

STATEMENT A6 – Andrew Lear

Dear Sirs,

Please find below my statement in relation to the planning application for the conversion of this pub into apartments.

My statement is as follows :

1. The immediate area is in the process of a massive apartment building project in Bedminster across the railway line and the need for a community hub, meeting place and area for socialising will be needed more than ever before with hugely increased demands from thousands of new residents locally.
2. Given the significant number of apartments to be built in Bedminster the cost benefit analysis of getting rid of a pub for a very small number of apartments on its site no longer makes sense.
3. The Windmill pub was always well supported in the community. The main issue was not attendance within the community but more so because the present owner did not invest in its future or care sufficiently about its patrons to cater for their needs and thereby ensure its future viability. If the owner had done so then the whole operation would be much more viable.
4. The Windmill pub has been the only listed pub in South Bristol in the Good Pub Guide. It lost this accolade due to a lack of investment. It can be great and profitable again under the right ownership/management who is most probably the person trying to purchase it from the present owner.

Many thanks

Andrew Lear

Local resident and former patron of the Windmill pub