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SAVE THE ADMIRAL MANN!!

To Whom It May Concern. Please Read!!!

I am a 68 year old man with severe, physical disabilities and am confined to a wheelchair at all times.

I was extremely shocked and surprised to return from a hospital procedure to find that this public house had been shut and sold off to developers almost overnight.

The Admiral Mann has been my only local for the past 15 or so years.

As well as my own health problems, my wife is also severely physically disabled, requiring a wheelchair and ventilator support 24/7. I am my wife's main carer and our lives are full of stress and struggle most of the time. For the past years, I have enjoyed a couple of hours of respite by going for a pint on a Friday evening whilst carers look after my wife.

This is my only form of social interaction with local folk. As you can imagine, I have felt this to be a devastating decision and it has greatly affected my quality of life. As a result of this blow, I have lost regular, face to face

contact with all my friends, who have been such a strong support network to me over so many years.

I have searched my local area for a wheelchair-friendly, traditional type of pub, sadly, without success. There is just nowhere that is accessible with special wheelchair toilet facilities, with out of the ordinary, helpful staff and management, as well as friendly customers. It is also rare to find a pub in which one feels safe as I have always felt in this well-loved and popular establishment. The Admiral Mann had all of these qualities despite being an older building.

This is another reason to be very sorry to see the pub demolished. As my wife and I have lived in this same area for most of our lives. We have seen many detrimental changes over the years and this will be yet another welcoming, period building lost forever as part of our heritage.

I am sure my wife and I are not alone in feeling this to be such a sad loss and only serves in destroying a large part of our local community.

Thank you for reading my letter.

Hopefully, it is not too late to save The Admiral Mann.

Yours Sincerely,

Barry Garnham.