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FAO Planning Dept.

I'm writing to strongly object to the planning applications above.
I'm unclear how they differ from the previous applications which were denied ?

- 1) we do not need another convenience store. Less than 1 minute walk from the Prince Albert we have the post office /convenience store which the new owners spent a lot of money renovating and stocking . Within a further minute walk we have the Premier convenience store fully stocked. A further 2 minutes from there we have a Morrisons fully stocked.
Another will financially impact these local businesses and offer nothing new other than a place for people / children to hang around near a pub with alcohol. This is never a good mix.
 - 2) The Prince Albert pub needs money spent on it but still offers a service to the village. Are there plans to spend much needed money on this building and continue the service villagers want ? I'm not clear from the applications? The pub relies on its garden which families use in the summer and it relies on parking which will be significantly diminished.
 - 3) the pub relies on having live music to draw customers - will this be impacted in terms of being allowed to continue this or time they can open until given the plan includes residential dwellings ?
- The impact on the pub must be considered - has anyone done an impact assessment?
- 4) parking is an issue along copthorne bank and the pub provide much needed parking for local shops as well as their customers - they are flexible and provide safer parking arrangements than the local council have
 - 5) do we need anymore housing ? We already have a doctors surgery, schools and dentist's unable to cope and offer the services that are critical. When heathy wood estate was built nearby it was approved based on the promise of a doctors surgery - we have NEVER seen it - broken promises.

In my view the current Prince Albert needs investment and be allowed to continue providing a service which relies on a decent amount of parking and the garden.

We have plenty of convenience stores in walking distance as well as a Tesco extra 5 minutes drive, a Tesco Superstore, Asda and Sainsbury's all in a 10 Minute drive and an M&S not much further - we don't need more !

I strongly object

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