

Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0436/FUL

Application Summary

Application Number: DC/26/0436/FUL

Address: Weavers Business Centre 6 Hamlet Road Haverhill Suffolk CB9 8EE

Proposal: Planning application - change of use of office building (class E) to dwelling (class C3)

Case Officer: Gregory McGarr

Customer Details

Name: Mr John Burns

Address: 10 Kingfisher Close Haverhill Suffolk CB9 0JW

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Councillor

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Other

Comment: I fully support this application.

The building was residential for 400 years from the 15th century to the late 20th century and to say it is "employment land" is a misnomer when Hamlet Road is primarily residential. There are many examples that WSC have approved of conversion of employment places to residential and the government's own rules allow permitted development changing High Street shops to residential. Allowing the Haverhill Research Park to become residential to please a particular developer is just one example. To say this should be not one of them is therefore an odd decision and perhaps smacks of a lack of understanding of what Haverhill is about.

Minor things like cycle storage are easily fixed (despite some odd SCC rules) as there is a ton of available space both in the car park area and the garden area. This is a listed building in a conservation area and to return to residential is a great use of the asset now the limited employment use has ceased with the retirement of the owner occupier.