

Wing Village Pub Project Update

Following our meeting on 16th December, we promised to keep you updated – and we're delighted to share the latest developments with you.

Firstly, we can confirm that the second moratorium was officially invoked on 18th December, and we are pleased to announce that our Community Interest Company (CIC) has now been approved by Companies House.

Since then, we've been working hard to move things forward, and we're excited to share our progress:

- **Building a Strong Team** – As agreed in the Village Hall Meeting, we entrusted David Wood and Susannah Fish to lead the initiative, expanding the team to include a range of individuals with broad and relevant skills. More on them later!
- **Partnering with the Plunkett Foundation** – We've joined this invaluable organisation, which supports community-led enterprises. We've already had a highly productive two-hour consultation with them, helping us shape our action plan and business strategy.
- **Engaging Expert Advisors** – We've been in discussions with various professionals, including an independent valuer who will visit at the end of the month. Their comprehensive report won't just assess bricks and mortar but will also evaluate business viability and provide some insights that we hope will really help us achieve our goal.
- **Launching a Website** – We're in the process of setting up a dedicated website, both for the village and other interested parties, to keep everyone informed and engaged.
- **Key Deadline Approaching** – We have until 17th May to submit an offer, meaning the next four months are crucial for our success.

At this stage, you may be wondering: ***What's next, and how can I help?***

One of our immediate priorities is establishing a 'Fighting Fund' to ensure that we can move quickly. Those who attended the December meeting may recall Susannah highlighting the importance of this.

While we've managed to minimise costs so far (the website is being built pro bono, and we have saved significantly on valuation fees by joining the Plunkett Foundation) we have already incurred some expenses and will continue to do so. This means that every

contribution, no matter the size, will make a real difference in helping us achieve our goal.

There will be various opportunities for you to make a donation, whether that's via the website (watch this space), a collection at the Pop Up Pub (21st February, for those who need a reminder), or a visit from one of the Steering Group.

If you have any questions or would like more details about anything, please don't hesitate to reach out to a member of the team. Our individual contact details are listed below [REDACTED], or you can email us at info@wingpub.co.uk.

We truly believe this is a significant opportunity for our community, and we're incredibly excited about what's ahead...

Thank you for your support!

The Steering Group