

Online Comments Form

Application Details

App No: 19/00872/AS

Location: Frith Business Centre, Frith Road, Aldington, Kent

Proposal: Physical alterations of light industrial buildings and associated parking to facilitate 10 residential units granted under prior approval reference 18/00714/AS

Person and Comment Details

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Action: Objecting

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Comments

I am a resident of Roman Road, Aldington and have lived here for just over 30 of my 35 years and am familiar with the proposed site as I run a small business from there and have done for the last 5 years now.

I wish to offer a few points of contention concerning this proposed build;

by following through with this development you would be effectively ending several small businesses that operate from here and therefore adversely affect the local economy of the village itself. in a time when small businesses should be being supported this would be anathema to that.

the main 2 buildings have fully asbestos roofing which I'm assuming would be very costly to dispose of safely by law after/during demolition.

more unaffordable housing is not what the village requires. small enterprise for locals is something that should be encouraged. the infrastructure does not exist in Aldington to cater for any more housing without further investment in road re-surfacing, parking, amenities, school places etc.

Aldington has already grown 67% over the last decade and NONE of the dwellings are even in the realms of affordable. there is absolutely no incentive for local housing needs in these developments. No commitment has been made to deliver ANY local needs for affordable homes therefore I see it as entirely likely that the 'affordable' element, eg. market homes, will NOT be offered/sold/rented reasonably to locals - thus adding to the disenfranchisement of many young entrepreneurs (including myself).

As mentioned i have been a resident of this village for most of my life, having lived here for over 30 years, and i have effectively been priced out of ever being able to have my own dwelling in the place I grew up. I am a small business owner also as mentinoed, operating out of the village so would require a dwelling nearby for obvious accessibility to my work. I bring money to the village but because of the current situation, having an affordable home is not something that is seen as a priority to developers/landowners on the whole today.

I realise this has been an exhaustive letter of complaints but I am not a prude and, believe it or not, I do welcome new developments in and around the area but only if they take into consideration the above salient points.

As a local business owner I, and others like me, should be offered accommodation that is not chronically overpriced and imposing, rather small, inconspicuous and cheap. The same goes for any business premises also. We should not be in fear of being priced out of our own places of work after having been operating for

the last 20+ years which is how old the Frith Business Centre has been functioning in the village providing employment and ingenuity to our small area of Kent.

Thanks for listening.

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