

To:

Sam Smith Old Brewery
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23rd May 2021

FAO:

Humphrey Smith / Sam Smith Jr. / Linda Stuart

From:

Friends of the Anchor
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“Friends of the Anchor”

Dear Sirs,

Further to our previous letter of 17th February, we wish to reinforce our positive interest in the sustainable future of The Anchor Inn, Guisborough as our traditional local pub.

We appreciate you are currently dealing with plans for re-opening all Sam Smith pubs, and as a physically small property amongst many, would not expect the Anchor to be functioning as a public bar until *all* Covid restrictions are lifted - sometime after 21st June.

However, that date is now less than a month away and we understand the management couple vacancy – the second in 2020 – remains unfilled. We are particularly concerned that since our last letter, the number of Sam Smith pubs advertising for new management appears to have risen significantly rather than gone down – from something like 50 to 90(!). If this really is the case, then this suggests some concerted management strategy is needed to recruit and retain local pub management.

With our community interest in the future of the Anchor, we remain committed to helping in any way we can to help resolve these difficulties and look forward to hearing your longer-term intentions for The Anchor Inn.

(You can find us here at www.friendsoftheanchor.org and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/friendsoftheanchor/> or respond via the contact details above.)

Yours faithfully,

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on behalf of *Friends of the Anchor*