

Decision Notice – ACVNF34

The Smugglers Inn, 1 School Lane, Herne, Herne Bay CT6 7AN

The nomination of The Sugglers Inn for inclusion in the List of Assets of Community Value was received on 29 September 2021 from Herne and Broomfield Parish Council.

The authority for the decision on whether an asset is suitable for inclusion in the list has been formally delegated to me by elected members. I have consulted all relevant colleagues including our Legal team. The task is to establish whether:

- the nomination is from an organisation which is eligible to make the nomination, **and**
- in the council's opinion, the current use of the land furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, **and**
- in the council's opinion, it is realistic to think that there can continue to be non-ancillary use which will further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

SHEPHERD NEAME LIMITED (Co. Regn. No. 138256) of Faversham
Brewery, 17 Court Street, Faversham, Kent,
ME13 7AX. owns the freehold for the land which is registered under title number K696961

Nomination - I am satisfied that the applicant is eligible to nominate. For the purposes of the Act the nomination must be made by a community body with a local connection. It is clear that the parish council fulfils this requirement.

Applying the legislative 'test' - The statutory test needs to be applied to the land marked on the enclosed map. It is the council's opinion that The Smugglers Inn does meet both parts of the test, in that its current use does sufficiently further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community. It is clearly used for recreation purposes, is the only public house in the village, hosts bat and trap, quiz nights and music events for the local community.

Conclusion - In conclusion, the council's decision is that The Smugglers Inn is registered as an Asset of Community Value and will be added to the List of Community Assets, which is published on the council's website.



Suzi Wakeham, Director of People and Place

