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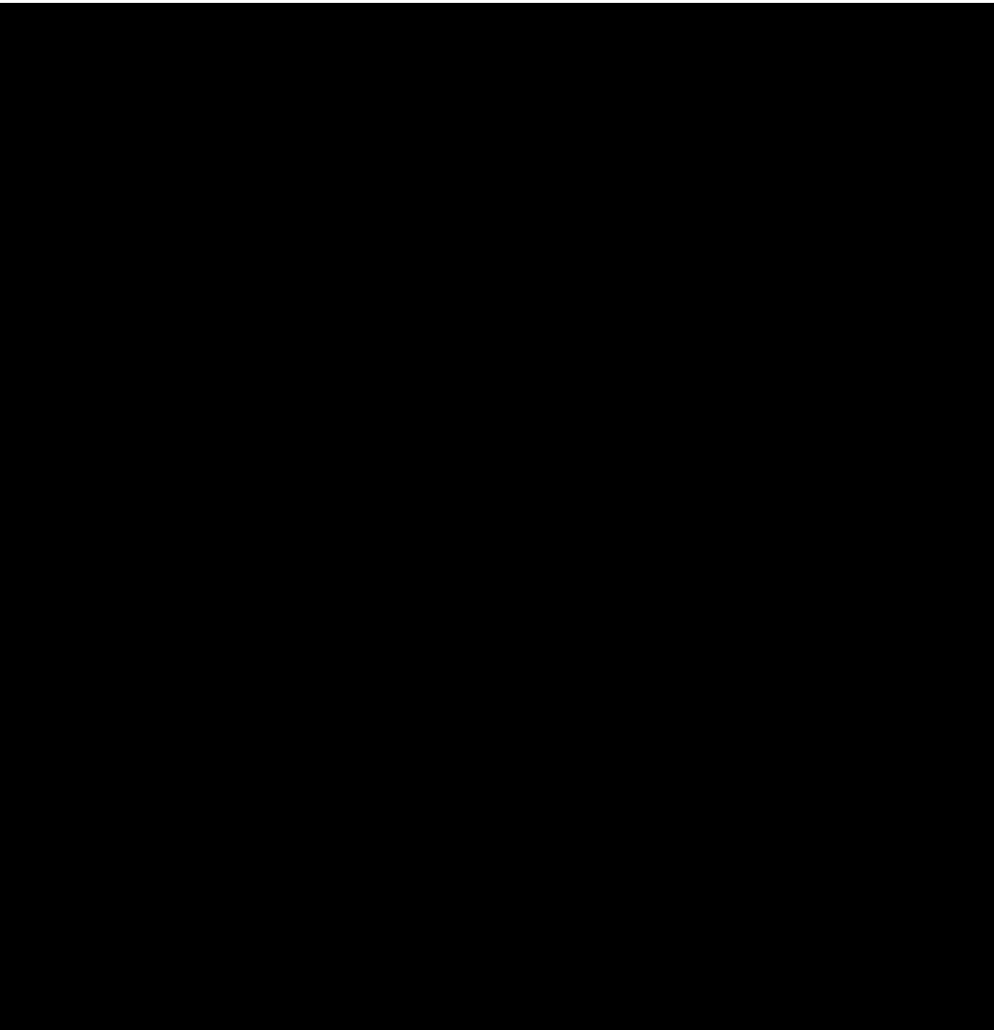
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**Planning Application Reference Number:** 3/2021/0725

**Address of Development:** Buck Inn, Grindleton

**Your Comments:** I should like to state my strong support for the proposed development of the Buck Inn, Grindleton, which has sadly deteriorated over the last three years and now requires significant investment to meet the demands and expectations of villagers and potential visitors.

[REDACTED] and the Buck Inn was always the social hub of the village, more so than the Duke of York which was more of a dining venue and which has been allowed to fall into an appalling state of disrepair, despite the offers to purchase made by the Grindleton Community Pub group.

Grindleton attracts walkers, cyclists and other visitors due to its location near the river, quiet roads and lovely views of Pendle Hill. The Ribble Valley has been widely promoted as a “foodie heaven” and the Buck Inn would contribute to this tourism drive, as have other nearby villages offering good food such as Sawley, West Bradford, Waddington and Bashall Eaves which have survived and thrived, purely through investment.

I consider the proposed development has been sensitively designed and will enhance the appearance and facilities of the Buck, provide a vital focal point for the village, as well as jobs and social cohesion, at the same time meeting the needs of increasing numbers of tourists to the Ribble Valley. It would be a development for the village to be proud of when it is well managed and rescued from past neglect. It would complement the limited services provided by Grindleton Pavilion, another great development in the village.

I believe that the plans for the Buck Inn represent the best opportunity to re-establish a viable pub and restaurant at the heart of the village.