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Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing to express my full support for the application to have the Victoria Vaults (known locally as Vicky Vaults) listed as an Asset of Community Value.

Vicky Vaults has been an important part of York's cultural and social fabric for generations. When it was operating as a pub and live music venue, it provided one of the very few remaining grassroots spaces in the city where original bands could perform, develop, and build an audience. Venues like this are essential to the health of York's music scene and wider community life, and their loss is felt deeply once they are gone.

I strongly believe the venue has a viable future if reopened and run with the right vision and business model. Past closures should not be taken as proof that the site itself is unviable; rather, they reflect how difficult it is for independent venues to survive without sustained engagement and investment. In the right hands, Vicky Vaults could once again operate successfully as a pub, music venue, and community hub.

My wife and I viewed the property previously with a genuine intention to purchase it and keep it operating as a venue, while living in the accommodation above. We would still seriously consider putting forward an offer should the building return to the market, with the clear aim of restoring it for community and cultural use.

For these reasons, I strongly support the ACV application and hope the council will recognise the clear social, cultural, and community value of the Victoria Vaults.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

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