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Subject: Nottingham City Council Part 2 Local Plan

FAO: Karen Shaw - Local Plans Manager

Dear Sirs,

Nottingham City Council - Part 2 Local Plan

I am writing to you regarding Nottingham City Council's **Part 2 Local Plan** and in particular **Policy LS4: Public Houses outside the City Centre and/or designated as an Asset of Community Value**.

5170 The Nottingham Branch of CAMRA has reviewed the policy and its associated justification and would observe that, in general, the policy is well constructed. It addresses many of the aspects of pub loss and pub protection which have been of concern to CAMRA, both locally and nationwide.

In this the Nottingham Branch of CAMRA congratulates the City Council and hopes that **Policy LS4** will become a leading bench-mark against which similar policies elsewhere may be assessed.

There are, however a number of elements which could be further improved upon to ensure that the spirit of the policy is even more effective in meeting its aims.

(i) Public Houses inside the City Centre?

Policy LS4 refers only to public houses outside the City Centre as shown on the policies map.

5171 The policy appears to recognise the increasing gravitational pull of the City Centre for drinking establishments in general and the continuing pub impoverishment of a number of the city's outer wards. This trend increasingly denies the city's outermost residents the opportunity to enjoy a diverse range of local public houses.

This appreciation of pub impoverishment in the outer wards is welcome.

However, the Nottingham Branch of CAMRA believes that there may be public houses within the City Centre which also meet the justification identified in 4.168 to 4.172.

Limiting **Policy LS4** to the area outside the City Centre may result in worthy City Centre pubs of historic or cultural importance to Nottingham being lost to pub goers now and in the future.

The Nottingham Branch of CAMRA urges Nottingham City Council to extend **Policy LS4** to also cover public houses in the City Centre.

(ii) Heritage Assets?

Policy LS4 might make stronger reference to public houses located in Conservation Areas, Historic England Listed Buildings, the Campaign for Real Ale's Regional and National Heritage Lists for historic public house interiors and public houses on a Local Heritage List for the City.

In this way, greater protection could be extended to many of the traditional historic public houses remaining in the City Centre which are currently excluded from **Policy LS4**.

The Nottingham Branch of CAMRA understands that although the City Council does not currently have a Local Heritage List, Nottingham Civic Society is working to produce one for the Council. Although this may be aspirational at present reference in to such a local list in **Policy LS4** would signal welcome intent.

(iii) Diverse range of Public Houses servicing a diverse community

Policy LS4 might make it much clearer that the range of public houses referred to in 4.171 and the provision of a diverse range of services could also to extend to a diverse range of pub types and community preferences within a single area of the City.

Much of the recent pub loss, even in the City Centre, has been of pubs many might consider to be the lower end of the market. These very traditional pubs often offer little which is anyway remarkable but which none-the-less are important to those who use them and who might find little appeal in other nearby pubs.

Public houses often appeal to very different sections of the community and **Policy LS4** could make greater reference to that.

To use a footballing analogy, one wouldn't dream of telling Notts County fans that the closure of Meadow Lane was acceptable because the same amenity value could be had from watching Nottingham Forest play.

Yet that very approach is often deemed acceptable when considering the closure of a public house.

I hope that these suggestions are helpful and that you are able to incorporate them into **Policy LS4**.

Yours faithfully,

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