

# Comments for Planning Application 20/01070/FUL

## Application Summary

Application Number: 20/01070/FUL

Address: Fox And Hounds Toys Hill Brasted KENT TN16 1QG

Proposal: Conversion of public house to dwelling.

Case Officer: Louise Cane

## Customer Details

Name: Mr John Parker

Address: 1 Gudge Meadow Puddledock Lane Westerham

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Interested Parties

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I have known the Fox and Hounds most of my life and live nearby. I supported local efforts to preserve the pub last year and was happy to stand down when we heard the Fox had a buyer who intended to continue its use as a pub.

Others may comment on the importance of the Fox to the life of Toys Hill and the surrounding area. However, I would ask the planning committee also to consider the significance of the Fox to the much wider community who visit here from Sevenoaks District and Kent, Surrey and the London boroughs. I believe the loss of the Fox and Hounds would be a tragic loss for them and for future generations.

The Fox and Hounds is in a unique position at the highest point on the Greensand Ridge in Kent in one of the most important and extensive areas of outstanding natural beauty around London. The proximity of Toys Hill with its links to Octavia Hill and the National Trust coupled with the fact that it is surrounded by woodland open to the public, close to Chartwell and Emmetts gardens brings in visitors from around the world.

A good pub here in the form of the Fox and Hounds contributes significantly to the enjoyment of the area, providing lunch or afternoon tea to the many visitors who come here for a relaxing day out.

Although neglected by the owner in recent years, the Fox can no doubt be a success again. In addition to those visiting Toys Hill, the Fox is a perfect destination for those walking from Westerham, Chartwell or Emmetts. The Greensand Way passes the door potentially creating an opportunity in future for providing basic accommodation. The area is popular with cyclists who no doubt would welcome refreshments at the top of the hill.

I hope the planning committee will do whatever they can to preserve this important local asset.