

STATEMENT A3 – Cynthia Goldstein

The Windmill has been a pub for over 150 years and when it reopened around 15 years ago it quickly became central to this community and not only due to its great beer.

It was a safe space for women to go to on their own, the only pub I and many of my women friends felt safe to do so.

Its proximity meant it was safe to walk to and because it was regularly used by so many of us there would always be someone in there I knew.

The back room regularly hosted open mic nights, film evenings, gigs, book clubs and many more regular events tailored to our community. It would be used free of charge for meetings and parties with food willingly provided for a small cost.

Before 8 o'clock it was a family room so families could enjoy the pub grub, and children could play with the toys provided and have fun with others while the adults had the chance to relax.

The Windmill felt like a safe, fun pub to enjoy a drink and a catch up with friends and to make have an opportunity to make new ones. Within loneliness at epidemic levels this can't be valued enough.

The planning officers report stated 14 alternative pubs within the requisite half mile radius that we could go to:

The fiddlers isn't even a pub, it's a club

The community association, the name gives it away, is not a pub has limited opening hours and is members only

The star and Dove and the Victoria Park would involve walking through the park, which as a woman is ill advised as I'm sure the police would agree. To avoid the park would make it a much longer walk longer than half a mile.

The other pubs are truly not in our community and all involve a fair walk through either East St, The Park or Whitehorse lane. None of these feel safe in the late evening or in the dark of night.

The Windmill Is part of this community, as is The Rising Sun. we need more than one pub. Totterdown has 5 thriving pubs.

The Rising sun is small and not able to fulfil the varied things the Windmill provided. As a growing community to have only one pub is not "a diverse range"

There are to be hundreds of dwellings built in this area over the next few years so 5 more flats to replace a thriving pub seems totally ridiculous.

With more and more people working from home the community we live in is so important and should be respected and nurtured. This pub was loved as the £170,000 raised by the community reflects. I'm sure more would have been raised if COVID hadn't struck

The person interested in buying the pub has made an offer for it at over market value. He is an account, owns a couple of pubs and having looked at the pubs accounts sees the pub as a very viable business

The Windmill pub was loved and people came from all over Bristol to enjoy it.

It has been a pub for much longer than I've been here and should remain so.

Please allow this community hub to be reinstated in this community.

Kind regards

Cynthia Goldstein