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To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Royal Oak PH, Treflach

Good morning [REDACTED]

My family and I have lived at [REDACTED] Treflach for some 30 years.

When we first moved in we had a Post Office/Shop and two Public Houses all of which acted as centres of village life. We lost the Gibraltar PH many years ago and after that we lost the Post Office/Shop and all we are left with now is the Royal Oak PH.

I am sure you are aware that the Royal Oak PH has recently had a chequered history with several Licensees running the pub with differing levels of success.

The Royal Oak most recently re opened as a Smokehouse Grill and initially enjoyed considerable success. However, the Pub closed after Valentines Day and only re opened briefly for a couple of days last week before closing again.

We and many other local residents are concerned that we are about to lose our last centre of village life.

We and other local residents all sincerely hope that the Pub will open again in the near future but are anxious to ensure that any application made to de-license the last Pub in our village should be strongly resisted.

We have been informed that the Royal Oak PH has been listed as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) which we understand to mean that permitted development rights for the pub have been removed and therefore that any change of use or demolition would require full planning permission and also that the owner must notify the Council if they intend to sell the pub for development. This seems to afford excellent opportunities to object to the loss of the pub.

The Royal Oak PH as previously stated is our last centre of village life and we are sure that the whole community will come together to oppose any such move.

We should be greatly obliged therefore if any such planning application or notification which may be received was advertised widely rather than merely notified to adjoining property owners. This would give an opportunity to rally our community including organizing petitions and seeking advice and help from bodies such as our local MP, CAMRA and the Advertiser, our local newspaper. CAMRA are fully aware of the current situation.

In the meantime I would earnestly request that as our Local Representatives you use your best efforts to oppose and widely publicise any application which may be submitted to de-license the Royal Oak PH.

I have included Carole as Clerk to the Council.

Kind regards

Graham Deakin