

APPENDIX 9

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Dear sirs/madam

Ref: **Letter of support for the Pateley Club Premises Licence Application Ref 183822**

I am writing to you with regards to the recent application made by The Pateley Club for a Premises Licence - reference 183822, which I support.

In support of this application, I feel that it is important to reiterate the historic role that the premises holds within the community. We know that it was built in 1664 as the George and Dragon Inn, and that ale was brewed on the site in 1777, before it became the brewery managers house, then the Conservative Club and its current iteration as the Pateley Club. Thus, confirming that it has been an historic social venue long before many of the neighbouring premises were built or even occupied. It is therefore fair to assume that all residents currently occupying properties in the immediate locality of the club made their purchases being fully aware of the club's existence, opening times and its wider role within the community.

As a local resident I am fully supportive of this application as I recognise it as one of the few remaining not-for-profit community clubs within the area run by a committee and a dedicated team of volunteers. I feel that the Pateley Club's ethos is something that we should protect and cherish as a community asset.

I therefore wish to express my wholehearted support for this application and in recognition of the role that the Pateley Club has in our isolated rural community. The club's remit is to promote a safe, welcoming and inclusive venue accessible to all residents and visitors alike. This it continues to do without question.

The Pateley Club has created a rare thing, in that it "quietly and without reward" supports the wider community in many guises including to name but a few:

- Providing a venue that enables the collection and distribution of donations for foodbanks via our local church.
- It works collaboratively with local businesses and other licenced premises within the community to ensure events are co-ordinated without causing competition. This approach enables all businesses to benefit from increased footfall. An important aspect at a time when small independent businesses are struggling.
- The club remains a place used by the wider community to come together to celebrate key milestones and events; family celebrations; memorial services and sporting fixtures.

- It also supports a not-for-profit approach by offering the venue for church meetings; sports club meetings; local Labour Party forums; local music practice groups; fundraising events and acts as a key focal point for seasonal residents.

I hope that my letter of support ensures that the Pateley Club is recognised by North Yorkshire council as the wider valuable community asset that it is. In addition, I sincerely hope that this application for a Premises Licence is given due cognisance to the club's past, current and future role.

Yours faithfully



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