
Written Comments for Virtual Strategic Planning Committee

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VIRTUAL STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE 4TH AUGUST 2020

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Change of use from A4 to C3. Conversion of public house and owners accommodation into four apartments.

The Harrow Inn 94 - 96 Main Street Tweedmouth

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Firstly, I welcome the fact that this application is being considered openly by Committee. Although, I continue to object to the suspension of the Local Area Councils.

This is a relatively small scale conversion of a single, unlisted building. However, it is a pleasant surprise to see farmers from 15 miles + outside of the area taking such an interest in this corner of Tweedmouth by submitting statements in support !

My further comments on this application are as follows;

Shoehorning four flats into a building this size is bound to require some compromises and several of the rooms are very snug indeed, partly driven by putting in so many toilets and showers.

The external appearance is little changed and the commitment to provide high-performance timber windows in keeping with the existing fenestration is very welcome.

Residents will be sorry to see the end of another local pub. However, it is well known that, even before the lockdown, many public houses were unable to operate profitably. Their closure has been a 25+ year trend.

Consequently, a change of use to residential is to be supported; in many cases, it is the only viable alternative. It seems perfectly appropriate to the Conservation Area and the building could easily have been two houses at one time.

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