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Application Reference No. : DET/2016/0052 Site Address: Auctioneers Arms The Green Caverswall Staffordshire ST11 9EQ Stoke-on-trent Comments by: Debra Rushton

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Comments: I moved 10 years ago to my present address with my two young children following the sudden death of my partner. One of the main reasons I moved to this lovely village was the friendliness of the community. Before moving I use to visit my Sister who then lived in The Green and we would attend the Auctioneer's Arms regularly for food. I knew then that my children and I would have a great time living in Caverswall with the support of the village community and so far we certainly have.

Over the years I have, until it's recent closure, attended many functions at the Auctioneer's Arms eg supporting the local Caverswall band, DJ and entertainment artists attending parties (including children's Birthday, Christmas and Halloween Parties) and have supported various local and national charity events run by the community of the pub which has raised several thousands of pounds. This is not just a public house for drinkers but a community site for meeting friends and it impacts on the social well-being of all the local residents. Everyone even meets there on Christmas morning to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

It is the only pub in the Cookshill area of Caverswall and the only place for the community to meet and socialise. We have quite a few elderly residents who can only manage to walk as far as the Auctioneer's Arms. We have members of the community who are widowed and single who find comfort from going to the Auctioneers, knowing there will be a familiar friendly face to socialise with.

Despite my personal and social reasons for the community I worry about the extra health and safety issues should the Auctioneer's Arms become houses. The junction (The Green/School Lane) where the Auctioneer's Arms is situated is a tricky one to say the least and safe egress to and from additional houses placed upon the site would only cause additional and dangerous traffic problems to the junction and to the other roads in Caverswall which are for a small village already very busy at times.

The carpark of the Auctioneers is already fenced off and additional cars are parking in The Green. There is no footpath in The Green and with the additional parked cars and the tractors which use this lane is making it very

difficult and unsafe for walkers. I've also noticed that additional cars who rightly or wrongly use to park on the Auctioneers are parking in Mill Close. The Auctioneer's car park also use to be used as a turnaround point but now more cars are coming to the bottom of Mill Close's turning point which is making it very dangerous for the children playing in the street.

I also believe that we have met the Government's correct quota of housing for Caverswall and no more houses are needed in the village.

I think it's a total disgrace that Enterprise are allowed to monopolise the public trade in the local area, The Auctioneers Arms, The Red House and Weston Coyney Arms allowing the public houses to fall in disrepair. It has been left to the various Landlords of The Auctioneers Arms over the years to try and maintain The Auctioneers to the standard it is without none or little help from Enterprise. And then for them to sell it (without any notice of sale to the community) onto a builder who sends out a very standard letter saying what's wrong with the Auctioneer's Arms and suggests that houses would be the best option for our village, is beyond belief.

Only our community knows what's best for our village!

I would be grateful if this letter could be put forward to REJECT any planning application that is made to demolish the Auctioneer's Arms and replace it with houses.

Please help us to keep the Auctioneers Arms the centre of our village life and register it as a Community Asset.