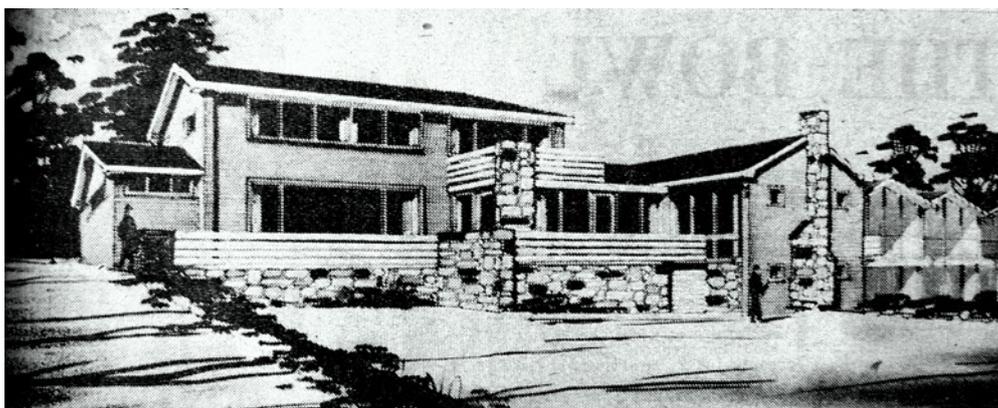


# DESIGN FOR NEW PUB

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THE split-level pub proposed for St. Catherine's Hill, the Christchurch beauty spot, went through its licensing formalities in record time on Monday, and construction will begin in about six months' time.

The doors should be opening to the first customers about a year after that, one of Brickwoods' directors. Mr.

Thomas Barlow, told this newspaper.

It might be called The Malmsbury\*, after The Earl of Malmsbury\*, who owned the freehold. But Mr. Barlow said they were open to suggestions for an appropriate name.

## SLOPING SITE

The £60,000 pub will be on a site on the St. Catherine's Hill housing estate about 100 yards from the main Hurn-Christchurch road.

The application for a provisional full on-licence took less than half-an-hour before Christchurch licensing magistrates on Monday. The applicants' solicitor, Mr. Philip Evans, said afterwards it was one of the quickest of its kind he had known.

## NEAREST DRINK

There were no objections from the public, police or other publicans.

Mr. Evans said the nearest pub was the Fairmile Hotel which was just over a mile away. The application arose from the growth of housing in the area since the war.

Before 1939 there were 187 homes with a one-mile radius of the new pub's site. Since then 325 houses had been built, and planning permission had been given for 270 more.

Mr. Peter Coles, of Fox and Son, the estate agents, said the new pub would be on the second phase of the St. Catherine's Hill development, the tender for which had been awarded.

Mr. Barlow said the acquisition contract depended on the granting of the licence application. The new pub would be fully equipped to serve cold meals and snacks, and with Hurn Airport in mind they might make lunches available. There would be an off-sales shop.

Two residents of Hillside-drive gave supporting evidence of need.

\*Should be Malmesbury.