



Save The Red Lion, Sutton Community Interest Survey.

The Red Lion in Sutton on the A519 has been purchased by Vanbrugh Construction Ltd who have told residents that they plan to convert the pub to a house and build housing on the remaining land. This is despite the fact that the previous owner, Admiral Taverns, sold the Red Lion as a commercial pub with no planning rights and prior to the Red Lion's unexpected closure by Admiral Taverns it was a thriving well used pub.

The pub is listed as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) which means that its use has recently been or is presently used to further the social well-being & interests of the local **community** and could do so in the future. It is thereby subject to additional protection from [development\[1\]](#) under the [Localism Act 2011](#).

For most small villages, like ours, a pub is a vital service; it is a meeting place, communication centre and an important lynchpin of village life. Much of the appeal of our village rests on its sense of community and the amenities within it. It is the reason many people have moved here and remain here.

Another important consideration is the impact on local house prices. There is significant evidence to suggest that property values can decrease quite significantly in the absence of a good local pub, especially in rural areas.

There is currently no plan in place to run the pub as community so we are not asking for any money or volunteering help we are trying as a community to gather support and evidence to keep our pub.

This does not mean, however, that the new owners won't be able to overturn the ACV and carry through their plans. If we wish to see our beautiful pub re-open and remain as an asset to the local and surrounding community **we will need evidence proving the Red Lion was not only loved but well used so please, please respond with the following:**

1) Fill in this questionnaire

2) If you have photos showing you using the Red Lion please post or email them to us at redliontf108dq@gmail.com or share on the Red Lion FaceBook page or the WhatsApp group.

3) Please write a quick letter telling us how you used the pub, if you were part of a club or social group please tell us how many of you were in that group, why you chose the pub and how often you used it.

This questionnaire is the first step. We need to know your views on what might be provided and what would receive your support. Please be as honest and realistic as possible in your answers.

Once completed, please return the questionnaire to either:

David Alder - Sutton House Farm, TF10 8DE

Joff Yeomans - The Old Sawmill, Fernhill Road, Sutton, TF10 8DH

Phil White - Rock Cottage, Lower Sutton, Sutton, TF10 8DD

Bob Sessford - Gable End Cottage, Fernhill Road, Sutton, TF10 8DH

or email redliontf108dq@gmail.com

The questionnaire will also be available to complete online via our Facebook page, 'NAME' and we would encourage you to join this page to keep up to date with progress. If you decide to complete the questionnaire via Facebook, please **DO NOT** complete this paper copy as the results may lead to 'double counting'.

The results of this survey will also be published via our Facebook page.

If you wish to speak directly to someone about this project, please email redliontf108dq@gmail.com or join our WhatsApp group using the following link:

Community Pub Interest Questionnaire:

1. Before Covid 19 restrictions how often did you use pub and its related activities?

- Daily
- 2-3 times a week
- Once a week
- Once a fortnight
- Occasionally
- Not at all

Comments:

2. During Covid 19 restrictions how often did you make use of the take-away and socially distanced meals services the pub provided?

- Daily
- 2-3 times a week
- Once a week
- Once a fortnight
- Occasionally
- Not at all

Comments:

3. If our local pub was re-opened how often would you or any member of your household use it?

- Daily
- 2-3 times a week
- Once a week
- Once a fortnight
- Occasionally
- Not at all

Comments:

Did you know that the pub offered the following services:

- Function Room
- Live Music & Open Mic Nights
- Catering (Dinners and Lunches)
- Take-Away food
- Reservations & support for local clubs, e.g. Car club, Dominoes, The Shoot.
- Live outdoor entertainment, e.g. Kids days, The Morris Men, Social BBQs
- Hosting local events, e.g. Christmas meals, New Years Party.

4. What additional services would you most like to see the pub offer?

- Family friendly area
- Games room
- Local "Corner" Shop
- Big-screen sports
- Drop-in sessions
(educational, training, skills)
- Other (use the comments section)

Comments:

5. Are there any community services / activities you would like to see on offer at the pub? For example, after-school clubs, coffee mornings, book clubs, walking groups, pop-up health services, movie / cinema club, Mobile Food Stalls e.g. fishmongers etc. When and how would you like these services to be part of the pub's offering?

Comments:

6. When would you like to see food served?

- Serving food isn't important
- Weekday lunch
- Weekday dinner
- Saturday lunch
- Saturday dinner
- Sunday lunch
- Takeaway Food Service

7. 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 Sutton? Please circle your answer.

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

8. Please state how many people in each age range there are in your household:

- 0-16 number of people:
- 17 - 25 number of people:.....
- 26 - 45 number of people:.....
- 46 - 65 number of people:.....
- over 65 number of people:.....

As stated previously, no money or financial commitment is needed at this stage, it is purely to help the "Save the Red Lion" community interest group to understand the level of interest in supporting any potential future the pub may have.

Please add your personal details, this is vital to show as evidence of support for the Red Lion should we need to show proof.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

PLEASE NOW WRITE A QUICK LETTER DETAILING YOUR USE OF THE RED LION, OTHER PEOPLE YOU WENT WITH, EVENTS YOU ATTENDED AND DETAILS OF ANY CLUB OR SOCIAL GROUP YOU ATTENDED THE PUB WITH AND POST/EMAIL YOUR LETTER WITH ANY SUPPORTING PHOTOS TO US.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE
SAVE THE RED LION COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP**