

3rd December 2020

**Planning Case Officer
Kirklees Council**

Dear Ms Bearcroft and Councillor Watson,

Ref: Dunkirk Inn Planning Permission

I am writing in support of granting planning permission for the proposed extension to the Dunkirk Inn. I am a full-time wheelchair user who has lived nearby in Clayton West for more than thirty years and often visited the Dunkirk Inn. The Dunkirk is a traditional country pub noted for its warm welcome and community led atmosphere. As a wheelchair user, and particularly this year, when an opportunity arose it has been so important to meet with other people from the local community and since reopening the Dunkirk has helped to fill that need. In recent times, at no small expense the new managers have very worked hard to provide exemplar accessibility for disabled people, their friends and family and without the excellent facilities I would have been unable meet and commune with other people from the area in such a pleasant social setting as the Dunkirk.

I believe that granting planning permission for the proposed extension will further enhance community opportunities for me, other disabled - their friends and family, in fact everyone benefits from an inclusive pub with a strong community ethos. The proposed extension will also add to the local economy which is especially important at this time when we really need to be looking towards the future by supporting local enterprises and our communities.

I therefore ask you to grant the submission to extend the Dunkirk Inn, as by doing so you will be recognising the value of inclusive access for the whole community.

Yours sincerely.