

Dear Sirs,

**RE: APP/B3438/W/16/3157636 - The Lord Nelson, School Drive, Oakamoor,
Stoke-on-Trent, ST10 3DQ**

I am the landlord of The Cricketers Arms in Oakamoor and I fully support the application by Mr Thompson to convert The Lord Nelson public house into a dwelling, especially as it complies with relevant policies at Staffordshire Moorlands District Council. The decision by the Council to refuse the application seems contrary to the aims of policies contained within the Development Plan. The property was marketed for a considerable period of time and there was no commercial interest in the property during this time. Furthermore, there are other facilities of the same type in the locality that are available. These are the Cricketers Arms and the Admiral Jervis, which has recently been purchased and is set to re-open shortly.

It is my professional opinion that Oakamoor can't sustain three public houses, hence the reason why there have been recent closures due to the falling trade in the village. I consider that the recommendation by Council Officers to approve this application was correct and that Members of the Planning Committee were wrong in overturning this recommendation and refusing the application as it clearly complied with Council policies and guidance. Not supporting this appeal would be to the detriment of the Oakamoor and I therefore encourage the Inspector to allow this appeal.

Yours Sincerely

Paul Callear