

Ref: Old Captains House, Bigrigg

Planning application - supporting letter

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to provide more details for the planning application, and to explain the circumstances which have led to the position.

The previous tenants of the Old Captains House have unfortunately left due to financial difficulties. There is a new operator who is extremely interested in taking over the business, however, along with myself, we feel the only viable way for the public house to survive is by completing the proposed extension to the main eating area to create more space to accommodate extra customers.

Due to the costs involved in building the extension this is not an ideal option, but I feel that if this prevents another popular public house closing its doors for good, it will be worth the investment.

The design of the main extension is purely to keep costs to a minimum, as we only have a small budget to work with. Regarding the two other smaller extensions, one is for additional storage for the kitchen/cellar and the porch is to prevent the prevailing wind coming through the main entrance which faces the Irish Sea.

The Old Captains House has served the community of Bigrigg and beyond for many years, and is popular for both locals and people outside of the area. I hope that this planning application can be approved to enable the public house to once again thrive and bring more investment into the West Cumbrian economy.

Yours Sincerely

Peter Lockhart