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July 20<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Planning Application 3/2021/0725 Buck Inn, Sawley Road, Grindleton**

Dear Mr Dowd,

I am writing in support of the above application. As a resident of Grindleton since [REDACTED] I understand only too well the importance of the village pub to the local community – not just because of the contribution it makes to the local economy, but far more importantly because of the importance it has in village society. Grindleton has been without a public house for far too long, and as we come out of the pandemic the important part the local hostelry will play in bringing people together again should not be underestimated.

I note that you are in favour of the above proposals in principle and this is very welcome from a village perspective.

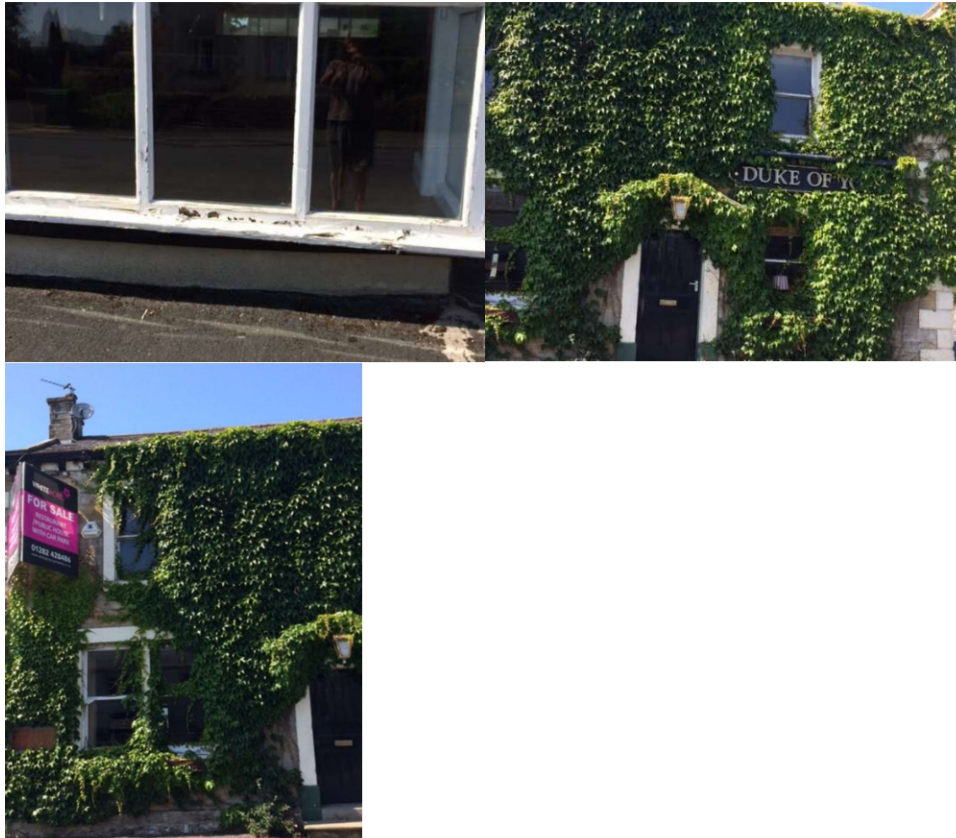
It seems that the proposer has made efforts to address the concerns you raise, but I infer from section 3.0 of the Design Statement that the principal remaining objection to the proposals seem to be that

“The proposals are generally considered to be harmful to the character and appearance of the conservation area and the setting of the grade II listed Duke of York Hotel.”

As a resident of the village I find this statement to be more than a little baffling.

Please look at the photographs below and overleaf, which were taken today.





Please note

- the view of the car park with commercial vehicles, cones and a bin;
- the rotting window ledges;
- the windows so overgrown with ivy that the building looks derelict;
- the obtrusive signage.

Very regrettably the once proud Duke of York, which used to be a focal point of our village community, is now little more than an eyesore. Given the photographic evidence it would seem there is very little, if anything, about the appearance of The Duke of York which could be harmed by the plans to reinvigorate The Buck.

I therefore ask you to reconsider your objections and instead support this proposal without reservation.

Yours sincerely

