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Dear Mr Trafford

I would like to add my own objections to the change of use of The Mulberry 14/00285/FULL to B1(a) office use in Cheriton Bishop. It makes no difference who wants to go into the building but to take the pub away from this area is criminal. We also have issues on building new houses in the village and proposed sights have been put forward and already a new development should be starting next to the Old Thatch Inn this year I understand. So more people will need recreation which could well be in The Mulberry. It has served very well to villagers and visitors in the past and to take it away now at this stage seems strange to me. X

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Also comes to mind is the price of The Mulberry. When the For Sale sign went on the building on 13 February 2013 with GVA some 6 months after it stopped trading (2 September 2012) the price was for £495,000. Since then Mr Sam Guven still had the keys, lived there until EDF turn off the electric on 17 May 2013 and over time he has removed all furniture, bedding, even carpets and the kitchen had been repossessed soon after closure. Therefore the true marketing price for the Mulberry must be considerably less now, which would make it more reasonable for new purchasers to buy as a public house as they will have to refurbish completely before they could trade.

This change of use has certainly stirred the village up. Nobody knew, (other than the Parish Council who were told to keep quiet about the proposal 2 months before) until a week before the Parish Council Meeting and feelings are running high.

Therefore if The Mulberry as put on the market at the correct price I am sure someone would be willing to get it up and running and bring our pub back to us and make a great success of it.

Yours sincerely

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