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We are writing as recent residents of Grindleton in support of the proposed application for the refurbishment and reopening of the Buck Inn Grindleton.

Having read the detailed planning applications and heritage statements submitted following the purchase and application for the changes to The Buck Inn, we wholeheartedly support the statement that "It will reinstate a public house back into the community of Grindleton and Ribble Valley to which there is numerous local support and demand with both the Parish Council and Grindleton Community Pub Limited providing written support for the proposals".

One of the key attractions within the valley are the village pubs whether they be considered "high end gastro" or simply those offering "a pie and a pint". Whether someone is local to the village in which they are situated or a tourist, the unique offerings within each village in the valley allows many ongoing economic and cultural opportunities for the community.

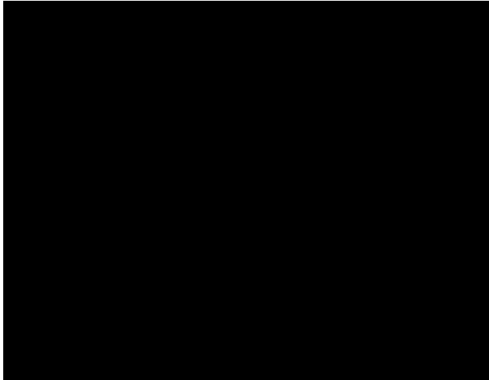
Grindleton is in a unique position in having had two public houses, sadly both now closed which in previous decades were supported by villagers and visitors alike. Even in our limited time as residents since purchase of our property, the strength of feeling to see The Buck re-opened and operating to the benefit of the village has been emphasised to us over and over again and we share this.

What is so sad to witness is the gradual decay of The Buck Inn despite its recent purchase. It appears from the applications and statements that at every stage, discussion and consideration has been sought with RVBC and we hope that this dialogue continues to a positive conclusion.

We are aware of the Grindleton Community Pub project that has been created in the last couple of years with the hoped intention to purchase the Duke of York pub, the efforts of which have so far come to nought leaving a decaying public house which sits in the Conservation Area of the village. We are not aware, to date, that any attempts by RVBC have been made to enforce its upkeep by its current owner despite its Grade 2 status and siting within the conservation area. We therefore find it somewhat strange that in the objections raised to the alterations and improvement of the Buck Inn by its new owners, comment has been made about how it will impact on the Duke of York. Better to have one viable operating public house than two without function but having read the Planning Officer's objections to the submitted applications for change to the building structure and proposed parking, it appears that we have to go

backwards to move forward. In the plans submitted, we see a sympathetic restoration of this property with employment opportunities for the village and simply ask "if not now, when?"

We would ask to be kept informed of all developments for the application to renovate and reopen The Buck Inn alongside any ongoing discussions as to how RVBC intend to enforce the upkeep of The Duke of York hotel. We would be happy to attend any meetings that are arranged either virtually or in person.



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