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I have previously submitted comments in [REDACTED] and it's supporters.

I now wish to comment on this application in a personal [capacity.as](https://www.capacity.as) a resident of Grindleton.

The value of a pub to this community is immense. It provides a location where residents from all walks of life can meet and share views and news. [REDACTED] the Buck Inn was open and allowed us to meet fellow villagers in an informal setting. That allowed us to quickly integrate in the community and establish a number of firm friendships. I fear with no pub in this village new residents will not have the same opportunity.

Although the village benefits from the Grindleton Pavilion village hall this provides occasional organised and ticketed events, this in no way compensates for an informal pub setting.

The community valued a pub to the extent that a substantial sum was raised from a wide number of investors to try and purchase the Duke of York for the community. Sadly attempts to purchase the Duke of York from the property developer who owns it failed. Both the Duke of York and Buck Inn which closed in 2018 have continued to deteriorate at the centre of the village.

The plans for the Buck Inn represent the best opportunity to prevent Grindleton becoming a lifeless and decrepit village, which would be a sad outcome for a community which once boasted two pubs and had previously won the Lancashire Best Kept Village award (small village category).

For a pub to be viable it needs to be able to attract and accommodate a number of customers. To restrict numbers would render it unviable and enable future justification for a change of use.

I urge you to approve the plans submitted.

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