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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0187
Categories: Comments Received

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 17/03/2026 12:46 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	The Blue Ship The Haven Billingshurst West Sussex RH14 9BS
Proposal:	Conversion of stable into a 1 bed holiday unit with associated works. (Full Application).
Case Officer:	Hannah Darley

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Customer Details

Address: Plumtree Cottage The Haven Billingshurst

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Other
Comments:	I live very near the Blue Ship pub in The Haven. It is a real local pub where you always get a friendly welcome. There are no shops or other community facilities in The Haven so the Blue Ship is the one place where residents can congregate and meet other neighbours. We moved to The Haven in 2024 and the convivial atmosphere at the Blue Ship has been the place where we have been able to meet neighbours and make new friends. It is a real gem where you feel you are stepping back to a time when pubs were family run and a centre of the community rather than the chain run pubs which you so frequently find these days.

We would love the pub to be open for longer hours. However, we are aware that in the current economic climate a large number of rural pubs are closing because it is difficult for them to make money. We are aware that Simon and Sophie find it difficult to make the pub economic to run and that they could not operate the pub without the income they receive from their weekday jobs. I am very supportive of the pub and feel that it is a huge asset for the local community and that we should do all we can to ensure that the pub can continue to operate. Simon and Sophie are looking to convert their stable and operate this as a holiday let. This should be encouraged as it will help them make the pub a more viable business.

The pub is a listed building and has a huge amount of history. Given the number of pubs that are being closed and redeveloped both in Sussex and nationwide it is important that it continues to be a working pub and does not become solely a residential property so that we do not lose some of our history. We therefore need to support Simon and Sophie to make sure the Blue Ship can continue to operate as a pub.

Simon and Sophie already run the campsite next to their pub during the summer months and there are also the customers visiting the pub. I drive up and down the road past the Blue Ship to get to my house. Although the Blue Ship is on a quiet road in The Haven, the visitors to the pub are never a problem and I have never seen any disruptive behaviour. There is plenty of space to park outside the pub or there is space along the side of the road. I have never seen any problems with cars parked along the road or outside the pub. The holiday let will be only one bedroom so the additional traffic that will result from this will be minimal.

Kind regards

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