

The Evenhill — Shepherd Neame

Littlebourne, Canterbury City Council



When Shepherd Neame took the venue back under management, we secured a swift permission to secure an extension and enhanced outdoor area to create a new dining space.

The Evenhill is a locally listed building in Littlebourne, Kent, and is the last remaining pub in the village. The venue was under tenancy that was due to expire, and the landlord had decided not to renew. Shepherd Neame wished to bring the premises back under management, albeit the venue offer was lacking and continued operation without substantial reinvestment was not possible. Whilst one option could have been to convert the existing space into a dining area, Shepherd Neame were keen to ensure that the venue retained its pub character, meaning an extension and reconfiguration of the beer garden to create a more usable and covered space was necessary.

Being mindful of the tight construction deadline and to minimise the potential closure period, we secured a swift pre-application meeting with officers to clearly set out the rationale and justification for the proposals, impressing also the importance of delivering the enhancements to protect the long term future of The Evenhill.

Through these discussions we were able to agree and refine requirements for the application, including relevant heritage considerations, ensuring that key issues were addressed. Working closely with officers, we secured planning permission well within the 8-week determination date. Through this proactive approach we were also able to agree condition discharge triggers that sat within the construction programme.

Summary of achievements

- Preparation of robust submission documents to ensure swift resolution
- Secured planning permission well within the 8-week target
- Management of other professionals, including a noise consultant and architects
- Securing necessary enhancement works to improve and grow the business

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