

Comment for planning application 22/00256/F

Application Number	<input type="text" value="22/00256/F"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="North Arms Inn Mills Lane Wroxton OX15 6PY"/>
Proposal	<input type="text" value="Change of Use from public house to single residential dwelling"/>
Case Officer	<input type="text" value="James Kirkham"/>
Organisation Name	<input type="text" value="Neil McAllister"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="24 Main Street,Wroxton,Banbury,OX15 6PT"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<input type="text" value="I wish to object, in the strongest way to this cynical application. Indeed, I cannot imagine any Wroxton residents supporting it as the North Arms is still a Community Asset, despite it losing that official designation last year. The applicant's comment about the pub not offering hospitality for many years is true, but behind this is a story of prevarication, delays caused by corporate ownership and the pandemic, which have kept the doors of this previously popular hostelry closed, much to the chagrin of villagers. The North Arms is physically central to the village which until its closure by a national Pubco provided a much needed community hub, indeed the community joined together to buy it - a process which took what at first appeared to be a positive move when the University offered to buy and renovate it. Indeed in January 2020 application 19/01148/F was approved, allowing refurbishment and repair, to ensure the North Arms was once again the Community Asset it has been for centuries. It is my belief that the North Arms was purchased from Fairleigh Dickinson University with the planning permission in place and expressed intention to restore and re-open as a village pub. No restoration work has been done since and this application would appear to be a cynical attempt to buy a prime property at a bargain price, depriving the village of this very valuable asset forever. It is unthinkable that one person should profit in this manner to the permanent detriment of the entire village. I request that this matter be referred to committee, rather than solely being the decision of an officer."/>
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