



Date 1st July 2025

Gedling Borough Council,

Civic Centre
Arnot Hill Park
Arnold
Nottingham
NG5 6LU

Dear Gedling Borough Council,

RE: PETITION FOR DEBATE TO PROTECT THE HORSE & GROOM, LINBY'S HISTORIC HEARTBEAT

Please find enclosed a petition signed by the residents of Linby and surrounding area expressing concern over the planned refurbishment and operational changes to the Horse & Groom Public House currently owned by Heineken and managed under its Star Pubs Division.

I am writing as the organiser of the enclosed petition, which has been signed by 272 individuals who reside in the Borough of Gedling. A further 365 patrons of the Horse & Groom who reside in Ashfield and elsewhere have also signed the petition. This reflects the community interest and concern with the number of signatories detailed achieved in only 5 days.

In accordance with Section 28.5 of the Gedling Borough Council Policy I request formal acknowledgement of receipt of this petition within 10 working days, along with information on the steps the Council intends to take in response.

Given that the petition meets the threshold for a full council debate as outlined in Section 28.7 (140 signatures for a matter affecting no more than two wards).

Given the urgency of this matter, I request that the matter be debated at the next Full Council meeting on the 23rd July 2025.

On behalf of both the concerned residents and patrons of the pub whilst we welcome investment in local heritage assets, the scale and nature of the proposed refurbishment – alongside broader reputation of Heineken's pub operations – have raised significant apprehension within the community. The petition reflects a shared desire to ensure that any development.

- Respects the historic and architectural character of the Horse & Groom: a key building in the Linby Conversation Area.
- Preserves the pub's role as a community-focused venue rather than transforming it into a generic commercially aggressive operation.
- Avoids excessive noise, traffic, parking issues and disruption to neighbouring residents.
- Is carried out transparently, and in full consultation with the local community.

To date there has been no consultation with the community regarding the refurbishment nor with the current landlord who is as equally shocked by the erection of signs offering the management of the pub and advertising the refurbishment.

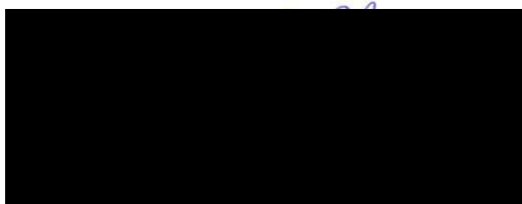
I enclose a copy from Star Pub's web site detailing the planned refurbishment. I hope that speaks for itself. I would highlight that the website refers to Linby as a town which further raises concern as to the research Heineken has conducted together with the proposed operating business model, it would seem intended for the development of a town pub located in a conurbation not a village pub located in a conservation area.

We respectfully request that Gedling Borough Council give full consideration to the petition and ensure that any planning or licensing applications related to the Horse & Groom are subject to rigorous scrutiny, with particular attention to conservation, amenity, and community impact.

Should no planning application be in place or submitted prior to the clearly planned refurbishment the local community understand are due to commence in mid-august 2025, we urge the council to deploy all measures available to protect the Horse & Groom Pub to prevent any alterations by the owner until both the council, any other interested stakeholders and local residents are sighted and consulted on the proposed changes and correct permissions are sought. These actions are time critical.

I look forward to your response and to the opportunity for this important local issue to be considered by the full Council.

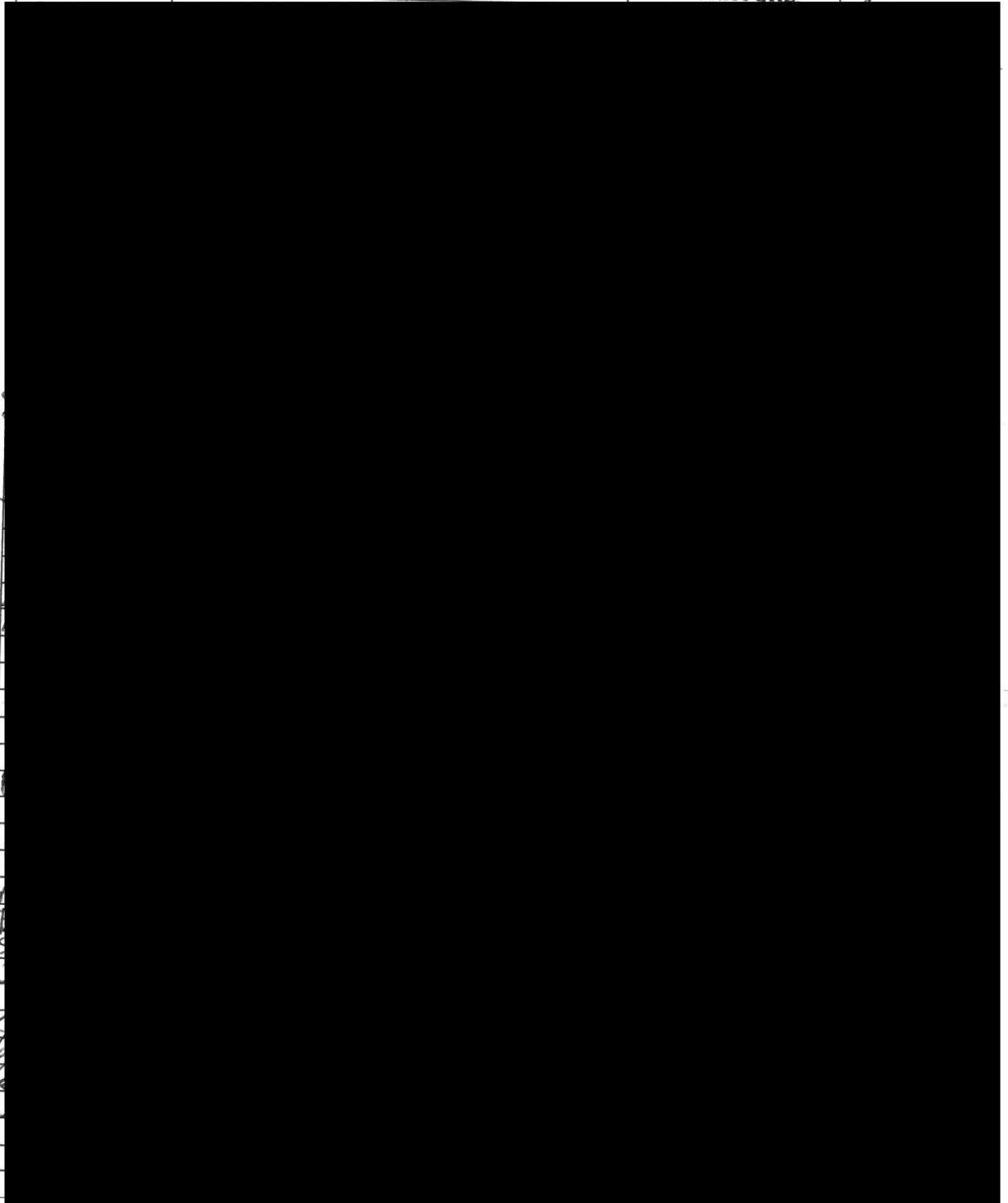
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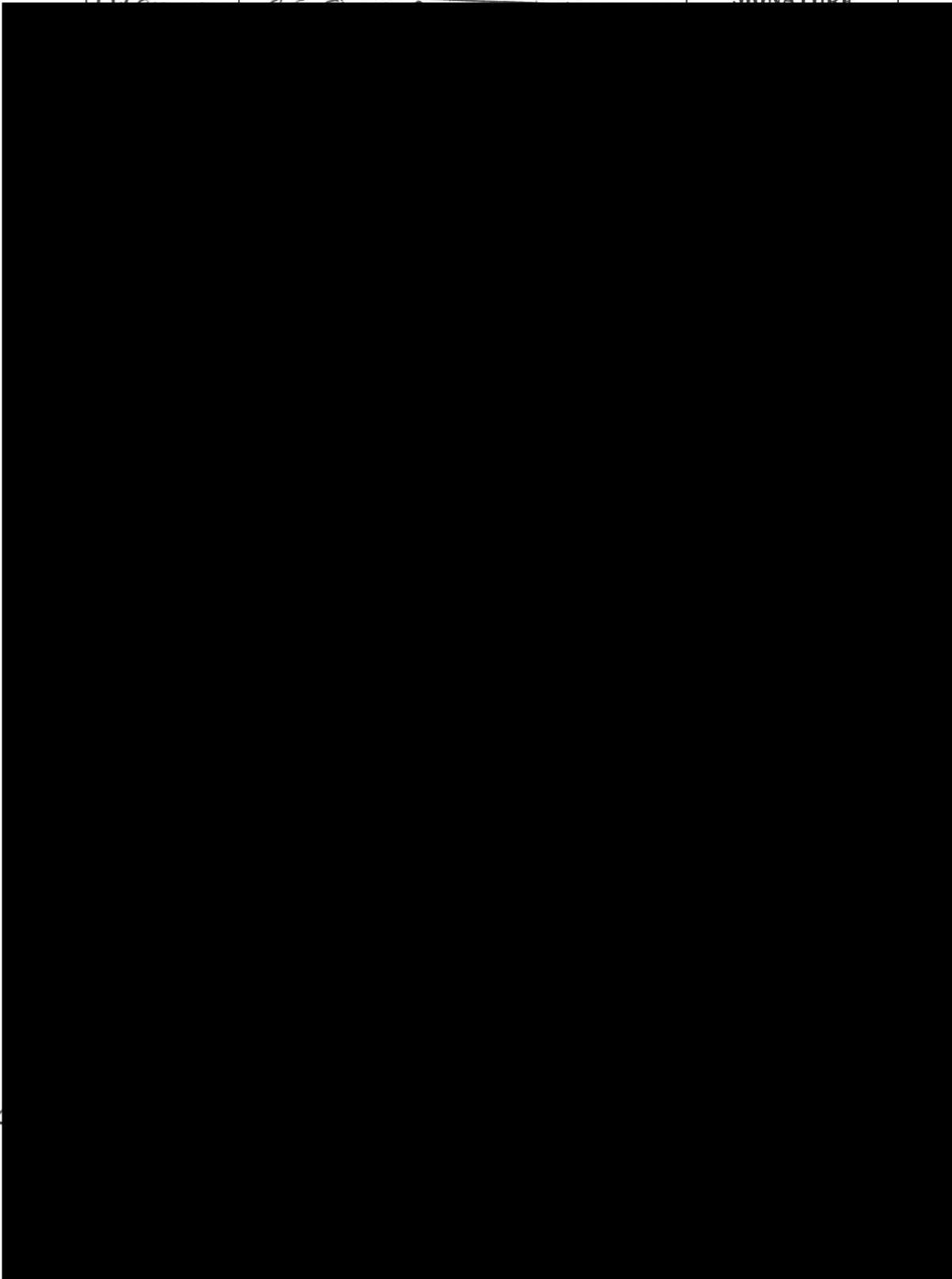
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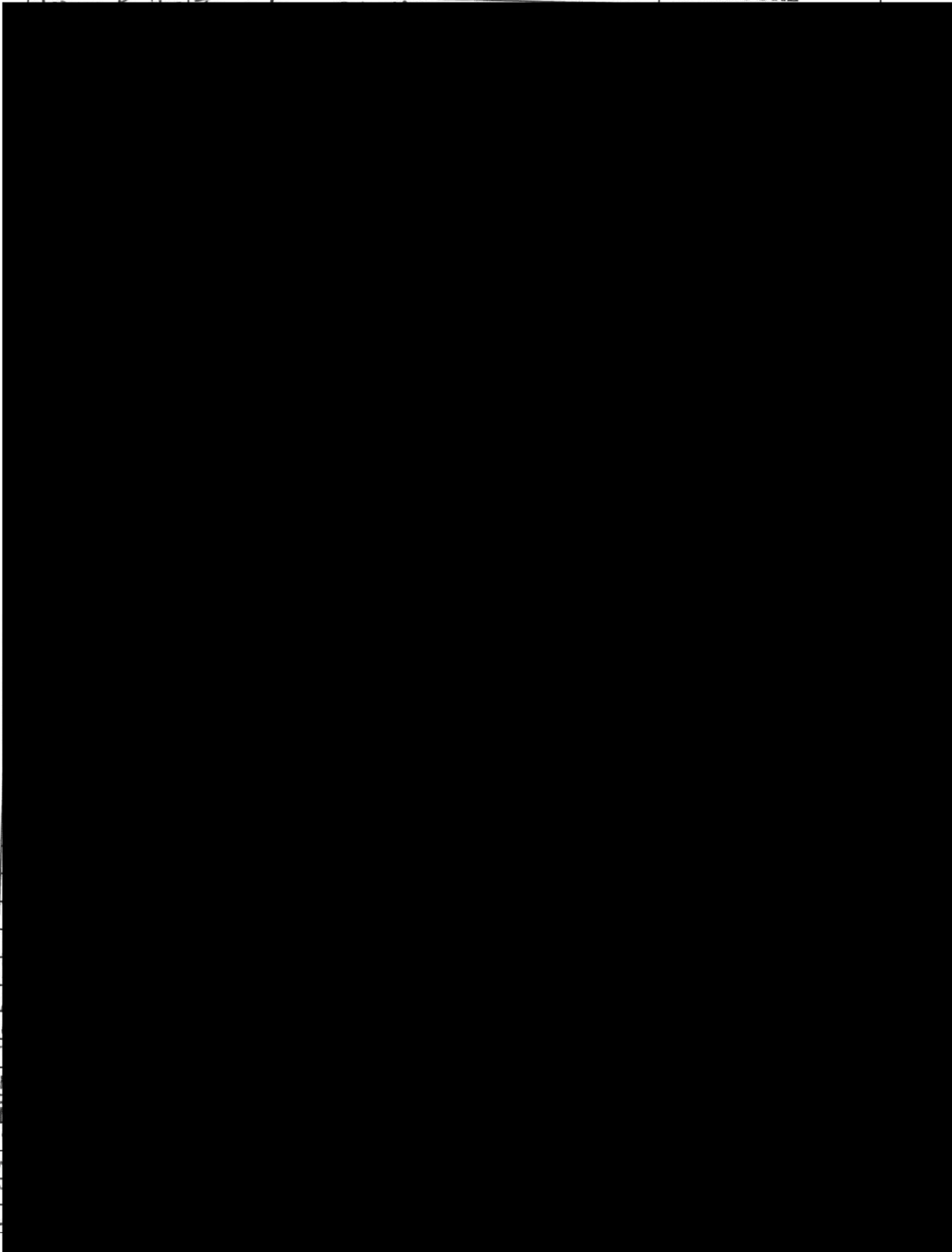


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