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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2024/0858

Address of Development: Backcastle works
Pendle court
Little lane
Longridge

Comments: I have been visiting the gym at above mentioned address since opening in may 2023
This is a small community gym which is small in size, due to the size it is a small group of women who are supported to lead a healthier lifestyle.
The gym has many benefits such as being central for many to walk, open at hours that fit with working people and a close knit community due to small numbers being able to be catered for
I look forward to attending this community venture for years to come

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2024/0858

Address of Development: Backcastle Works Pendle Court Little Lane Longridge PR3 3WY

Comments: I love that the gym is in a central location so [REDACTED], and provides a place for local people to exercise to improve their health and wellbeing.

This gym is an amazing asset to the local community and well supported by so many. The gym is easily accessible for local people who often choose to walk to the gym rather than drive.

There are no issues with parking with so much parking available on Kestor Lane. The highways response is not an accurate reflection of what the parking is actually like.

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2024/0858

Address of Development: Backcastle Works Pendle Court Little Lane Longridge PR3 3WY

Comments: I have been a member of this health studio for [REDACTED]. It is a huge asset to the local community in terms of improving and maintaining physical and mental health in a small group environment. The classes are well attended by members that, in the main, live within walking distance of the studio. I walk to the studio on a regular basis, as do a lot of the others. On the occasions I have needed to drive I have never once found it difficult to park safely and legally, without obstructing driveways or thoroughfares.
It would be a huge loss to the local community if this application was refused.

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2024/0858

Address of Development: Backcastle Works Pendle Court Little Lane Longridge PR3 3WY

Comments: As a user of the gym and exercise studio in this building I can say it is a very very much loved and well used asset. Great for the physical and mental health of the community. It's central location makes it walkable for the majority of members
The Highways response is not representative of what parking is typically like on site. Parking is mainly sought on the wider more main Kestor Lane nearby it is not an issue for members.

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2024/0858

Address of Development: Backcastle Works Pendle Court Little Lane Longridge PR3 3WY

Comments: Build & Burn is the most amazing and convenient gym in this area . It location is perfect and enables so many members to access it on foot and by car . There is always room for parking along the nearby street. This gym has helped me so much my mental health and physical well-being over the last year. The gym provides a fantastic community and we do so much more than just keep fit together. Every community would thrive from having what [REDACTED] has built for us all , so much more than a gym .

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2024/0858

Address of Development: Backcastle Works, Pendle Court Longridge

Comments: I am a member of Build & Burn studio and would like to say that this studio is a has a hugely positive impact on the community in the surrounding area. It is used by a variety of people and is a well loved, and much used asset for the local community. The studio is run very efficiently and takes into consideration the surrounding neighbourhood by not using outdoor areas at times which could be seen as intrusive to the neighbouring residents. the studio is in a good central area for the members and is in walking distance for the majority of users. To lose this facility would be a huge detriment to Longridge and all the members of the studio, who use it for their physical and mental health

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2024/0858

Address of Development: Backcastle Works
Pendle Court
Little lane
Longridge
PR3 3WY

Comments: The above unit houses a much loved exercise studio which allows local people to get together and bond and exercise to keep healthy It also allows local people to meet and get together to support each other and support local events in Longridge and fund raisers . It allows easy access to be able to fit exercise in around work and many members walk to the studio.
The cycling repair shop is also a valuable community asset allowing local advice and repairs for cyclists and promotes a healthy lifestyle by helping people to keep cycling safely
The intimate nature and location of the studio and its members are a huge part of my life and my mental well being and I know many others feel the same.

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2024/0858

Address of Development: Backcastle Works Pendle Court Little Lane Longridge PR3 3WY

Comments: The gym within these units has become a huge part of supporting my own mental health and well being. It has provided a supportive community as well as a safe space to exercise as a group, there are no other gyms within walking distance that provide this service.

As a local user of this service I either walk or am dropped off at the gym.

The majority of users live within the local vicinity .

In regards to comments about parking even at 6am there are rarely any vehicles parked outside the flats.

Without these gyms you are taking away a key local service that promotes wellbeing and supports both mental and physical health a key priority across the country.

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2024/0858

Address of Development: Backcastle works
Pendleton court
Little lane
Longridge
PR3 3wy

Comments: This gym is the lifeline for so many members which offers a safe space to allow people to focus on our health and wellbeing, mentally and physically. It is extremely well supported and vital to so many of us. It is in a central location allowing many members to walk to avoid parking so this isn't an issue for members. For those who do drive we park away from little lane to respect the residents of the area.

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2024/0858

Address of Development: Unit off little lane Longridge

Comments: This place is great for the wellness and wellbeing of the community

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2024/0858

Address of Development: Backcastle works
Pendle court
Little lane
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Comments: This development should be approved
It is a much used and well loved centre for a large group of people who have developed the space into a community asset
It is a central location and many members are able to walk to the centre
It is an important asset for the health and wellbeing of its members replacing another gym that went out of business prior to Covid
The parking is not typically an issue for members who park away from the site and walk into the unit
This gym is providing a huge asset for many of its members who rely upon it for their health and wellbeing. The application should be approved

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2024/0858

Address of Development: Backcastle Works, Pendle Court, Little Lane, Longridge, PR3 3WY

Comments: I am writing to express my strong support for this application.

I am a local resident, only a short walk away from the site. I am a member of the exercise studio Build and Burn and I am also [REDACTED] who undertake regular bike maintenance [REDACTED].

This site is a significant asset to the local community and I am supportive of the application for the following reasons:

1. Revitalisation of a Derelict Property

The transformation of Back Castle Works from a dilapidated, asbestos-filled building into a well-maintained facility has greatly enhanced the area. Before its refurbishment, the property was a hotspot for anti-social behaviour, negatively affecting the security and quality of life for local residents. The applicant's renovations, including improved lighting and security measures, have directly contributed to making Pendle Court a safer and more welcoming environment.

2. Support for Local Businesses

The diverse range of small businesses operating at Back Castle Works provides invaluable services to local residents. These small businesses not only meet local demand but also create opportunities for health, fitness, and sustainable living within walking or cycling distance for many residents. Speaking from personal experience, Build and Burn is not simply a provider of exercise classes, but a genuinely meaningful community hub - it is quite simply difficult to quantify how much it means to its members.

3. Minimal Impact on the Local Environment

The businesses have been operating successfully for over 18 months without any reported complaints regarding noise, parking, or disruption. The classes and services are small-scale, with most attendees travelling by foot or bicycle. This reduces reliance on cars and aligns with national and local planning policies supporting sustainable development. I do not believe that the consultation response from LCC Highways accurately reflects how the buildings are used.

4. Community Enhancements

Additional features, such as the installation of a defibrillator and the creation of clean, attractive spaces, demonstrate the applicant's commitment to contributing positively to the neighbourhood.

5. Alignment with Planning Policies

The mixed-use of the premises is consistent with Ribble Valley Core Strategy policies that encourage employment growth, local business development, and the provision of community facilities. The national planning framework also supports flexible, mixed-use developments in sustainable locations, like this one in the heart of Longridge.

In summary, the current uses at Back Castle Works significantly enhance the community without any detrimental impact on local amenities, traffic, or the environment.

Rejecting this application would undermine the valuable contributions these small businesses make to Longridge and could return the property to a state of disrepair. I respectfully urge the council to grant planning permission and allow these businesses to continue thriving for the benefit of the entire community.

Kind Regards,

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2024/0858

Address of Development: Back castle works
Pendle court
Little lane
Longridge

Comments: I am in support of this small gym in longridge
It gives so much to the community: community spirit, improved health and wellbeing, a defibrillator for the community, fundraising for charities and a safe haven for local women (or men) to build their self esteem, build friendships and battle isolation.
I cannot see any issue with parking given that most clients live locally and walk, in addition there are at least five members who live immediately on the street outside and report no issue with parking.
To highlight This fact, can I make mention to the parking available for the flats infront of pendle court, not once in the 18 months that the gym has been open have I seen a car parked: meaning there is not an issue leading to residents being unable to park.
To stop this change of use could impact on many woman's wellbeing when I cannot see one justifiable reason

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2024/0858

Address of Development: Backcastle Works Pendle Court Little Lane
Longridge
PR3 3WY

Comments: The gym is an essential part of the Longridge community, providing a place for locals to enhance their physical and mental well-being while having fun and meeting new people. Its central location makes it easily accessible for most members, with many choosing to walk or run to and from the gym. As for parking, the highway's response does not accurately represent the usual situation on site—parking is never a problem for members. Even when I'm running late or coming directly from work and haven't been able to walk, I always find a spot. The parking spaces for the flats are always empty and are never used by gym members.

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2024/0858

Address of Development: Castle back works
Pendleton court
Little lane
Longridge

Comments: This is a valuable community asset used by so many local residents. It provides health and wellbeing for residents along with a community spirit for fundraising for local charities. The gym / businesses in the row also provided a defibrillator unit for local residents should anyone need it which shows a real sense of community spirit and care for others. The car park that is allocated to the residents of the flats is currently unused as it is chained off. The gym is walkable for the majority of the gym users.

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2024/0858

Address of Development: Backcastle Works Pendle Court Little Lane Longridge PR3 3WY

Comments: I am writing to support the following planning application on several grounds. The converted gym studio is a well loved and well used community resource. It is central and most members walk to the gym due to its location- an obvious environmental benefit of being 'local' . This gym is a great assets for the local and undoubtedly growing community of Longridge - an important concern for our increasing population and the demands that this population places on local resources. The members range in age from 18 to 60 and it provides a welcoming hub that encourages movement, fitness and for all a community of friends- beneficial for mental health, physical health and wellbeing. As a local facility it ensures that local people have a local solution. Parking is plentiful on Kestor land if required and is not considered problematic for members - bring respectful to parking for local residents on Pendle Court (who correspondingly have designated parking spaces parallel to gym- signs visible to all. Highways response to parking is not representative of what parking is typically like. Importantly as a local resident myself [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I have experienced no problems with parking as neither have my family members - [REDACTED] . Members are respectful of parking and when entering and leaving the gym. This gym has strived to be a supportive asset to the community- members raising money for many local charities - supporting local food banks, women's refuges, Polish flood appeal, Pancreatic Cancer support and more recently the inaugural Longridge Santa Dash. Build and Burn as well as next door rehab unit were also instrumental in raising money to place a de-fib unit outside him- obviously an important facility for all residents. I strongly support this planning application for the above reasons . With regards , [REDACTED]

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2024/0858

Address of Development: Backcastle Works Pendle Court Little Lane Longridge PR3 3WY

Comments: I write in support of the application for the change of use of this building.

The fitness studios are a much loved and valued part of the community- not only promoting health and fitness but building strong community links and friendships. I have attended Build and Burn for around [REDACTED] and this is so much more than a gym- it is a community of women who support and empower each other in all aspects of life. [REDACTED] i found it hard to find a safe space to re-gain my fitness and confidence and i feel that I have found this at build and burn. I would quite simply have been lost without it.

I have never experienced any issues in respect of accessing the facilities safely. Given its location in central longridge the studio is easily accessed by walking or running to and from the classes and all members are respectful of local homeowners when parking. My understanding is that there is also a car park servicing the flats opposite but this appears to be unused.

I would urge the council to support this application

Kind regards

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Planning Application Reference No.: Application 3/2024/0858

Address of Development: Backcastle Works
Longridge

Comments: This planning permission should be passed as soon as possible
These units have become a central hub for the local community especially the fitness studio, they focuss on health and well being that is desperately needed for the community of Longridge..It's a prime location that is easy access and walkable for most of the members.
They are respectful of the residents at all times.
Parking is not an issue as many walk or cycle to it..but there is a small area of waste land that could be utilised as parking for the units.
The owner has gone above and beyond to make it functional and aesthetically pleasing and in keeping with the area.
It's assert to the community instead of take aways, beauty and barbers.
Longridge needs more of these individual businesses to bring what Longridge used to be like, an area of community spirit

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2024/0858

Address of Development: Backcastle Works Pendle Court Little Lane Longridge PR3 3WY

Comments: The gym that attend at the above address has a massive value to myself and many local people within the community.
This is within walking distance for myself and others members homes.
I would be extremely upset at the thought of this community gym not being available for me to attend, myself and others don't just attend for the physical benefits but for mental health benefits. The thought of this gym not being there would be a huge loss.