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4th August 2021


For the attention of Adrian Dowd

Dear Sir

Re: Planning Applications Application 3/2021/0725

Buck Inn Sawley Road Grindleton Lancashire BB7 4QS.

With reference to the planning application above for development of The Buck Inn there appears to be some hesitancy from the Planning Department of the Ribble Valley Borough Council.

It is understood that Grindleton is within a designated conservation area. We have lived in Grindleton for  and in our opinion the proposed plans in the centre of the village are acceptable and would not be detrimental to the area.

Currently the front yard is not aesthetically pleasing and barrels are left piled in the open behind a five-barred gate. These plans improve this by providing under cover storage with easy access for deliveries via the farmyard styled doors which are in keeping in a rural environment, but also safe and secure from theft or vandalism.

The plans have catered for disability and provide an easily accessible side entrance and facilities 

In addition the plans cater for the vagaries of our Lancashire climate with undercover dining at the rear, which will have a positive impact on the neighbours rather than the noise from an open air beer garden.

The Buck Inn is an iconic and distinctive building within the village of Grindleton and an important village amenity. It has made a positive contribution to the wider area and until recently it has remained open as a dining restaurant/Inn/public house for over 100 years, providing employment opportunities within the service industry for villagers of all ages. The practical issues of running a modern day public house/restaurant have been incorporated in this plan and must be considered within the framework of redeveloping the building for current and future use. We feel that the plans enhance and safeguard the character, appearance and significance of the site whilst allowing the owners to develop and compete within the pressures of running a modern day hospitality business.

We wish to register our support and would urge the Planning Committee to support this application.

Yours faithfully

