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FOR THE ATTENTION OF	

Wednesday, July 13th 2016

Cc: Councillor D Parker, Chairman Waddington Parish Council
Waddington Parish Council Councillors
Councillor P Elms, RVBC

Dear Mr Macholc

Re: Planning application 3/2016/0587 The Moorcock Inn, Slaidburn Road, Waddington

Since The Moorcock Inn closed in 2010, the state of the site has continuously deteriorated and has been vandalised to such an extent that it has become an eyesore in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Members of Waddington Parish Council have never objected to any previous plans for the site and indeed have welcomed plans to transform this location and make it an asset to the local area.

As the building is located on one of the main tourist routes, it is very visible for anyone travelling to and from the Trough of Bowland via Waddington. In its current state it does not give a good impression and any application which seeks to improve its aesthetics is to be welcomed.

The Parish Council has considered the proposal for four dwellings on the site, with associated drives, gardens and external landscaping and the creation of work from home office/studio space. As the new homes would be built on the curtilage of a site which already exists, services will already be in place. A precedent has already been set for building on the site as it was, for many years, the location of a substantial and reputable Ribble Valley hotel.

Members of Waddington Parish Council are of the opinion that the new proposal would be an asset to the local area and they welcome any improvement that is made to the site. The parish council also believes the provision of new dwellings would contribute not only to Ribble Valley Borough Council's funds, but also to its housing target. For these reasons they strongly recommend that the application is approved.

Yours sincerely



Natalie Cox
Clerk to the Council