

Sir/Madam,

I was drawn to this wonderful project when I saw it in the advertiser the other week and thought it was great to see in Ludlow, a town that has reinvented itself to everyone's benefit through art, food and culture over the years, once the high brow Festival imploded possibly as it didn't really appeal to the breadth of audience that this project will

So what a brilliant project to have in Ludlow and next to a hospital as it is academically proven that art and creativity have incredible powers to help us stay and get well and lead happy, healthy lives - it's officially called 'social prescribing' - it may be that being next to the hospital may open a few eyes

In the same way one objection says alcohol (rightly) shouldn't be offered in a hospital, also like smoking it is permissible and acceptable outside and there are no planning laws governing this anyway so these really shouldn't be seen as valid objections.

Fundamental change of use for this building was granted a while back, after I believe a similar struggle so that ship has sailed.

The planning use is in place for most of what they want to do other than offer a drink with a film, workshop or meeting

They aren't proposing a bar as such or nightclub contrary to the worst fears of many, understandably as they have to consider the needs of vulnerable people in their care.

From what I have read about this project I think people have got the wrong end of the stick here, seen alcohol mentioned and seen red.

Parking may be an issue but it looks as if they are aware of and discussing that with the NHS

Before the planning department make a decision and respond to the tide of negativity that the Friends of the Hospital's press release will surely cause, I hope they will visit the site and see if this use REALLY is likely to cause the disturbance feared by the friends

Why do I care?

I was born in that hospital and my mother passed away two years ago so I am very aware of concerns and sensitivities around end of life, but also not to dwell on it but look for positivity, hope and tomorrow's generations.

She and my father ran a community arts/play scheme for young people for many years in Ludlow and my own work in this area is part of their legacy so I feel duty bound to support this application

I know nothing would have warmed my mother's heart at the end of her life more than knowing, even hearing that people are enjoying theirs

Nothing I have read in the application indicates that the proposed use will do anything other than improve the quality of life of people across Ludlow

All best wishes ... Nick

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To your point I confirm support of this application, give yo uthe constant requested and confirm my address as below

Nick Corston

