampstead, We love it and would be devastated if it's lost. It would be a black mark on the history of the area.
Dilys Greenwood	LONDON, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	its my local
Charlotte Ayres	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	Beautiful old place with great sense of traditional and vibrant restaurant/pub
Jean Bisby	Morecambe, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	A good place to visit when in London
Sonia T	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	Do not allow this ridiculous conversion! The Old White Bear is a piece of history someone is about to destroy!!! Who wants to pay that to live right on that corner anyway-next they will want to close off the roads. The pub is an integral part of the community and it is family friendly. The whole idea is ridiculous. And, consequently, do not allow the pub to be run to the ground on purpose-these developers will try any tactic.

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Zach Schläppi	New York City, NY	2013-12-16	Old White Bear is a tasteful, historical focal point for a vibrant community - replacing it with luxury housing not only rips the heart of the community out but further erodes the distinctive character of a London that used to be. More importantly, Old White Bear brings local commerce, pays taxes, whereas a luxury six bedroom house just brings in taxes.
Jeremy Cobbold	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	This is a lovely family-friendly pub and local landmark, central to the Hampstead/New End community. Pub-goers also provide footfall supporting the New End Mini Market, which is a fantastic asset and to the Gallery next door. Closure of the pub will undoubtedly damage these businesses. This application is simply greedy profiteering by an outfit that cares nothing for the locality. And the cost? The cost is the gutting of our community.
Maggie Phelps	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-16	It's important not to be selling London off to overseas developers.
Louise L'Homme	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-17	It used to be my local pub.
kelley reid	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-17	it's functional, beautiful and historical unlike most of the newer architecture in London
Harry Cooke	York, United Kingdom	2013-12-17	Having grown up in West Hampstead I know the impact losing this community hub will have on the local community. Please block this application for the people of Camden.
Sebastien Pant	London, Belgium	2013-12-17	The White Bear is a monument in Hampstead. Through its redevelopment, you are removing part of the village's soul and what draws people to Hampstead in the first place.
Andrea and Michael Taylor	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-17	Because we care about Hampstead and want to see preserved what little bit of the old is now left.
Brian Cooke	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-17	The White Bear has a unique character and its replacement another luxury house would be further step in the the trend towards uniform blandness which is afflicting the area.
Mark Leruste	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-17	United we stand. A local pub is like a Sunday roast, it's a time and place for people to get together and share stories and moments. It's about standing together for what's right.
Joan Noble	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-17	It is a delightful, historic and much used local amenity that enhances the community of Hampstead.
Alan Coulter	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-17	It is part of the history of Hampstead and should remain as a pub.
DENNIS JEWITT	GATESHEAD, United Kingdom	2013-12-17	My sole meeting place in London
lesley gallagher	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-17	local landmark worth saving!
Heather Mingst	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-17	I love this pub! It is a wonderful, intimate spot w/excellent food.
Mark Jones	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-17	I'm signing this petition not because I'm a regular but for the sake of community throughout the UK with particular reference to London. I am a regular at the Clifton Hill Pub, Clifton Hill, St John's Wood, which was closed last Sunday night. It appears it has been sold for residential development by Convivial Pubs who were still taking table bookings for Xmas knowing full well what was round the corner, i.e. closure. They have already started demolishing the bar area and I understand that someone has sought an enforcement note to stop any further work. Clearly, the developers have no intention of waiting for 'Change of Use'. They wait to cause as much damage as possible thinking no one will care. Furthermore, this is not just an issue of community and history but more importantly long term employment opportunities. In conclusion more than keen to help save the wonderful 'The Old White Bear'. Good Luck

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C Evans	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-17	It is the nicest and best old pub/restaurant in Hampstead. And popular with locals. Whereas the area does not need another mansion.
Anthony Wynbourne	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-17	This is a much loved old Pub which is part of the life blood of the local community and should continue as an enhancement to Hampstead village life!
Kara Dressel	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-17	Great local
Golnaz Ali	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-17	I love this pub, it's local to me and where I grew up. It would be a shame for the community to lose an authentic pub which I imagine draws many people from both across London but also tourists. I have taken many friends there and they have love the Old White Bear so please let's keep!
Gemma Sherlock	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-17	The Old White Bear is completely unique and irreplaceable. We adore this pub and simply cannot imagine life in Hampstead without it.
sarah casey	colchester, United Kingdom	2013-12-17	As a frequent visitor to Hampstead it's been noticeable how much of the local character is being lost. This is a fantastic pub and an important part of the community.
Robin Midwinter	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-17	We must protect our heritage and stop our historic old buildings from being turned into flats, especially by overseas developers
lene Andreasen	København, Denmark	2013-12-17	One of my 3 favorite pubs.
Julia De Freyne	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-17	This is a historic old important pub in a beautiful traditional part of London -enjoyed by many locals and visitors. It would be a dreadful shame to lose it. Part of Hampstead history.
Michele wyckoff smith	Muswell Hill, United Kingdom	2013-12-17	We are losing wonderful heritage pubs all the time. This should be kept as a local concern for the people of Hampstead and North London.
Emma Gawne	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-18	wonderful pub it is the heart of the community
Richard Cohen	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-18	The Old White Bear is a wonderful Hampstead pub that gives the area its character. The last thing we need in Hampstead is for this to be exchanged for more exorbitantly expensive houses that nobody who grew up there can ever hope to afford to buy.
Doug Killen	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-18	The traditional pubs of Hampstead are what gives the area its unique charm. They need to be listed and not converted.
P C	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-18	Hampstead is fast losing its villagey atmosphere. This is one of the few restaurants that isn't a chain and it's full of history too.
Alex Gawne	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-18	It is great pub where we have had many fun evenings with various circles of friends. To lose it would be to lose some of my fondest memories.
Sarah Jasper	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-18	This public house is dear to mine and my fiancés hearts. The location of our first date 3.5 years ago, where we now visit for every anniversary, and generally - one of our favourite restaurants for dinner dates. It represents not only a symbol of Hampstead heritage, but a place that is eternally special to us.
Kate Hunter	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-18	We live in the local area and are frequent users of and visitors to Hampstead Heath and Hampstead's shops and pubs. Pubs such as the White Bear are far more valuable to the local community in every way, than yet another large private home

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Linda Colligan Alpatii	Motherwell, United Kingdom	2013-12-18	<p>To:</p> <p>Rob Tulloch at Camden Council, Planning and Built Environment Councillor Chris Knight Councillor Simon Marcus Councillor Linda Chung</p> <p>We wish to object to the application to change the Old White Bear in Well Road, NW3 from a public house (Class A4) to a six-bedroom house (Class C3).</p> <p>The Old White Bear has been on this site since the early 1700's and there is no less need for it today than during the past 300 years. NW3 has lost 14 pubs to conversion since 1995 - this has already dramatically reduced the amount of available space for community use.</p> <p>The Old White Bear plays an important and active community role, and is accessible to all members of the community, including the disabled. The pub fulfils many functions for local residents and visitors including meetings of local interest groups, school parents and residents that cannot be provided elsewhere.</p> <p>By declaring the pub as "simply not big enough to provide a community role", the Developer has chosen to ignore that the first floor houses an upstairs function room which is regularly used by the pub or hired out. Added to the two separate rooms on the ground floor, there is a generous availability of space for multiple uses at any time of the day or evening.</p> <p>The Developer states that the existing trade is unviable. There is no economic data provided in the application to underwrite this statement and the existing team have made it clear that the business is successful and has grown year-on-year for the past 4 years.</p> <p>The supporting statement submitted with the application refers to Camden's policy supporting economic growth in order to create jobs, but if the pub is lost it will result in the loss of 16 full-time and 5 part-time jobs.</p> <p>In summary, this application goes against Camden planning policy DP15. The adopted policy document states;</p> <p>"We will resist the loss of local pubs that serve a community role (for example by providing space for evening classes, clubs, meetings or performances) unless alternative provision is available nearby or it can be demonstrated to the Council's satisfaction that the premises are no longer economically viable for pub use."</p> <p>Sincerely, Linda Colligan Alpatii</p>
Fonti Bentley	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-18	<p>This is a beautiful 309yr old pub that is apart of our culture and heritage. I'm absolutely flabbergasted that an offshore company, which clearly doesn't care about what it represents, has not only been allowed to buy it in the first instance but even worse has been allowed to submit a planning application to destroy it and convert it in to a guest house. It's disgusting.</p>

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Anne Bentley	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-18	Too many Beautiful and historical pubs such as this, which make hampstead so charming, are allowed to be destroyed by rich people that clearly do not care about our history and heritage. If we continue to destroy these buildings then there will be nothing left and hampstead will become soulless! This should not be allowed to happen.
Iain Jones	Sevenoaks, United Kingdom	2013-12-18	Stop further loss of community pubs
Simon Gillespie	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-18	A family friendly pub such as this is an asset to a community
Susan Tuck	Hampstead, United Kingdom	2013-12-18	The Old White Bear is one of the nicest pubs to go to after a walk on the Heath with your dog! The atmosphere is friendly and welcoming. The Old White Bear is a key historical feature of Hampstead and it would be a great loss to the character of the neighbourhood if it no longer operates as a public house.
Bev Lawry	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-18	The Old White Bear is a fabulous, warm and friendly public house close to Hampstead Heath. After a long walk across the heath there is nothing nicer than walking into this friendly and inviting pub with great beers. Please save this pub!
Rob Baker	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-18	This is where my fiancee and I had our first date. It's a hidden gem in Hampstead and would be a shame to lose it!
Professor Michael Day	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-18	The Old white Bear is a long standing hostelry much used and loved over hundres od years by Hampstead folk as a good ale house, restaurant and part of our community. I object strongly to its possible loss to the community by change of use to a dwelling house.
Dominic Pinto	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-18	<p>I have close long-standing connections to Hampstead and nearby areas having gone to University College School, (Junior Branch at Holly Hill and Senior School Frogna), sung in Hampstead Parish Church Choir, used the facilities of the Central Library Swiss Cottage (and Junior Library Arkwright Road) and swimming pool over the years, visited friends in these areas, and have used local facilities such as the Old White Bear for over 40 years.</p> <p>The Old White Bear - formerly Ye Olde White Bear - is a community asset and a well-loved pub, and people locally and from across London are very upset at its threatened closure and proposed conversion to a 6 bedroom house. There has been a public house on this site since the early 1700s and it plays an important role in the social and economic life of the immediate area and of Hampstead itself.</p> <p>Since 1995 the NW3 postal area has has seen the loss of 14 pubs. Of the pubs of my school and choir days the King of Bohemia is long gone, as are Jack Straw's Castle, the Coach and Horses and the Cruel Sea (formerly one of Finch's houses and also known as the Nag's Head) that have disappeared from Hampstead streets, and the village definitely does not need to see another one go. If we keep losing pubs, we're going to end up with a sea of housing, up market boutiques, restaurants, estate agents and precious little else and nowhere to go.</p>
Jeremy Bassinder	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-18	Pubs are part of our heritage and as such are special places for the community to meet. They provide a third space that is neither home nor work but a place where you can meet friends, work, have a quiet pint. The Old White Bear is a very special place in the heart of Hampstead and long may it remain so.
Lauren Cundiff	Asheville, NC	2013-12-18	The great spot in Hampstead is a wonderful addition to the neighborhood and should stay that way!

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Marcel Grant	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-18	It's a lovely pub that I use to meet and catch up with members of our community. It also does lovely food !
Deborah keeffe	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-19	It's a big piece of Hampstead history.
Andrea Haine	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-19	This is a social meeting place for local people...very important.
Will Sussman	Seaview, Isle of Wight, United Kingdom	2013-12-19	It's a great pub, let it be.
Mark Francis	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-19	The Old white bear is not only historical important building but an historical opart of the community. Turning this into a house will ruin the dynamic of the local area forever and is a prime example of money being seen as more important than the preservation of one of the most unspoiled areas of London
Dominic Austin	St Austell, United Kingdom	2013-12-19	There are enough super rich luxury houses in Hampstead. If traditional buildings go now, it will never return.
Pippa Lowe	Richmond, United Kingdom	2013-12-19	Historic pub, please don't get rid of.
Beverley Gill	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-19	Because it's a lovely, successful pub for the local community.
Hex Austen	Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex, United Kingdom	2013-12-19	The White Bear is a traditional pub and has been in Hampstead for years and years. It forms part of the Hampstead community. Go build your houses somewhere else!
denise aldred	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-19	Hampstead is a special place because of it's community. the Old White Bear is a wonderful part of the community and it's loss will impact on the quality of life in the area and affect many people both inside the area and around.
Nora Groce	Essex, CT	2013-12-19	This is a wonderful local neighborhood pub - I go there often. So do many of my neighbors. How could the local Council possibly agree to allow a local landmark that has served hundreds of people for centuries, and is regularly packed, to be given over to ONE rich landowner for a PRIVATE home? What could they be thinking - (or getting paid) to agree to make this change?
Lawrence Kaplan	Hampstead, United Kingdom	2013-12-19	This is a wonderful old pub and the heart of the neighbourhood. There is no reason to make it a private house for one family when there are so many who use the pub everyday.
Molly Craig	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-20	I love this pub and have been going there for years. I like to take out of town friends there for a fabulous pub experience!
charlotte Vinken	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-20	By far the best place to meet in Hampstead.
Traci Tipple	Gig Harbor, WA	2013-12-20	It is a beautiful pub! It needs to be preserved!
Tom Parker	Hampstead, United Kingdom	2013-12-20	The attempt of the developers to buy a £1.6M pub, shut it and sell it as a £8M+ house is outrageous. I am regular of the ever-decreasing number of local pubs in NW3 and it is shocking to see such a brazen attempt to turn a massive and instant profit at the expense of the community. There is no doubt the council should resist this proposed change of use. If the developers truly thought they could not make the pub a viable business then they should not have bought it!
Andrew Lodder	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-20	An expensive luxury dwelling house for a few or an historic and iconic pub for all: it is a no-brainer, frankly.
Josie Marwick	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-20	I have been a local resident of the area for 5 years and this public house is an asset to the area serving great food and providing a charming environment for locals and vistors, and the building is historically significant.
Ros Barr	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-20	This is an old unique pub - London needs these special venues both for visitors and residents.
michele trusolino	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-20	It's a very characteristic pub in hampsted, one of the best.

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Yousuf Khan	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-20	Hampstead can't lose one of its oldest pubs after having lost so many already. This would be a loss to the community. Hampstead has plenty of massive houses already.
Tessa Fautz	United Kingdom	2013-12-20	It is an excellent pub. Best in Hampstead by far. Great atmosphere. Great food. Very unique.
Truls Rostrup	LONDON, United Kingdom	2013-12-20	Hampstead needs to keep its heritage
Professor Michael Day	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-20	I grew up in Hampstead 40 years ago and this is yet another depressing example of the decline in shops and services that served the community - and in the White Bear's case for over 300 years - being lost to outside developers desperate to make quick money. I doubt if they doing it to make affordable social housing! The White Bear has changed over the years but it is a seemingly successful business providing a valuable service to local residents to be replaced by nothing just more erosion of what makes Hampstead Hampstead.
Leesa Hamilton Lee	Hertford, United Kingdom	2013-12-20	The Old White Bear is a stone's throw from the house of our friends and although we've only had the pleasure of going there once, we were struck by the enchanting and friendly atmosphere and it was abundantly clear that this pub is a focal point for the local residents of Hampstead. I'm signing this petition because I feel it would be a great loss to the community if this pub were to close and I hope to be visiting it many times in the future!
Justin Fitzhugh	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-20	The Old White Bear is a successful pub and as such a social amenity. In a time when many pubs are closing because they are no longer economically viable, to lose a successful one through a decision to change its use after 300 years would be a material community loss.
Phil Hamilton Lee	Hertford, United Kingdom	2013-12-21	I love this pub its just part of the community
Janet Wright	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-21	The White Bear is an integral part of Hampstead, not just from the fact that it plays a significant role in the community but it also adds to the unique charm of Hampstead, enjoyed by locals and tourists alike whether they be national or international visitors.
OTIS BATTERBEE	LONDON, United Kingdom	2013-12-21	ITS THE BEST PUB IN NW3!
Cathy Bawlf	United Kingdom	2013-12-21	Local neighbourhoods need local amenities, such as pubs, to remain thriving communities. If Hampstead is all housing, it will no longer be a village, but a suburb.
Brian Finch	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-22	The pub is part of the heritage of Hampstead. If all such community amenities get converted to housing then what is special about the area will evaporate and it will become just another suburb. This particular pub is important in its own right but is also potentially 'the thin end of the wedge'. If it goes what is to stop the Holly Bush or The Freemasons or the William IV becoming family homes and mansions?
Elle Perry	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-23	We are local to the pub and have always loved the venue as part of the charm of Hampstead
emma Hill	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-23	A local place that serves the local community is needed ... not a development of flats.
RACHEL HEADY	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-24	we need to preserve our heritage and the white bear has been a very significant part of my heritage
Joyce Glasser	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-25	It's an important piece of the history of our community and a great social amenity

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Isaac Marovitz	United Kingdom	2013-12-25	Saving The Old White Bear
Ajit Achar	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-25	a unique quaint historic pub with a 300 year history that is enjoyed by hundreds of people (including myself) is trumps another house among thousands
Richard Nicholl	london, United Kingdom	2013-12-26	<p>□□Subject:</p> <p>The Old White Bear / Planning Application 2013/7438/P</p> <p>We to object to the application to change the Old White Bear in Well Road, NW3 from a public house (Class A4) to a six-bedroom house (Class C3).</p> <p>The Old White Bear has been on this site since the early 1700's and there is no less need for it today than during the past 300 years. NW3 has lost 14 pubs to conversion since 1995 - this has already dramatically reduced the amount of available space for community use.</p> <p>The Old White Bear plays an important and active community role, and is accessible to all members of the community, including the disabled. The pub fulfils many functions for local residents and visitors including meetings of local interest groups, school parents and residents that cannot be provided elsewhere.</p> <p>By declaring the pub as "simply not big enough to provide a community role", the Developer has chosen to ignore that the first floor houses an upstairs function room which is regularly used by the pub or hired out. Added to the two separate rooms on the ground floor, there is a generous availability of space for multiple uses at any time of the day or evening.</p> <p>The Developer states that the existing trade is unviable. There is no economic data provided in the application to underwrite this statement and the existing team have made it clear that the business is successful and has grown year-on-year for the past 4 years.</p> <p>The supporting statement submitted with the application refers to Camden's policy supporting economic growth in order to create jobs, but if the pub is lost it will result in the loss of 16 full-time and 5 part-time jobs.</p> <p>In summary, this application goes against Camden planning policy DP15.</p>
Raoul Tawadey	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-26	I've been a regular customer at the Old White Bear for over 5 years, and will be devastated if it goes.
Jeff West	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-26	Having diversity is everything. Otherwise we just have a land of flats and houses and coffee shops. The OWB has been a pub forever. Sure it's lost it's way, by losing its roots and worrying too much about food. But these are those times and that's how things survive. Times change and the obsession with food and fine wine and coffee and bagels will recede a bit and, given the chance, the OWB will be able to be itself. If it becomes a house, it's just another house and there's no turning back: it's a house enjoyed by the few rather than the many. Support community and sharing and history. Or be boring and dead underneath.
Kathleen Saxton	Hampstead, United Kingdom	2013-12-27	I live within 7 doors of the Old White Bear and I go there every other day - it is part of my life and my community - a central meeting place as a village.

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Matt McCarthy	Hampstead, United Kingdom	2013-12-27	<p>Braaid Ventures Ltd purchased the freehold to the pub as a going concern and then mysteriously decide that it's no longer viable as a business , despite the previous tenant running a successful concern for the last four years.</p> <p>In my opinion they clearly never had any intention of ever running it as a pub and obtained the building at a much discounted rate to convert it to a residential property and take advantage of Hampstead's rapidly rising house prices due to the limited local housing stock</p> <p>An offshore investment fund has no right to make a commercial decision on the local fabric of Hampstead if their only intention is for a quick profit before moving on.</p> <p>I oppose the change of use from commercial to residential.</p>
Lauren Pitt	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-27	<p>Pubs are about community. the old white bear is a local pub serving a local community. remove that and what are you left with..? In an era where we pay lip-service to Big Society and the importance of 'Community', how will turning a popular pub for many into a private house for few help support that? Is this really what we want Hampstead to continue to become? A shame. Best, friendliest pub around, with fine food and drink and superb, wonderful, long-term staff. Not a happy Camden voter.</p>
Christopher Bunker	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-27	<p>Its great pub Ive been drinking in on and off all my adult life. Therea re enough houses in Hampstead and not enough services e.g. pubs</p>
Jennefer Gustafsson	Brooklyn, NY	2013-12-28	<p>I used to live in Hampstead and it holds a very special place in my heart for reasons that the Old WHite Bear encompasses. Don't lose it Camden!</p>
Stefan Kretzer	Copenhagen, Denmark	2013-12-28	<p>it's a local pub for christ sake and I stay in Hampstead regularly</p>
FRANCES SWAIN	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-28	<p>A beautiful old pub and a very iconic pub of New End. New End will not be the same without it.</p>
Christophe Goussot	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-29	<p>By far one of the finest community based family friendly food pubs in north london. The pub has a dining room upstairs for private functions... Which we used for our youngest son's first communion. The old white bear belongs to the local community as much as it belongs to its official owners.</p>
Emma Stuart	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-29	<p>I am a Camden resident and I regularly meet friends to eat at the Old White Bear. Far from being unviable, it is always full (we have to book in advance) and the staff are always friendly and welcoming. I feel this pub serves an important purpose and am opposed to the planning application to convert this into a house as this would be a great loss to Hampstead.</p>
Thurstan Hall-Williams	Hampstead, United Kingdom	2013-12-29	<p>Too many local pubs are being lost. Once gone they never return and the area loses part of its vitality. Hampstead is still blessed with many pleasing locals. Lets keep it that way!</p>
Anne Alvarez	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-29	<p>a beautiful old pub - there for years - too sad to lose it.</p>
Jonathan Stuart	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-29	<p>We regularly meet friends for drinks during the week and also to eat at the weekends. We have always had to book a table due to the popularity of this pub and the food and wine list are really good. A weekend visit always ends with my wife shopping in Hampstead which would happen elsewhere if we didn't visit this great pub. There are very few pubs left in Hampstead of this quality.</p>
David Cohen	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-29	<p>Wonderful local and communal ammenity</p>
Manooch Maghsoudi	Camden, United Kingdom	2013-12-30	<p>I have enjoyed going to the pub and having a meal with some drinks.</p>

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Neil Perkins	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-30	The Old White Bear has become a vital community meeting place
Natasha Broad	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-30	I feel strongly about conserving the historic character of Hampstead and its buildings, and to preserve the traditional British institution of the pub.
Lauren Scott	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2013-12-30	Fantastic pub and someone's home! KEEP THE BEAR!
Tom Wilson	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2013-12-30	Amazing place! Often here when I visit the area!!!
Cara Lawrence	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2013-12-30	It is a lovely place with most agreeable food!
Joy Scott	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2013-12-30	Wonderful place
Ray Scott	Histon, United Kingdom	2013-12-30	Wonderful pub run by brilliant staff
Will Nicholl	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-31	A local institution that has served as a gathering point for me and friends and as a landmark for my community.

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Renos Booth	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-31	<p>We have only had the pleasure of enjoying the Bear over the last 13 years out of its 300+ year life. Many more have enjoyed it before us and if Camden have the sense and desire to maintain facilities within the village that support and maintain the local community then hopefully many more will enjoy it in years to come.</p> <p>The Bear is like an extension to our living room, it is where we met a number of our neighbours and friends for the first time and where we've celebrated special occasions in a very relaxed and welcoming environment. It has a special atmosphere like no other pub in the locality. It's a family pub, where you are made to feel welcome and can happily bring your children and dogs.</p> <p>It is the first pub I took my daughter to, at the age of two and where I still hope I will be able to buy her first drink when she reaches legal age.</p> <p>It is where recently I met Jim, one of the locals, and found out that over forty years ago, he worked at my mother's hairdressing salon in Flask Walk as her apprentice for four years - he even remembers when I was born. This would never have happened if it were not for the Old White Bear.</p> <p>Originally built in 1704, it is the oldest pub in Hampstead. It was an important asset for the community then and is just as important for the community now. It can not be allowed to be lost from the community.</p> <p>The applicant states the Bear is not viable to retain in its existing form, but the evidence surrounding the recent financial transactions regarding the Bear proves it was and is viable. It also provides a very real insight in to the true motives behind the application.</p> <p>The former owner stated that the Bear was a viable going concern for eight years when it supported his family and that the lease would not have been acquired by Forest Inns if it had not shown a good net profit. Furthermore, the applicant would not have paid a substantial sum to Forest Inns to persuade them to surrender their lease if the Bear was not viable. The fact that Forest Inns have also tried on numerous occasions to buy the freehold and only recently extended the lease again proves the Bear was and is viable.</p> <p>It is clear that the applicant has only one intention and that is to strip the community of this valuable asset so as to maximize his own return by taking advantage of the rise in London residential values.</p> <p>This is a prime example of greed with the Developer applicant displaying absolutely no regard to the fact that 21 jobs will be lost, that two people will be forced to move from their home and that the neighborhood will lose a significant, valuable and thriving facility from its community.</p> <p>If Camden grant consent they also will lose out on approximately £20-30,000 per annum from business rates compared to a likely Council tax income of approximately £2,500 per annum.</p> <p>Camden must make a stand on this and protect local communities and their assets. Any action other than a strong rebuttal would only encourage other developers to strip away remaining assets from the community.</p> <p>The addition of a single residential unit would be an extremely poor substitute for the loss of the Old White Bear to the community.</p>

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Jasone O'Carroll	Dublin, Ireland	2013-12-31	My daughter lives in the area and I have visited her and had some food and drink in this pub and I think it would be an aberration to convert it into apartments given its long history and the great amenity that provides for Hampsted.
Nicole Usigli	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-31	It is part of Hampstead and part of my life.
raquel stern	Berlin, Germany	2013-12-31	I am very lucky to have dined at the Old White Bear. Apart from it being a lovely pub, its survival would be a sign that money and real estate isn't what's important, but rather social exchange and community.
Alison Perkins	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-31	Much needed local community asset
Luke Beckett	London, United Kingdom	2013-12-31	There are plenty of other places to put a house without changing yet another historic pub from its current use! This one is even successful, and well used.

