

## Sale of the Star Inn - Community Pub survey

As you may know, the Star Inn has been up for sale for a while and a group of us have started thinking about whether the community buying the pub might be a possibility. We want to know what other people in the village think of this idea and also to let you know what we've done so far to keep this option open.

We've had some initial advice from the Plunkett Foundation, a charitable trust which supports local communities who want to own their local pub as a community business (including in Rudston very recently). A condition of further support is that we have the pub listed as an 'Asset of Community Value' (ACV) so we have applied to do this with East Riding of Yorkshire Council. An ACV means that if the owners want to sell the asset, then the local authority gives the community up to six months to raise the funds to put in an offer before it can be sold. However, to be clear, this doesn't mean the owners have to sell it to the community – or sell it at all - if they don't want to.

There are now many successful community pubs around the country. They are a great way to ensure stable long-term ownership, and to provide a hub for local services. We'd be able to appoint a manager or lease it out, but as owners we'd all get a say in how we want it to be run and be able to make sure it continued to meet the needs of the whole village.

Of course, to buy the pub we'd need to raise enough money: usually this is through a mixture of grants, loans and the sale of community shares. But first we need to know if there is wider interest.

You can: fill in the survey on line – the link is on the home page of [www.northdalton.org](http://www.northdalton.org); return it to the post box at the village hall, or, if neither of these work for you, you can give your answers over the phone by ringing 07858 262458. You can respond to this questionnaire anonymously or give your name if you want to. If there is more than one person in your household who wants to fill in a paper questionnaire, there are spares in the village hall.

Best wishes from your neighbours:

*Lisa Gough; Steve Gough; Ian Sainty; Ray Williams; Kevin Ellis; Richard Heatley; Suzanne Markwell; Kerry Armstrong; Paul Armstrong; Claire Clayphan; Paul Clayphan; Ava Monroe; John Walker; Angie Ndow; Fay Longoni; Zena Scott; Chris Wade; Christian Mackintosh; Rupert Harrison; Sara Scott; Di McNeish; Louise Robinson; Mike Jones; David Wilkinson, John Ogden; Judy Lovell; Jed Hitchin; Pauline Hitchin,; Alex Vipond; Billy Worswick*

## What do you think?

1. On a scale of 1 – 5 (where 1 is not important and 5 is very important), how important do you think it is to have a local pub in North Dalton? Please circle your answer.

NOT IMPORTANT <<< 1 2 3 4 5 >>> VERY IMPORTANT

2. Do you think the Star being run as a Community pub is a good idea?

- Yes, definitely
- Maybe
- I'm not sure
- Probably not
- No, definitely not

Please tell us why you think this

3. If the Star re-opened as a community pub how often would you or any member of your household be likely to use it?

- More than once a week
- About weekly
- More than once a month
- About once a month
- Very occasionally
- Not at all

4. What would you most like to see a community pub offer? Tick all that apply

- A family friendly environment
- Reasonably priced bar meals
- A day time café
- An evening restaurant
- Separate public and lounge bars
- A function room for private parties/meetings
- A games area
- Live music
- Big-screen sports
- B&B accommodation
- A community shop
- A place to take & collect parcels
- A space that could be used by other local services e.g. the library van, health services

Is there anything else you'd like the pub to offer?

5. Would you like to help in taking forward the idea of a community pub or be kept in touch with progress?

- Yes, I'd like to help
- I can't help but I'd like to be kept informed

If you have ticked either of these boxes, please write your contact details and we will be in touch:

Name

Address

Preferred phone number

Email

6. Any other comments

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this  
questionnaire

Please return it to Village Hall post box  
or complete on-line by following the link on  
[www.northdalton.org](http://www.northdalton.org)

Or phone 07858 262458

Please let us have your responses by  
Friday 22nd May