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To members of the Planning Committee

I am writing in support of the planning application, numbered above, for The Buck Inn, Grindleton. The village of Grindleton has seen its heart torn out over several years by the closing of shops and now the two pubs. There used to be a thriving village community when I lived in the village with 6 shops including a post office and a butchers, now - nothing. [REDACTED] and I know how much the community of the village meant to them over those years. All villages need a community hub and although there is a centre in the village this is not somewhere that all age groups can gather on a regular basis as they would in a pub or a restaurant.

The villagers tried, unsuccessfully, to purchase the Duke of York for use by the village and now that The Buck Inn is for sale the same seems to be happening. The proposed alterations to The Buck seem to be sympathetic to the area and I fail to understand how these will have a detrimental effect on The Duke of York which does not face The Buck directly but faces two cottages and what was once the original butchers shop. The Duke of York may have listed status but this does not seem to prevent it from being left to fall into disrepair and I'm sure I'm not the only one who fears both pubs in the village ending up as The Punchbowl did at Hurst Green, i.e. there one minute and gone the next with nothing done to prevent it!

Permission for The Buck Inn to become a community pub and restaurant would be a wonderful asset for the village and would certainly prevent the building becoming an eyesore. The village without this asset will be a poorer place with very little community spirit so please, Planning Committee, look upon this application favourably and allow the villagers to go ahead with the purchase and the alterations. Thank you,

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