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Re : Planning Application ref 3/2021/0725

I am writing to support the planning application for the upgrading and re-opening of the Buck Inn as a Pub and Restaurant.

At present the village is suffering from lack of a pub. Both the Duke of York and The Buck are closed and have been for some time. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] there were two pubs, and The Buck in particular was a real focus point for the community in the heart of the village.

[REDACTED] The GCP and others have made offers to purchase the Duke of York, all of which have been rejected and there seems little prospect of that position changing.

I firmly believe that the plans for the Buck Inn represent the best opportunity of re-establishing a viable pub and restaurant at the heart of the village in the foreseeable future.

I understand that the Conservation Officer, has raised some objections to the plans. In my opinion the massive societal and economic benefits that a thriving pub/restaurant will bring to the village are significantly greater than any detriment that results to the setting of The Duke of York.

In fact the fabric of the Duke of York is deteriorating and is in urgent need of maintenance. It would good if the council can start to use any powers available to enforce maintenance of the Duke of York.

The government has recognised the value that pubs bring to village communities. In fact Rishi Sunak has described the pub industry as vital and has committed to supporting it as much as he can.

I believe that there is strong public support in the village for the application, as without this development we will be back to having two closed pubs which are continuing to deteriorate, and urge you to accept the application.

