

# THE GREATER WIGSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## The Horse & Trumpet Inn

### The Horse and Trumpet pub in Bull Head Street, Wigston, reopened

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ROYAL VISITOR: The Horse and Trumpet pub in Bull Head Street, Wigston, re-opened last week after being refurbished. Pictured at the opening are Jackie and Roy Furlong, the new landlady and landlord, Roy and Pat Rudham, the Mayor and Mayoress of Oadby and Wigston, and Tony Norman, Managing Director of Everards Brewery's retail division. But the star of the show was undoubtedly Royal, the brewery's shire horse.

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## **Alteration to the route of an ancient footpath**

There is a scheme being considered by planning to reroute part of the path around a small new decked area outside the pub. The amended official footpath, if approved, would match the path currently used by pedestrians in reality (as there are currently picnic tables and occasional parking over the official route of the footpath). The submitted scheme makes reference to ground markings to delineate the amended footpath from the general car park, perhaps offering more protection to the footpath route than at present

### **Letter from the Wigston Civic Society to the Council**

Mr S Robshaw

21st May 2017

Planning Officer

Oadby and Wigston Borough Council

Council Offices

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Dear Mr Robshaw

### **APPLICATION No 17/00192/FUL, HORSE AND TRUMPET**

We refer to the above numbered application for the erection of a brick wall and decking and relocation of footpath Z17 in front of the Horse and Trumpet. We are concerned that the Society was not advised by letter of an application received by the Council for work to a building of local importance which is near to a Conservation Area.

We wish to strongly object to the proposals for the following reasons:

1 The public house is a prominent building on the main A5199 road through Wigston Magna and as such contributes strongly to the street scene and is included in the list of Significant Buildings which the Society has recently handed over to the Council with a recommendation

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that they be included in the Council's Local List. Any changes to the frontage of the building would detract from the favourable impression given to those passing by on foot or in a vehicle.

2 The proposed decking stretches for over 32 feet across the frontage of the building in front of three of the principle windows. The wall and railing is over 5 feet high at its highest point reducing to 3 feet 8 inches at its lowest level reaching above the sills of the windows it covers and presents an intimidating wall around which it is proposed that the footpath be relocated. The decking reaches nearly 15feet 6 inches out into the car park from the existing front wall of the building. Hence it is very large and prominent.

3 The footpath which would need to be 'relocated' or diverted is an ancient right of way called Little Hill and which ran alongside the original village green which covered this area. The Society considers that to change a historic and well established footpath merely for the erection of a platform to enable customers of a pub (and others who may not be customers) to drink and smoke in the open air is completely unreasonable and would cause users of the footpath to feel very inferior and at risk as they are well below the level of any individuals sitting or standing on the decking.

4 The Society feels that the application should be refused in its entirety.

Yours sincerely

Colin Towell, Secretary

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