

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2020/5683/P	Wayne Stalley	07/01/2021 17:11:58	OBJNOT	<p>This is an owner that has already had at least one and maybe two planning agreements and then amendments to the the upstairs of the property to shoehorn in tiny studios.</p> <p>The pub is a community asset and is used by families locally, as well as many local business people to hold meetings, and community meetings, as well as a number of small businesses that do not have their own premises to work and think in peace, over a pint and lunch or dinner. It is a very important asset for the local community. The 'Community Asset/Heritage' status seems something of a joke if the council will merely continually to allow residential over-'development' of the building until it no longer functions in any suitable way to achieve the outputs that enabled it to receive the 'Community Asset's status in the first place.</p> <p>Very few pubs in area (I can think of none) have a creche. The Alliance is very important to local parents of toddlers and young children, particularly when it's raining outside. The creche is out of action as it's being used to store tables and chairs caused by the necessary thinning out to create additional Covid-19-distancing space.</p> <p>The Alliance does not have a beer garden so pretty much all the activity is indoors on the ground (and sole floor). This is the area that is being significantly reduced.</p> <p>A 'community room' for enjoyment in a dark dank Victorian era basement is an oxymoron, notwithstanding the egress concerns of people and children in the event of fire or flood. Just how many people will be in this building at any one time on different levels to enable safe egress!??</p> <p>Yet more residentail studios in this relatively small building will mean yet more parking at the top of Ravenshaw Street, where the Post Office is adjacent on a busy junction – yet more parking of resident cars, yet more supermarket delivery trucks/Amazon delivery etc.. in crowded area of Ravenshaw Street right on the junction. Yet more pollution. Already we see continuing flouting of double yellow lines for adjacent Post Office by normal public's cars as well as postal delivery/collection trucks – also parking very close to the junction in direct contravention of the Road Traffic Act ensuring very poor & dangerous obstruction to vision and vehicle manoeuvres into Ravenshaw Street from Mill Lane and vice-versa.</p> <p>The planning application calls for just over 20% reduction in available pub space. This is clearly further erosion of the pub amenity and the reduction of the number of people that are then able to use as a Community Asset.</p> <p>In normal times this planning application would be nonsensical, inequitable and unjust to the community. During next couple of years when far fewer people can attend and furniture can be used (for what is/should be a 'community' asset) due to Covid-19 distancing - this border on the near-criminally insane.</p> <p>Primary concerns: Reduction in numbers of community ability use; safety issues of basement use and egress in case of fire; reduction of children's ability to use pub for leisure for local parents in the community, reduction of local public and business people to use the pub particularly during the daytime, additional illegal parking, additional pollution.</p>