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Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Hazel Grove

Nick Mackenzie
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29th November 2023

Dear Nick

I write to voice my concern over the closure of the Greene King owned Public House the Golden Hind at 5 Lisburne Lane, Stockport, SK2 5RH.

I have heard from many residents who are worried about the loss of this much-loved community asset. Pubs, as I am sure you appreciate, are at the heart of our communities.

Greene King has a very strong presence in Stockport. I know you will want to ensure community relationships are well maintained and any closure must always be managed sensitively. It is with regret that I note that the first the community heard about the closure was through rumours on social media in October.

Whilst I fully appreciate this is a commercial business decision for Greene King to make, it would be helpful to understand the reasoning behind the closure and what Greene King expects the site to become? This would give me the opportunity to fully inform local residents who are very concerned about the sudden closure of the premises.

I would urge you to reconsider the loss of this Pub from your trading estate and look to invest in the Golden Hind and the community of Offerton who I am sure would support your premises as they have done previously.

Should you conclude that closure is your only option it would be helpful to fully understand your closure process and timings so that I may help in managing resident's expectations. I am sure that you already have in place a communications plan and community outreach programme to ensure that our residents do not feel like they have been kept in the dark.

To help to move this very delicate situation forward I would like to formally request to meet with the Operations Director responsible for the Golden Hind to discuss local residents very genuine concerns and to manage any decision on the premises' future in a constructive manner.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Athans', written in a cursive style.

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