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Planning correspondence by email to: - Planning@bookhamresidents.org.uk

13th August 2024

**Dear Sirs** 

Planning Application: MO/2024/1028

Location: The Old Crown, 1 High Street, Bookham

Description: Erection of single-storey rear extension and infill extension and incorporation of former

nail salon into pub along with all associated works.

The Bookham Residents Association supports this Planning Application.

We consider that the pub is a visually and functionally important in the town centre, and that its renovation including the small extensions, the incorporation of the adjoining shop, and improvements to the external facades, will enhance the building's appearance and function and will provide help to make the village centre more attractive to the local residents and businesses.

The Design and Access statement is well presented and refers to Policy BKEC1 which states that the existing role and function of the retail centre will be safeguarded and that proposals which improve and enhance the vitality and viability of the shops within the retail centre will be supported. We agree with this having examined the details of the Application.

There may be some detailed issues relating to the proposed use of this important building, which we are confident that you will examine, but this does not distract from our support to bring this building back to life as soon as possible so enhancing Bookham's village centre.

We look forward to learning that the application is approved.

Yours faithfully

K Whale

Chairman Planning Sub Committee.

Cc Cllr Monica Weller, Cllr Elizabeth Daly, Cllr Roger Adams, Cllr Paul Kennedy, Cllr Andrew Matthews, Cllr Christine Miller, SCC Cllr Clare Curran, MVDC Planning Department.