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The Flying Pig on Hill's Road is threatened with demolition

The popular 180-year-old real ale pub and music venue, The Flying Pig, is threatened with demolition in the next stage of the CB1 development.

Outline planning permission was given for the development of the site in 2008 and the developers have now produced plans that mean that this iconic pub would be knocked down and replaced with office buildings that would include a space to replace the existing pub.

The Flying Pig is not only one of Cambridge's best known, and award winning, real ale pubs but also a busy music venue that has even welcomed groups such as Pink Floyd and Syd Barrett in the past. It seems unlikely that a modern pub/bar, that will no doubt go out to tender for a national chain to run, could offer anything like the same atmosphere or facilities to the local community.

It is important that the community makes its views known to the local planners before the current plans are considered. A petition has been set up to save the pub. At the time of writing it has 13,346 signatures but the more people who support it the more chance we have that councillors will listen. The petition will be sent to the council backed up with a letter setting out why Conservation Area consent should not be given



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Mawson Road Community Orchestra raises more than £1,750 for homelessness in Cambridge

On 29th June the Mawson Road Community Orchestra became the first group to fundraise for Cambridge's new homelessness. The concert saw a eclectic range of music from different genres. The audience really enjoyed the programme but possibly the highlight was Michael Copley, one of the orchestra's leaders and a virtuoso flautist, playing a humorous piece on his ocarinas.

The orchestra was founded in the summer of 2012 to play at a Mawson Road street

party. It welcomes anyone who can play an acoustic instrument and can read music. There are no auditions and as the arrangements are made specifically for the orchestra, there are no limits to the places available for each instrument.

The orchestra meets at St Paul's each Sunday in term time. The autumn term begins on 8 September.

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