



## Welcome to the Red Lion Community Group Newsletter

### \*\*\* SHARE OFFER CLOSED \*\*\*

The situation with the Red Lion has changed. Firstly, the Red Lion has been withdrawn from sale. Secondly, a planning application has been re-submitted for the partial demolition of the Red Lion Inn and conversion to a single dwelling together with erection of 7 dwellings to the rear.

As our offer to buy the Red Lion has not been accepted, and the property is no longer available for purchase, we have no alternative, at this time, but to close the share offer and suspend our fund-raising activities.

All those who applied for shares, or pledged to buy shares, have been contacted to advise how their application will now be handled.

While we have not been successful in acquiring the Red Lion for the community so far, we have been enormously encouraged by the level of support there has been both financially and in spirit. Everyone should be proud of what we have achieved.

We offer a big thank you to everyone who has supported and continues to support this project. This is by no means the end of the story. Should the opportunity arise, and we think it will, we'll ... *'be back'*...

### What Are We Doing Now?

Our main goal of saving the Red Lion as a viable pub/restaurant remains unchanged, but we will now focus our energies to opposing the latest planning application, with the longer-term view that the property will again be put on the market and made available to purchase for the community.

### How You Can Help

If you value the Red Lion as a pub, restaurant, centre of community activity, a rare unique space at the heart of the village, or for your own personal reasons, then it is important that you oppose the planning application by registering an objection with the Melton Borough planning committee. **THE DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS IS THE 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, SO PLEASE REGISTER YOUR OBJECTIONS NOW!**

If you have objected to one, or both of the previous planning applications then re-submit, in full, the reasons for your objection.

If you have not previously registered an objection but would now like to, the following are examples of arguments you may consider as a reason to object:

- The Red Lion together with its car park is registered as an Asset of Community Value and the loss to the village would be significant.

- The Red Lion provided employment to many young people of the local and wider community.
- The site lies within a conservation area at the heart of the mediaeval settlement of Stathern. The harm of the development proposal would be considerable weighed against public benefits.
- The proposed development would destroy an area of character and open space enjoyed by local residents and visitors to the village.

More detailed arguments can be found on our website.

Whatever your own personal reasons for opposing the application it is important you register an objection, in your own words, to help save the Red Lion.

### **How to Register an Objection**

The planning application reference is **22/00317/FUL**.

Go to Melton Borough Council web site planning application: [22/00317/FUL | Partial demolition of Red Lion Inn and conversion to a single dwelling together with erection of 7 dwellings to rear. | Red Lion Inn 2 Red Lion Street Stathern LE14 4HS \(melton.gov.uk\)](https://www.melton.gov.uk/planning/22/00317/FUL) and click on 'Make a comment'

### **Other News**

We have a change of officers on the committee. Tom Watkinson is stepping back from the role of treasurer and will be handing the reins to Amy Collins. Amy has been a member of the group from the outset, responsible for our communications material and for our social media presence. Our thanks go to Tom for his valuable presence. We welcome Amy into the position of treasurer.

**The latest information can be found on our website at:**

**[www.savetheredlionstathern.com](http://www.savetheredlionstathern.com)**

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