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Dear Sirs,

I am writing In respect of the forthcoming licence review for The Pax Inn, Thorp Arch

I am writing as an individual living in Thorp Arch only, although my experience of the current and previous landlords/landladies is largely as [REDACTED]
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For many years The Pax – the only focal point of the village in the absence of a village hall or other pub – has been at the heart of the village of Thorp Arch. Its importance to the village was highlighted in the extensive survey prepared for our neighbourhood plan, where 77% of respondents viewed The Pax as a village asset that should be protected.

The main reasons for my representation are firstly to ensure that the value of this village asset is not ignored in the current circumstance and secondly to provide my experience of the current landlord.

My dealings with the current licence holder have all been really positive. The pub has been tidied up and refurbished and when the PC asked if he would open early one day a week for a 'pay as you are able' coffee morning (which the PC planned to subsidise) not only did he say yes immediately, but also has not asked for any financial support. The coffee morning is used by a number of more elderly people in the village and has been a bit of a lifeline to some, especially those who live on their own and who have been bereaved.

So given the above, I was very surprised to hear of the recent events. I was not there; do not know the circumstances; and do not make any comment about that evening.

Dane has been a valued member of our small community since coming here. Although I don't know him well at all, he has undoubtedly been previously of good character, based on my dealings with him.

I hope that these comments can be taken into account and hope that our village focal point – The Pax Inn – can reopen in some way soon.

Yours Sincerely

