Attn Ms Judith Plumley, Head of Community and Leisure

East Dorset District Council

Dear Ms Plumley

Please find the enclosed representing our bid to list The Sheaf of Arrows at Cranborne as an Asset of Community Value. We trust the enclosed paperwork meets your approval, and most sincerely wish for a favourable outcome.

I have been elected as Spokesperson/Co-ordinator for this bid by all the named signatories on the enclosed documents

Sincerely

## The Sheaf of Arrows

4 The Square, Wimborne BH21 5PR

Reasons to list The Sheaf of Arrows with the Council as an **Asset of Community Value**.

This public house really is the focus point, the living 'hub' of the village community, geographically occupying a dominant position in the village square, adjacent to the Jubilee Garden, the very centre of the Cranborne Conservation Area.

It is *the* place where friends meet, young and old. It is where you go to find work; it is where young mothers take their new babies, to show them off to their friends and neighbours; it is where we hold our birthday parties, our wedding receptions. And our wakes.

There is another public house in Cranborne: 'The Inn at Cranborne' re-named from the 'Fluer de Lys', two years ago. But this premises has been taken 'up-market' and no longer meets the needs of the majority of our community; it is *not* the focus point or 'hub' of village life. It is more of a restaurant, than a pub.

In the 'Sheaf', everyone is welcome; walkers abound in the summer, especially; cyclists on tour, frequent the pub, for whom it is a precious 'pit-stop', there are darts teams, quiz nights and pool contests, there is live music to which we flock – local, aspiring musicians get the chance to play, to an audience. A very valuable opportunity, for them – and us. The 'Sheaf' hosts the 'Quintet Club' every week – which provides 'Senior Citizens' with excellent lunches at a very good price.

The 'Sheaf' features a large function room used for business meetings, for wedding receptions and the like, it even has a skittle alley. The 'Sheaf' promotes local Ringwood ales, features local guest ales, and provides employment for village residents.

Where else in the village could a father take his teenage son – or daughter to introduce them to people he's known all his life, perhaps to discuss their prospects – for work, for accommodation, for falling in love. The 'Sheaf' is, above all, the place for essential 'networking'.

For a good example, one of our 'regulars' and a signature on this petition, wrote: "Can bring my parents (Born, 1930, in the village) for lunch or dinner. They can walk here and everyone knows them. My Mum was dinner lady to most of the adults who now use the pub, at the local school."

This story is typical; there is so much local history, so much social support; so much respect between all age groups.

It is what, to us, sums up the essence of the village community: respect and harmony, mutual support. That doesn't mean its' paradise! But it's a lot better than many other places. And the Sheaf plays a major, major role in promoting this atmosphere – this Community.

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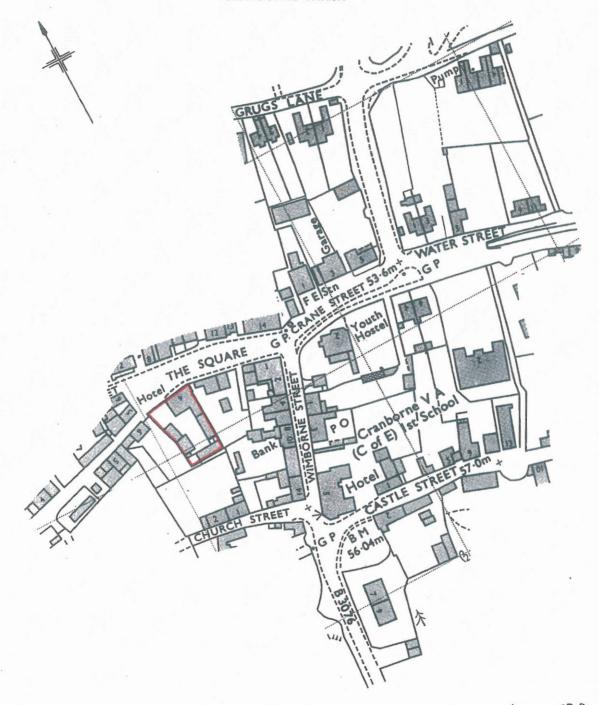
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