

Allow the development of a micro 'sports' pub within Newstead Village Pavilion



Please support the venture of a local resident who is trying to establish a micropub for the local community and visitors to Newstead Village.

Our village has over 1300 adult residents who have little means of connecting with others in their community. Our only village pub closed two years ago and is earmarked for demolition despite Government Policy which states such facilities should be protected in recognition of the vital role they play in communities. Ever growing evidence also demonstrates how the role of public houses is beneficial to the well-being of individuals; especially in isolated villages such as ours.

<http://www.camra.org.uk/documents/10180/36197/Friends+on+Tap/2c68585b-e47d-42ca-bda6-5d6b3e4c0110>

Driven by the passion I have for this community in which I live, I took it upon myself to address the unmet needs of my friends and neighbours and devised a business plan to establish a micropub with the intention of getting people out of their houses and bringing this community back together! A place where people can socialise after a hard days work over a pint or two, a place where people can enjoy the cricket matches on a Saturday afternoon, a place where we can reduce the current social isolation faced by many.

Premises are available, Newstead Sports Pavilion, which was originally built for the needs of this community yet it stands empty for the vast majority of the year!

Despite:

- the many benefits to the community this venture would bring
- research showing 90% of this community in favour of a pub
- the support it will bring to other small businesses in Nottinghamshire
- support from MP Mark Spencer, the Parish Council, Future Newstead, NOMADS cricket club currently housed there and a whole host of individuals within the Village
- ticking all the boxes on both National and Gedling Boroughs own Policies
- its potential to create income for the Local Authority whom are having to make massive cutbacks
- it's potential to create employment
- it's potential to attract visitors to the local woodlands and country park
- G.B.C.'s own Planning Department stating they see no reason as to why this building could not be used...

Certain elected members are not in favour and stonewalling this development.

Please sign this petition to demonstrate to G.B.C and elected members that this community is in favour of this and demand that elected members represent the views of their constituents, support entrepreneurship and allow the pavilion to be leased for use as a micropub to serve its community. This petition will be sent to John Robinson, Chief Executive of Gedling Borough Council and also to Councillor for Newstead, Chris Barnfather who believes that "local decisions should be made by local people."