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The Foley Arms, Claygate

In response to a range of difficult trading and economic conditions, and as part of our regular review of businesses throughout our estate, Young's have identified a number of pubs which are in need of investment.

The Foley Arms has been identified as one such site and following a detailed appraisal, it has been put forward as a project for not only a pub refurbishment, but also further development of the site as a whole.

The details of the proposed scheme for The Foley Arms involve a total refurbishment of the pub, the creation of a new kitchen area, the extension of the trading area for both drinkers and diners, the provision of new toilet facilities (to include access for the disabled), and the creation of a block of approximately 20 en-suite letting bedrooms, together with the reconfiguration of the exterior areas and car park. Unfortunately, this will have an impact on the current venues of both the boxing club and the Ram Folk Club, as the proposed scheme is unable to accommodate either within the new layout.

The designers / architects have tried to incorporate a new single (dual-purpose) venue within their designs, but, unfortunately, are unable to do so as a consequence of either planning constraints and regulations, or the risk of compromising the overall scheme.

We are, however, concerned that these local facilities are not lost and have worked with the organisers of both clubs to help source alternative venues.

Our ambition is to provide the local community with a pub that offers a fantastic range of food and drink. Our accommodation will not follow the market trend of uniformed budget hotels. The rooms will be individual and designed to match the style of the new pub. We are extremely excited at the prospects for the new Foley Arms and look forward to welcoming you to our new pub once it has been completed.

I should like to thank you for contacting us and I hope we have managed to clarify the position regarding our proposed future for the pub.

Yours sincerely

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