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For the attention of Mr Simon Day – Performance & Service Development Manager

Dear Simon

Disposal of The Jolly Huntsman, 80 Kington St Michael, Chippenham SN14 6JB as an Asset of Community Value

I refer to your letter of the 2 February 2024 advising that the owner of The Jolly Huntsman has advised Wiltshire Council that they intend to enter into a disposal of the asset.

My Council met last evening and was updated on the situation, including the moratorium process and that they, or a local Incorporated Voluntary Body had the opportunity of being treated as a potential bidder and that an interim moratorium on the sale was in place until 15 March 2024.

Following consideration they agreed that at this time they are best placed to become a potential bidder, which will allow the full moratorium to be triggered meaning that no sale can take place before 2 August 2024.

This will allow the community to become involved in assessing the business possibilities and the potential fund raising requirement for a credible bid to be made to the owner on the understanding that the owner is under no obligation to accept any such bid.

I should be grateful if you would accept this letter as the Kington St Michael Parish Council's request to be treated as a potential bidder.

Yours sincerely

Vivian Vines

On behalf of Kington St Michael Parish Council