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From: Grant, David
Sent: 30 March 2021 17:28
To: _planningadvice
Subject: Mulberrys Bar H16-0262-21

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Many thanks,

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Dear David,

Please see our statement below regarding Mulberrys Bar:

Over the past 3 years MW Holdings Spalding Limited made a loss of over £7,000 from running the pub. Before any restrictions were introduced due to COVID-19 Mr Woodroffe had explored the option of selling the pub due to the losses it had been making. Whilst operating at a loss the business has been unable to provide any pay increases for staff. The planned increases to minimum wage would mean that the costs of the business are only going to increase in the future, further increasing the losses.

As the business does not have sufficient space in the premises to provide food, the pub has currently been closed for most of this financial year. By following the social distancing measures that are required, the pub will be unable to operate at full capacity for the foreseeable future. The business has struggled financially without these restrictions in place, and so a restriction on the number of customers will cause more financial difficulties.

The company also lets out the rooms above the flat as affordable accommodation. The letting of these rooms have enabled the business to cover the current losses of the pub. By converting the pub in to the proposed flats Mr Woodroffe will be able to provide additional affordable accommodation in the town centre.

Yours sincerely,

Ryan Thompson

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