MEMBER REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

(Completed form to be sent to Case Officer and Corporate Manager - Growth & Sustainable Planning)

| Planning application reference | DC/21/06315 Full Planning Application - Change of use of the Six Bells Inn Public House to Veterinary Practice and pet supplies (sui generis). Business proposed to exist on the ground floor level whilst retaining the existing first floor ancillary residential accommodation. The Six Bells Inn High Street Gislingham Suffolk IP23 8JD |
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| Parish | Gislingham |
| Member making request | Rowland Warboys |
| Please describe the significant policy, consistency or material considerations which make a decision on the application of more than local significance | Controversial – loss of a community asset. LP12 - Safeguarding Economic Opportunities LP29 – Services and Facilities within the Community (A shortage of suitable premises for potential business use would not be assuaged by replacing one established business with a long history and viable future with another.) The nearest Veterinary Surgery to Gislingham is in Eye – 5.3 miles. |
| Please detail the clear and substantial planning reasons for requesting a refer9ral | There is considerable local opposition to the proposed change of use, this is the only public house in Gislingham and is considered an essential community asset. I would like time to enable Gislingham Parish council to nominate the Six Bells as an asset of community value. |
| Please detail the wider District and public interest in the application | Gislingham is considered a hinterland village with a primary school and Londis Village Store. CAMRA Description: "Large, high ceilinged Victorian pub, recently renovated. A single bar with several areas and a 10m deep well in the floor. Run as a proper village pub catering for drinkers. No food but does serve rolls and sandwiches. Hoping to have tea room up and running soon. No children or dogs in the bar. Occasional guest beer." Oct 2021 Disabled access, parking and beer garden. William Stagg 1 st recorded landlord 1844 |

| If the application is not in your Ward please describe the very significant impacts upon your Ward which might arise from the development | |
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| Please confirm what steps you have taken to discuss a referral to committee with the case officer | I have discussed this with the Case Officer and I am putting this in as a provisional referral subject to a meeting of the Gislingham Parish Council on 10 th Jan. 2022 |