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Mr David Prout
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18th July 2007

Dear Mr Prout,

I enclose a letter from my constituent Mr Andrew L Kenyon of Flat 1, Chelsea Sports Centre, Chelsea Manor Street, London SW3 5PL with regard to the planning application to convert the Phene Arms Public House into a single dwelling.

I would be grateful to have your assurance that the very strong feelings of local residents will be taken into account when reaching a decision.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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The Rt. Hon. Sir Malcolm Rifkind MP
 The House of Commons
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11th July 2007

Dear Sir Malcolm

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The Phene Arms Public House, Phene Street, Chelsea, London SW3

I am writing to you as my Member of Parliament as I wish to bring to your attention a planning application which has been made to The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

I understand that an application has been made to convert this vacant public house to a single dwelling and I wish to bring this to your attention. I have already registered my objection to this application on the grounds below.

"The Phene Arms" is a public house of some 180 years standing and, until it recently closed, was a charming and relaxing environment in which to enjoy a relaxed and happy atmosphere either inside or in the beer garden – something of a rarity in London public houses.

With the demolition of *"The Beehive"* in Chelsea Manor Street, Chelsea has already lost one public house to development and *"The Chelsea Surprise"* in Christchurch Street has also closed pending refurbishment. Now, it seems, a third public house, within a quarter of a mile radius, is in danger of being converted.

The cosmic rapidity with which the loss of long established local public houses in Chelsea seems to be taking place simply cannot be allowed to continue unopposed.

It seems that the older English pub is rapidly making way for new "gastro pubs" and trendy wines bars in and around the Royal Borough. Chelsea has plenty of these "new style watering holes" around the environs of The Kings Road but what appears to be being lost are the traditional public houses

I write to you as my local Member of Parliament in the hope that you may further investigate this planning application and sincerely trust that you may be able to support the gathering local opinion that the "*The Phene Arms*" should remain a public house for the use both of residents and visitors to the Royal Borough.

I look forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely



Andrew L. Kenyon