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Death Sir/Madam,

Please find attached a brief letter voicing my support for the villagers trying to save The Duke of York, Grindleton.

I look forward to your reply.

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I write this after reading of your statement on behalf of RVBC, in regards to The Duke of York, Grindleton.

You will realise that in the last few years we have lost The Pendle Hotel, Chatburn, The Black Bull, Rimington, three pubs in Gisburn, The King Charles Barrow, and many others. The pub trade is not the same, we know that. The difference with The Duke of York (bar Rimington) is that it will be the only pub in the village.

The village has come together and showed great character and spirit in trying to purchase this pub. Obviously it isn't going to be full to bursting every night, and they realise that. The idea of a cafe and shop is excellent for both villagers and tourists, with real push towards the coffee "experience" in this day and age.

I am most disappointed to read of your comments. The community certainly is disadvantaged as The Buck Inn is closed. Breweries continually rip off landlords and tenants, and it is near impossible to make a profit. Some breweries have been very unsympathetic during Covid19, and as a result, many other pubs will close. As I write this, it is becoming apparent that the company that run The Assheton Arms, Downham, have gone into administration. That's another potential loss in The Ribble Valley. The Duke of York will be owned and run by a group of passionate locals, with a real care and loyalty to Grindleton.

It's difficult to understand why, once again, RVBC are not on our side when planning matters arise. Clitheroe has been ruined, as has Barrow and Whalley. All three are still in a hopeless position where new, unaffordable, ugly houses are built without any thought about anything, or anyone else. I have lost count trying to total the amount of times RVBC have voted against what people want, what is logical and what is common sense.

For goodness sake, why don't you actually do something that will benefit a community, instead of demoralising it?