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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

DECISION NOTICE

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Applicant:

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PARTICULARS OF DEVELOPMENT

Application:	25/00091/LBC
Proposal:	Internal and external alterations to facilitate the change of use and conversion of former White Horse PH to a mixed use comprising a single residential dwelling (Use Class C3), and micropub (Sui Generis).
Location:	22 High Street, Kimpton, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 8RJ,

In pursuance of its powers under the above Act and the associated Orders and Regulations, the Council hereby **REFUSE LISTED BUILDING CONSENT** to the works described above and proposed by you in your application received with sufficient particulars on 13 January 2025.

The reasons for the Council's decision to refuse Listed Building Consent are:

1. The proposal will not only lead to the demise of a pub use for this well-established community facility but would also fail to deliver a viable and credible micropub alternative thereby harming the historic, communal and social significance of this grade

It listed building to the local community and the character of the Kimpton Conservation Area. The micropub is consigned to a corner of the building and the scheme has not been convincingly justified (para 213) nor a community use optimised. Furthermore, by reason of the expanse of the slate rear catslide addition with significant areas of glazing, which wholly forms part of the proposed residential use, the rear elevation of the building's historic core would be adversely affected. The proposal fails to satisfy the provisions of Sections 16(2) and 72(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and does not accord with Section 16 of the Framework or Policies SP13 or HE1 of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011 - 2031.

Signed:



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NOTES

- 1 If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

If you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice.

Appeals must be made using a form which you can get from the Planning Inspectorate at Suite C, 4th Floor, Spectrum Building, Bond Street, Bristol, BS1 3LG or online at www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to him that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the local planning authority based their decision on a direction given by him.

Purchase Notices

If either the local planning authority or the Secretary of State refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council (District Council, London Borough Council or Common Council of the City of London) in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.