

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2021/1085/P	Diana Foster	18/05/2021 22:11:34	OBJ	<p>I object to this. The pub including its Function room are an integrated asset of community value, which should continue. We need to find an alternative solution to have a fire escape and retain the Function Room.</p> <p>Firstly, this pub has an important social history significance; it's the one remaining working class pub and its function room is integral to its status and role in this community.</p> <p>The Cock Tavern is at a central location in Somers Town (at a 'crossroads' commented on by a Symposium event a few years ago) between 'our high street Chatlon Street and Phoenix Road - for that reason the pub needs its first floor as it overlooks in a central role the whole of Somers Town.</p> <p>In addition this need to stop this reduction of our heritage as we are in danger of changing the nature of what is a residential area with a strong working class heritage: Phoenix rd has suffered several losses of locally listed buildings.</p> <p>The area that is being destroyed of its heritage - physical and social.</p> <p>Are we saying Somers Town heritage is of less importance because it is working class?</p> <p>The pub is integral to the Grade 2 listed Ossulston Estate and symbolises a strong local pub heritage, evidenced in street names (Charrington/ Penryn etc) and in the local Anchor which a priest ran: despite being teetotal, Fr Jellicoe served pints as he recognised the important role of the pub in community (see film http://spirit.aspaceforus.club/content/one.html)</p> <p>The Cock Tavern has iconic status among artists and filmmakers with many photos and artists, as well as an artist collective running the Function Room - it features in films Spirit! as http://spirit.aspaceforus.club/content/four.html see end http://spirit.aspaceforus.club/content/five.html</p> <p>The Function Room has served as wedding and Christening venues, RMT meeting place, place of many radical meetings, and artists/ intellectual meeting place - and that is integral to this pub.</p> <p>We hope to use this space for historical exhibitions (I run a History Club and am member of the local Neighbourhood Forum.</p> <p>In addition, the loss of the Function Room serves as a useful buffer between the flats and if there are flats, those residents will sit on top of a noisy pub, which will cause problems and disputes.</p> <p>I also object to the hideous signage suggested in the plans - which looks altogether too contemporary and not in keeping with the traditional pub signage.</p> <p>The Function Room needs to stay as a heritage and community asset and in particular because it is part of the rapidly changing Phoenix Road in such a central position - we need to keep one building which symbolises our heritage, serves community and adds character. I would urge the developers to rethink and to discuss with us alternative ways of celebrating this past in the Function Room.</p>

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