

Agenda item

PL/2025/09146 - The Moonrakers Inn, High Street, Pewsey, SN9 5AF

- [Meeting of Eastern Area Planning Committee, Thursday 16 April 2026 3.00 pm \(Item 22.\)](#)

Retention of painted striped colour scheme to front (South) elevation.

Minutes:

Public Participation

- Mike Fowler spoke in support of the application.
- Kim Dorland spoke in support of the application.

Senior Conservation/Planning Officer, Pippa Card, introduced a report relating to retention of painted striped colour scheme to front (South) elevation. The report covered the following points including the site and surroundings, relevant planning legislation, policies and guidance, summary of consultation responses, summary of representations, planning considerations, impact on designated heritage assets and conservation area, and planning balance.

The Senior Conservation/Planning Officer noted that there was an error included within the conclusion of the report where reference was made to Section 66(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, however this should have been Section 16(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

It was outlined that a late 3rd party representation had been received however this did not raise any material planning considerations in relation to the Officer's report.

Members of the public then had the opportunity to present their views to the Committee as detailed above.

The Local Unitary Member, Cllr Jerry Kunkler did not attend the meeting or speak on the application due to being the applicant.

Members of the Committee had the opportunity to ask technical questions regarding the application with it clarified that it was assumed that the building had been colour washed prior to its listing date of 1987. The potential for granting consent for a limited period of time was discussed, with it suggested that the Committee should focus on the planning balance in front of them and should make a decision on the permanency of the colour scheme.

A point was raised about consideration of guidance provided by Historic England in relation to the date in which the building would have been painted in the past, to which it was suggested that the past should be treated as background information for the application but not a determinative factor. The notion of harm was questioned in the context of whether the original white painting would have constituted harm that had been subsequently accepted and whether the retention of the painted striped colour scheme would add further harm. Additionally, the type of paint used for such colour schemes was discussed and how this might potentially impede the breathability of the building, however this had not been taken into account within the report.

At the start of the debate a motion to REJECT the officer's recommendation and to APPROVE Listed Building Consent was moved by Cllr Keith Allen and seconded by Cllr Paul Oatway.

During the debate, issues raised included but were not limited to that the striped colour scheme should be treated with pride and that the Moonrakers Inn was a sporting bar which was used by local sports teams and people to support English teams in sporting events as well as St George's Day. Reference was drawn to other listed buildings on the high street which had painted colour schemes as well as that out of the circa 3,800 population of Pewsey only 5 people had complained. Furthermore, the notion of harm was discussed in relation to the type of paint used on the building as well as harm to the environment, to which it was suggested that the colour scheme enhanced the environment and this was demonstrated by the lack of complaints.

Further points raised suggested that the application before the Committee contravened the points made by the Senior Conservation/Planning Officer and that it was suggested that the Moonrakers Inn was functioning well as a public house and there was no reason to suggest this would not be the case without the painted striped colour scheme. Points were made that there was no reason to suggest that the public house could display a St George's Cross by other means such as by attaching a temporary ribbon for prescribed periods of time to the front elevation or by flying a flag.

The balance of harm was further referenced, with a point made that eight pubs were closing each week within the UK and that though the point had been made that the public house was functioning, it was currently functioning with the painted striped colour scheme.

As a reason for approval, the Chairman proposed the following amendment to the original motion that the retention of the painted striped colour scheme preserves the special interest of the grade II listed building and its setting. The proposal causes less than substantial harm to its significance as a designated heritage asset and this is outweighed by the public benefits. This was accepted as a friendly amendment by Cllr Keith Allen and Cllr Paul Oatway.

At the conclusion of the debate, it was,

Resolved:

That Listed Building Consent be APPROVED as the retention of the painted striped colour scheme preserves the special interest of the grade II listed building and its setting. The proposal causes less than substantial harm to its significance as a designated heritage asset and this is outweighed by the public benefits.

Informative: That the painted striped colour scheme to front (South) elevation is retained to the exact detail as documented within the photograph included within the Senior Conservation/Planning Officer's report.

Supporting documents:

- [PL/2025/09146 - Moonrakers Pewsey - Report, item 22. PDF 442 KB](#)
- [PL/2025/09146 - Location Plan, item 22. PDF 775 KB](#)
- [PL/2025/09146 - Aerial Plan, item 22. PDF 957 KB](#)