

**Why do you feel the property is an asset of community value? Please give as much information as possible:**

The Jubilee Hotel is currently the only Asset of Community Value within the Leeman Road area. Our group represents the active movement working to try and salvage the huge potential that this building has to serve its local community.

When it was open and thriving, it was an excellent example of a community pub serving a wide customer demographic in an area that much needs facilities. It appealed to many different social groups by offering a wide variety of activities and amenities - some of which are not replicated by nearby community facilities or any other local public house within a mile - i.e. reasonable walking distance.

This population in this area is a distinct and isolated community consisting of just short of 1,500 properties which has, in recent history, sadly lost a number of pubs, businesses and points of local interest - such as the cooperative building near Corking Wines, the Junction Pub, a post office, a café, the Leeman Road Working Mens' Club, and St Barnabas' Victorian School, to name just a few.

Previous patrons of The Jubilee Hotel have said that they valued the unique atmosphere and social network of this particular public house which was not replicated elsewhere. It made a tangible contribution to the social wellbeing and social interests of the local community which we will detail below.

**1. It provided facilities for meetings and events.**

It was the only premises in the area that provided a dedicated permanent licensed function room. This room is an absolutely key part of this community asset and was named specifically in an appeal dismissal (Appeal Ref: APP/C2741/W/18/3213654) by a government inspector. John Morrison BA (Hons) MSc MRTPI, an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State, said the planning scheme in question *"would result in the unacceptable loss of community facilities"*.

This function room hosted a wide range of activities such as parties celebrating engagements and birthdays. It was also used for wakes to remember much loved locals that have passed on. It hosted Christmas parties, with patrons commenting on the family feel, as well as Halloween events and outside BBQs in the summer for all-comers. There were regular Karaoke nights held almost every week in one of the 2 downstairs bars - the advantage being that those that didn't wish to join in could enjoy a drink in the other bar - so the pub accommodated people with different tastes all on the same night.

**2. It provided facilities for Sports Teams - it had its own Darts team; Pool team; and Golf Society.**

The Ladies Darts team played competitively in Division 1 of the John Smiths York Darts League - providing a competitive challenge as well as a social outlet for a team of 9 ladies & their supporters.

The pub's Golf Society was in existence for 22 years. The pub provided a "19th hole" for the society to meet up away from the course and plan additional activities such as society tours of a varied range of golf courses throughout the UK and beyond.

The pool team played every Sunday in the York pool league and proved a big attraction when playing at home ensuring valuable additional trade for the pub.

**3. It welcomed people from a variety of demographic groups.**

**Families:** It was a family friendly venue that welcomed children during the day so that parents could get together and socialise in a public environment enabling them to get out of the house for a change of scenery and sometimes away from a sense of isolation.

**Pensioners:** It was popular with senior citizens for whom it was an escape from loneliness and living on their own. There were also non-pensioners who drank there who had lost partners due to illness who testified that it has been an aide in coping with loss and a way of re-integrating back into the community.

Disabled clientele testified that The Jubilee Hotel was the most access-friendly public house in the immediate area and that if there was not the Jubilee available they would be faced with travelling 1380 metres and 1200 metres respectively to the 2 nearest other pubs that had disabled access.

An asset for local charities through fundraising:

The Jubilee held fundraising for cancer research due to the young son of a regular having a rare form of cancer.

Since the Jubilee last closed, the area has had no functioning community centre or hub and this has left a sense of decline and a significantly unmet social need. With this, there are separate plans to already further increase housing in the area, with the York Central development potentially adding up to 2,500 new dwellings to this part of the city. This will only serve to add to the need to maintain this building as a community asset that provides a space and is occupied by services which benefit local people.

Renewing the ACV status on The Jubilee Hotel would help us to sustain one of the very few remaining (albeit limited) protections we have on this asset. We need to stress here too that, rather than a vague feeling of frustration of longing for the past or that somebody should do something, our application to do to renew the ACV status of The Jubilee Hotel is made with serious, live intent to make the community's forward-facing aspirations for this building become a reality. There is now a genuinely active community group (ours) working to get as close as possible to making this happen; with us working on plans to potentially re-open it as a pub with additional community services, either in a freehold or leasehold capacity.

Our group meets every two weeks' (over zoom during lockdown) to progress on various fronts such as; setting up as a Community Benefit Society, conducting resident engagement and recruitment through letters and surveying their ideas for our project, and working on understanding and planning fundraising and share-offer opportunities. Our group's drive and activity is backed up further when considering how - prior to the afore-mentioned, failed Planning Appeal from its current owners in late 2019 - the Leeman Road Residents' Association ran a petition campaign to demonstrate local support for saving the building and keeping it as a pub and amenity to benefit the community. In the space of just two weeks this petition acquired over 1000 signatures and was a key factor in the success of the community's efforts to challenge the owner's appeal.

If successful, our entire aim would be for a pub and a mix of other resident-facing services operating from this building, run by the community, for the community, on a not-for-profit basis with its surplus reinvested both back into the services provided and into charitable initiatives to benefit local residents.

**What do you consider to be the boundary of the property? Please give as much detail/be as descriptive as possible. Please include a plan:**

We consider the boundaries of this property to be as follows:

On the east side: Where the hedged metal fence which separates the beer garden from the alleyway that runs between here and the "Little Shop" at 1A Jubilee Terrace.

On the south side: Where the wall of building and the south-facing hedged metal fence meets the adopted footpath on Jubilee Terrace.

On the west side: Where the side of the building meets the adopted footpath on Balfour Street up to the substation/plant room off Stephenson Court.

On the north side of the property: Where the tarmac forecourt meets the south side/back wall of Stephenson Court and its adjacent substation/plant room and, next to this but slightly more north of it, where the back of the beer garden meets the south side/back wall of Stephenson Court.

For further information see the attached PDF files.

Copy of group constitution (if you are a constituted group): N/A until application is processed.

**Name and home address of 21 members registered to vote in nomination area (if group is not constituted):**

