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Cllr. O'Neill
Leader of the Council

Dear Cllr O'Neill

On 18th July at the ERITH FUN DAY on our Riverside Gardens, Erith Town Forum had a stand to publicise the work we do within the community and particularly to get people's views about two iconic buildings in the Town, the Carnegie Library and the White Hart Public House. We were in fact surprised at the eagerness of people visiting on the day, to sign our petition asking Bexley Council to please urgently consider the future use of these buildings. Being left to decay with time should not be an option.

The people of Erith are only too well aware of the Erith Western Gateway development plans still in the wings and can see that two "thorns" suddenly being removed, might help to attract developers. Erith is a riverside town with so much history but significant buildings have gradually disappeared and can only now be seen in photographs.

We had several suggestions for the Carnegie, eg Cultural Centre and Museum, extra accommodation for Bexley College, a Gym or even a Weatherspoons restaurant. Everyone would be very happy to see the White Hart open once again as a public house close to the river front. With the Theatre and Cross Keys buildings now looking so good, the White Hart needs to be open again with or without the original design windows. Better a thriving establishment with plain windows than a boarded up, decaying building.

I enclose the petition showing support for information and action on these buildings and trust you will take our concern seriously and keep us informed of what steps are being taken to get these buildings back into use.

I very much look forward to receiving your comments.

Yours sincerely

Doreen Ives
Chairperson

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