

Agenda Item 9

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Ward (s) affected	All	Key Decision	Yes
Subject	Petition to save the Pilgrim Public House, Station Road, Dorking		
Recommendations			
That the petition to save the Pilgrim Public House in Station Road, Dorking be noted and forwarded to the Development Control Committee to take into consideration in the event of the receipt of an application for planning permission to redevelop the site.			
Corporate Priority Outcomes			
Recognising the desire of local people to safeguard the Pilgrim Public House from closure and redevelopment resonates with the Corporate Priority to promote the culture and economy of the market town of Dorking. It also plays into the Priority to promote community spirit.			
The Executive has the authority to determine the Recommendations			

1. Background

- 1.1 The Pilgrim Public House is located near the Dorking West Railway Station.
- 1.2 On 29th April a petition was received to “Save The Pilgrim, on Station Road Dorking, Surrey”.
- 1.3 A total of 465 people have expressed their wish for the Pilgrim to be saved from redevelopment. This has taken the form of 386 signatures on petition sheets and 79 emails.
- 1.4 MVDC’s petition scheme provides, when the matter falls within the remit of the Executive, for one of the eligible signatories, or a representative, to address the meeting for no longer than five minutes. The Leader or Executive Member may make a statement in response, which will not exceed two minutes.
The Pilgrim Public House.
- 1.5 At the time of preparing this report there have been no pre-application discussions about the redevelopment of the public house nor has a planning application been received.
- 1.6 Under the circumstances, it is proposed that the petition be forwarded to the Development Control Committee and request that it is taken into account in the event that it is required to consider a planning application for the

redevelopment or change of use of the Pilgrim Public House.

- 1.7 In the meantime, the petitioners' attention has been drawn to the Register of Assets of Community Value. This allows local organisations to nominate local public or privately owned buildings or land as being an asset of community value. If successfully nominated and added to the Register the owner must tell MVDC if they wish to sell the asset. Local groups then have an initial period of six weeks to consider if they want to express an interest in bidding for the asset. If a group wishes to proceed, a six month moratorium would be placed on the sale of the asset to allow the group to raise funds.

2. Financial Implications – None.

3. Legal Implications – None.

4. Options

4.1 Accept the petition and forward to the Development Control Committee.

4.2 Decline to accept the petition.

4.3 The option to accept the petition is recommended.

5. Corporate Implications

Monitoring Officer Commentary

All relevant legal implications have been taken into account.

S151 Officer Commentary

The S151 Officer confirms there are no financial implications at this stage.

Risk Implications

None as a direct result of this report.

Equalities Implications

There are no equalities implications as a direct result of this report.

Employment Issues

None for the recommended option.

Communications

A press release is being prepared.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None