

FAO The Planner in charge of The Dunkirk Application

14<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Council Planner,

Please find enclosed my comments regarding the proposed extension of the Dunkirk Inn:

I am a member of a local book club comprised of ladies, aged from 68yrs upwards. We are a small group and, in normal times, we are dependent upon The Dunkirk to continue as a club.

We are regular patrons of The Dunkirk and we use the pub as the club's meeting place several times per week. We use the Dunkirk because we know that it is a very safe place and the staff always do everything they can to make us feel safe and welcome. We often have meetings and functions there, for celebrations and club events, Christmas parties, birthdays, etc. Some of our members have mobility issues and the new lift will mean that we can access the function room as a club, including everyone equally. It is wonderful to know that all our members will be able to use all parts of the building.

The Dunkirk is a vital part of the community as it is a hub where we can meet regularly and also a place for us to socialise as friends, in a place that is very safe and welcoming. The proposed changes would benefit our group and the rest of the village of Lower Denby. The environment is welcoming and friendly and allows people from all demographics to meet in a safe, and modern environment. The pub appeals to all age ranges and after the work is done, it will cater for the whole community.

We fully support the changes that are proposed at the Dunkirk and we are sure that the community will become better for it.