

The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/W1715/W/25/3363580

DETAILS OF THE CASE

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Appeal By DORRINGTON HOMES (UK) LIMITED

Site Address
Land adjacent to Pear Tree PH
Winchester Road
Southampton
Hampshire
Grid Ref Easting: 450577
Grid Ref Northing: 114640

SENDER DETAILS

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ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- ☐ Appellant
- ☐ Agent
- ☒ Interested Party / Person
- ☐ Land Owner
- ☐ Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- ☐ Final Comments
- ☐ Proof of Evidence
- ☐ Statement
- ☐ Statement of Common Ground
- ☒ Interested Party/Person Correspondence
- ☐ Other

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I am writing to formally object to the revised planning application seeking to remove the garden of The Pear Tree and replace it with new housing.

This application was previously rejected due to overwhelming public opposition, and I urge the planning authority to uphold that decision. The reasons for this objection remain unchanged, and the significance of the pub garden to the community has only become more apparent.

The pub and its garden are situated in a rapidly expanding residential area, now surrounded by two large new build estates. Despite this growth in population, there has been no proportional increase in leisure facilities or social spaces. The pub garden is currently the only local outdoor venue where residents can gather, relax, and enjoy community life. Removing it would leave the area devoid of a vital communal asset.

The garden is more than just a hospitality venue – it serves as an informal community hub. Families use it to connect with others, adults find a place to unwind, and there is a play park that complements the space by offering safe recreation for children while parents socialize nearby.

The importance of spaces that support community wellbeing cannot be overstated. The loss of the garden would be a detrimental blow to local cohesion and quality of life, especially in an area already underserved in terms of leisure and social infrastructure.

In light of the above, I strongly urge the planning authority to reject this application again and to preserve this essential community asset for current and future residents.