

Subject:	Save the Dyke Pub – Petition for Debate		
Date of Meeting:	20 October 2016		
Report of:	The Monitoring Officer		
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Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 Under the Council's Petition Scheme if a petition contains more than 1,250 signatures and is not petition requesting officer evidence, it will be debated by the Full Council.
- 1.2 A combined e-petition and paper petition has resulted in triggering a debate at the council meeting, having exceeded the threshold with a total of 1,350 signatures confirmed at the time of printing the report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the petition is noted and referred to the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee for consideration at its meeting on the 8th December 2016.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION / CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:**3.1 The Petition****Save the Dyke Pub**

We the undersigned value the Dyke Pub as a community asset which furthers social wellbeing, and urge the council to accept the nomination as an Asset of Community Value so we can work to save this important and historic community venue for generations to come.

The Dyke Pub has served the community for 121 years, but on September 3rd the doors closed and the next day it re-opened as a furniture shop. This happened in great secrecy. We, the local community were not consulted, and not even staff members knew. Under current planning law, the owners were able to do this legally, without full planning permission.

We want the pub to be a pub again! Sign the petition to show support for a nomination of the pub as an Asset of Community Value, which would give the building some protection under planning law, and could pave the way to make

the building a pub again! Let's do what we can to save the historic Dyke pub so that it can be the great, historic community venue it should be!

The Dyke pub not only has historic value, it is also an important community meeting point for the wide community around it. The Dyke pub is used regularly by us, the community as a venue to meet new and old friends and as a regular meeting venue for a range of organisations, including PTAs, book clubs, reunions, sport and social clubs, Reigate road community organisation, Tivoli road community organisation and many others. It has been used regularly by these organisations for many years and as a meeting venue for organising local street parties, charity, fun days and other community events, bringing neighbours of all ages together. It is regularly used by families, young and old. The fact that many people today live far away from family makes the pub even more valuable as a warm community venue which reduces isolation, and is open and welcoming to all. The Dyke pub on Dyke road is a historic and important venue which has brought communities together for decades.

3.2 The options open to the council are:

- To note the petition and take no action for reasons put forward in the debate; or
- To refer the petition to the relevant Committee meeting; or
- To refer the petition to the relevant Committee meeting with recommendations.

4. **PROCEDURE:**

4.1 The petition will be debated at the Council meeting in accordance with the agreed protocol:

- (i) The Lead petitioner will be invited by the Mayor to present the petition and will have up to 3 minutes in which to outline the prayer of the petition and confirm the number of signatures;
- (ii) The Mayor will then open the matter up for debate by councillors for period of 15 minutes and will first call on the relevant Committee Chair to respond to the petition and move a proposed response. The Mayor will then call on those councillors who have indicated a desire to speak in the matter, before calling on the relevant Committee Chair to respond to the debate;
- (iii) Any councillor may move an amendment or recommendation, having regard to the recommendation in 2.1 above and any such proposal will need to be formally seconded;
- (iv) After the 15 minutes set aside for the debate, the Mayor will then formally put:
- (v) (a) Any amendments in the order in which they are moved, and
(b) The substantive recommendation(s) as amended (if amended).

