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Dear Andrew  
**Dinneywicks Inn The Chipping Kingswood Gloucestershire GL12 8RT**

I am writing in connection with the closure of the above pub within the village of Kingwood. The pub has now been closed for three months and I understand is in the process of being sold. The Dinneywicks Inn has always been at the heart of the community and its closure is a great concern to the community. The parish council and the community would very much like to see the building continue as a pub.

The parish council would also like to bring to your attention the adopted polices of the Kingswood Neighbourhood Development Plan (KNDP) <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/planning-and-building-control/planning-strategy/neighbourhood-planning/emerging-neighbourhood-plans/kingswood-parish-council-plan/kingswood-regulation-15>

and the Stroud District Local Plan <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/planning-and-building-control/planning-strategy/stroud-district-local-plan>

These polices set out a process for protecting community facilities such as pubs from being sold with the intention of a change of use of the premises As a valued community facility Stroud District Council's Policy E16 "*guards against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services, particularly where it would reduce the communities ability to meet its day to day needs*" The KNDP

Policy GCS2 supports protecting key community assets. The Government is also concerned about losses of village pubs and has put forward amendments to the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017. This allows for changes in legislation to remove the existing permitted development (PD) rights in relation to the conversion of A4 'drinking establishments.

The parish council would like more information from you on the current situation with the Dinneywicks Inn. We would welcome a discussion and would like to work with you to ensure that Kingswood does not lose its pub.

Yours sincerely

*Mary Leonard*

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cc: Chris Welham CEO  
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