
Fwd: Amble - cock and bull town square proposal

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12 June 2020 at 14:18

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From: Anna at Warkworth Old Post Office
Date: Mon, 18 May 2020 at 13:50
Subject: Amble - cock and bull town square proposal
To: <tasmin.hardy@northumberland.gov.uk>

Dear Tasmin

I am contacting you to support the application by the Cock and Bull in Amble to open in the town square. The current square always appears rather desolate and uncared for as there's hardly ever anything on there. Given that, after the lockdown, the hospitality sector is going to need so much more additional outside space in order to host customers safely, extending the pub's 'garden' into the town square is an excellent idea. As it would be immediately opposite Spurelli's ice cream parlour, it's most likely to create a family atmosphere in the town rather than an antisocial one.

As a local bed and breakfast provider, we will be unable to reopen to guests until there are sufficient places open able to serve evening meals or serve drinks for an evening out. We are therefore very supportive of local businesses trying to bring life back into the town that will be an asset for residents and tourists alike. There are other pubs and cafes in Amble that won't be able to reopen at all due to lack of space, and certainly lack of outside space. Amble has achieved a lot to regenerate the town in the last few years and it would be a shame to go into reverse. Sometimes the fear of antisocial behaviour is greater than the actual incidence of it happening. With the measures in place that the pub is proposing, including stewarding on the busiest days, it's hard to imagine that a piazza style garden would become a hub of bad behaviour.

For the benefit of local residents, perhaps there could be an early finish to outdoor drinking of, say, 10.30pm on weekends by way of reassurance.

As a licensee myself, I know that the council can always vary the licence if there is antisocial behaviour that's linked to the premises. Please do consider allowing the outdoor hospitality to take place in order for them to prove that it will work well for the town.

With very best wishes

Anna

Anna and Jon Willey
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Fwd: Cock and Bull Beer Garden Campaign

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From: Chris
Date: Mon, 18 May 2020 at 13:06
Subject: Cock and Bull Beer Garden Campaign
To: tasmin.hardy@northumberland.gov.uk <tasmin.hardy@northumberland.gov.uk>

Dear Tasmin

Please accept this email as a letter of support for the Cock and Bull beer garden application.

As a regular to this great little pub I feel it would be a great addition not only to the this particular business but also to Amble Town centre.

In its short time in business it has attracted a very respectable group of regulars as well as a great number of tourists. A look on Trip Advisor will show you how well thought of the place is. A theme running through the reviews seems to be how friendly the place is. The addition of a well looked after and supervised beer garden will attract more decent people.

I have noted some of the objections raised and don't believe they represent the Cock and Bull. I have witnessed no examples of anti social behaviour at all. Jake and the other staff members are very good and are aiming at attracting respectable customers.

Obviously I am aware other bars on Queen Street seem to attract this behaviour as they allow under age drinking and have after hours lock ins most weekends. Please don't tar the Cock and Bull with the same brush as it is just not true.

At this tough time I believe local councils should be doing as much as possible to help small business and this would certainly be a positive addition to the Town Square and Amble.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Kind regards

Chris Stewart
Amble

Fwd: Cock & Bull, outside seating area and takeaway service.

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From: Joseph Haskin
Date: Mon, 18 May 2020 at 00:10
Subject: Cock & Bull, outside seating area and takeaway service.
To: <tasmin.hardy@northumberland.gov.uk>

Joe Haskin
Amble resident since July 1997

Dear Amble Town Council:

As a retiree living in the local community I would like to express my strong support for the Cock & Bull micro pub situated in the former tourist information office building adjacent to the Town Square, in their application to have a seating area for their customers on the Town Square, and to allow a takeaway service for their customers.

Since its opening last summer, my wife and I have been regular customers at the Cock & Bull and have found this small welcoming business to be a breath of fresh air compared to some of the other bars in the area, and it quickly became our choice of venue when we go out for a drink.

I would point out that while at the Cock & Bull I have not witnessed any noisy or rowdy behaviour. In fact, the clientele seem to be either older, holidaymakers, or more family oriented. The atmosphere in and outside the Cock & Bull, has always been friendly, quiet, and welcoming.

I feel that the granting of a change in the licence to allow the Cock & Bull to have an outside seating area for its customers would enhance the safety of the Town Square, an adult and family presence would, I feel, put off groups of youths loitering in the area. Most antisocial behaviour is caused by groups of unsupervised youths.

The Town Square is currently used several times a year for markets and other celebrations. Have these events created an antisocial behaviour problem? The selling of food and drink at the events has set a precedent, to refuse the Cock & Bull the same courtesy would, I feel, be blatantly discriminatory.

Most of the bars in Amble have outside seating areas or beer gardens, the closest of which are the Coquet Club and Radcliffes Bar. Both of these venues are within 50 metres of the Town Square. Has there been an increase in antisocial behaviour because of this? I think not.

The nearest venue for buying alcohol to take away is Tesco, approximately 75 metres from the Cock & Bull, has this created an antisocial behaviour problem in the Square? Again, I think not.

Jake and his staff are professional, welcoming and courteous. I have on several occasions seen tourists being given use of the toilet facilities within the Cock & Bull, without having bought anything from the pub. How many other establishments would do this?

I again strongly recommend and support the change in the licence of the Cock & Bull to allow both a takeaway service and to have an outside seating area for its customers. This is a small business, we should be supporting it, not putting obstacles in its way.

Regards, Joseph C Haskin.

Fwd: Cock and Bull Application for Outdoor Seating

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From: Lynne Morelli
Date: Sun, 17 May 2020 at 19:41
Subject: Cock and Bull Application for Outdoor Seating
To: <tasmin.hardy@northumberland.gov.uk>

Hi Tasmin,

I wish to support Jake Castleman's application for outdoor seating at The Cock and Bull in Amble.

I am a resident of George Street and live very close to the establishment. I was initially quite anxious about the opening of The Cock and Bull, my main concerns being about potential noise and anti-social behaviour. I can honestly say that since the opening of this micro pub that all of my concerns were allayed. Even when they temporarily had outdoor seating, noise was not an issue at all. In fact, the noise from the live entertainment at the Coquet Club is far louder. Last summer on one occasion the live music was incredibly loud and went on after 11pm. We had to close windows in order to sleep.

I have heard vague allegations about noise and anti-social behaviour allegedly from local residents, but am baffled about this as those residents live much further away than I do. Even when we sat outside in our yard last summer, we could not hear noise from the Cock and Bull. It was just about audible on a hot Bank Holiday weekend which you would expect in Amble. I can only surmise that residents are getting confused with noisier establishments, such as The Tavern on a weekend.

I feel that the rent that the Amble Development Trust would receive could then help with the continued regeneration of Amble which has to be a positive thing and will help to put Amble back on the map, bringing with it financial rewards from increased numbers of visitors. I also work at the Harbour Village and spoke to several visitors last year who spoke highly of the Cock and Bull, saying how welcoming and family friendly it was, and how the outdoor seating gave Amble a cosmopolitan feel. I also used to work in a gift shop on Queen Street and feedback there was similar and extremely positive.

Finally, having initially been reluctant for The Cock and Bull to open, I am now a regular customer there myself. I have never witnessed under age drinking there - the nature of the establishment (real ale, cheese boards, absence of alcho-pops and vodkas, quiet background soul music, art exhibitions by local artists...) means that the customer base isn't young at all. In fact at 56 I feel like one of the youngest in there sometimes! I certainly have never witnessed anti-social behaviour inside or in the vicinity of the pub.

I am baffled as to why Amble Town Council seems to be so against the success of The Cock and Bull and objects to the outdoor seating area. Surely this could be trialled for a few months and if genuine objections are made from residents, then it could be reviewed? Jake is an astute young business man who is keen to be part of the community (he has already raised money for the local food bank on a number of occasions), and he is also keen to further improve the image of Amble.

I hope you will find this letter of support useful. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me should you wish to discuss any of this further.

Kind regards,
Lynne Morelli

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From: Katharine Macalister
Date: Sun, 17 May 2020 at 22:16
Subject: Cock and Bull Amble.
To: <tasmin.hardy@northumberland.gov.uk>

Dear Ms Hardy,

I am writing to support the application of the Cock and Bull in Amble who are applying for permission to have outside seating on the town square. This would be a fantastic facility for both locals and visitors to the area. The Cock and Bull has always been a well managed orderly pub and as such it is well equipped to expand. The pub should be given an opportunity to trial the proposed arrangements at least. It is in Amble's interests to develop outside eating areas used by members of the public as this will deter under-age drinkers who will not want to congregate in full view of local and visiting adults.

Ian and Kate Macalister.

Fwd: Cock and Bull seating area

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12 June 2020 at 13:00

From: **Kevin Henderson**
Date: Mon, 25 May 2020 at 06:01
Subject: Cock and Bull seating area
To: tasmin.hardy@northumberland.gov.uk <tasmin.hardy@northumberland.gov.uk>

Last year we had the privilege of sitting outside the Cock and Bull pub and enjoying a few drinks. As a regular of this pub I have noticed the age range of the customers are the over 30s which do not create noise or disturbance. when we have finished our drinks we always return the glasses to the bar inside keeping the place tidy. i do agree more smoking bins are needed. As a resident of Amble (born and bred) we have noticed all the hard work volunteers from Amble have put into the gardens and no way would we disrespect that also the war memorial is a place which should be kept away from. Please let the Cock and Bull make a go of this seating area it will benefit the community and vistors.
Kevin Henderson

From: Colin Hutchinson

Date: Mon, 18 May 2020 at 20:32 Subject: Cock & Bull proposed beer garden Amble Town Square. To: tasmin.hardy@northumberland.gov.uk
<tasmin.hardy@northumberland.gov.uk>

Hello,

I wish to express my support for the above application. As a regular patron of Cock & Bull since it opened I can confirm that the way the premises is run is exceptional.

Last year they had picnic tables (4) outside which were a real boost to the premises and caused no issues at all.

I have never witnessed any issues of drunkenness or disorderly behaviour at any time when I visited.

This application especially in the current COVID19 situation would be a positive step to support local businesses and the local economy and ensure that social distancing could still be maintained.

I give my wholehearted support to thus application and hope that the local council can see that the positives of this application far out way any negatives especially as to the best of my knowledge there have been no complaints regarding noise or disorder relating to the Cock & Bull.

Regards Colin Hutchinson.

From: **Bethany Gleave**

Date: Mon, 18 May 2020 at 13:49 Subject: Cock & Bull Amble - letter of support
To: tasmin.hardy@northumberland.gov.uk

Hi Tasmin,

I hope this email finds you well.

I have seen on Facebook that The Cock & Bull in Amble have submitted a proposal for an outside drinking area. I wanted to highlight my thoughts on how this would be a positive move for Amble town council from the perspective of a regular tourist to Amble.

As I have family in Amble I visit from Leeds a handful of times a year. I have seen Amble developing into a lovely seaside location over the past few years and when the Cock and Bull opened I was extremely impressed by their range of drinks, professional staff and friendly atmosphere. I believe having an outside seating area at the Cock and Bull would only add to the pleasant overall experience they bring to Amble.

As a real ale drinker the Cock and Bull has a point of difference from the other bars and pubs down the high street and sounding area. The cock and bull serve a good variety of quality real ale that such offering cannot be completed with in other pubs nearby. It would be great to still be able to enjoy the quality beer in summer, outside. I especially think now is an important time to allow businesses to have outdoor space where possible as the Coronavirus has a much lower rate of spreading outside than it does inside. Therefore you would be keeping residents and tourists safer as well as helping a local business to stay open through the uncertain times ahead. I certainly would favour pubs with outdoor seating over indoor where possible.

Please help your local businesses, make locals feel safer and tourists more welcome by allowing this crucial outside area.

Many thanks, Beth

From: kayleigh chambers

Date: Tue, 19 May 2020 at 18:56 **Subject:** Cock & Bull Amble **To:**
Tasmin.hardy@northumberland.gov.uk

Hello, I'm writing to offer my comments of support for the proposed outdoor seating in the town square, Amble. The Cock & Bull is a fantastic establishment that has made real links in the community so far. The town square is used rarely throughout the year, a regular rental fee would be beneficial, and only a small area used. I do have one concern of vandalism. There is a real issue of jobs and drugs in Amble lately, and although I applaud the police locally for keeping a lid on it, it is an issue. Would these people congregate there of an evening? Perhaps they already congregate in the other seating areas in the town square? I feel that the Cock & Bull have considered this as well as impacts regarding noise, and litter, and come up with agreeable solutions.

Overall I believe this would be a great asset to the town and an already thriving establishment.

Yours, Kayleigh Dunn

From: **Linda Hunter**

Date: Tue, 19 May 2020 at 20:04

Subject: Cock & Bill Amble Outside Seating

To: <tasmin.hardy@northumberland.gov.uk>

Dear Tamsin

As a resident of Amble, I am contacting you to lodge my support for the Cock & Bull pub to be granted a license to use the square in Amble for an outdoor seating area.

This would be a fantastic facility for both locals and visitors to the area.

This would be a wonderful use of an area that is mostly under utilised and due to recent events, supporting a local business to not only recover but to flourish is vital, both to the business and Amble.

We are regular visitors to the Cock & Bull and have never seen any anti social behaviour of any kind, Jake and the team have built a friendly, inclusive community feel and know this would continue within the additional area.

I feel strongly that this is an initiative the local government should support.

Kind Regards

Linda Hunter 37 Warkworth Way Amble

From: **Becca Gray**

Date: Sun, 17 May 2020 at 18:38 Subject: Support of Cock&Bull, Amble

To: <tasmin.hardy@northumberland.gov.uk>

Hello Tasmin,

I am emailing to show support of the proposed Beer Garden of Cock & Bull, Amble.

This is such an amazing local business, the staff are incredibly friendly, it is well ran and is very respectful of the local area. I understand there has been objections of noise complaints, but I can honestly say I do not know how this is the case. We have often walked up to the pub and wondered if anyone was in, as it was so quiet outside, to open the door to a warm, bustling atmosphere.

A beer garden would be such a welcome addition to the town square, and I think locals, and tourists alike would benefit from it especially if the tables are of use even when C&B would not be open. I think it would create a lovely atmosphere and a good community hub. The pub does not draw in disorderly clientele, and I have no doubt if there was any disturbances it would be dealt with in a professional manner, they would not affect the surrounding areas.

I urge you to back this project. I feel they are being very responsible about how they are putting this plan forward, and are thinking of every possible way to ensure it is done safely, and with respect to the community.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Gray

From: Dave Hunter

Date: Tue, 19 May 2020 at 19:42 **Subject:** Cock and Bull Amble - Beer Garden
Application To: tasmin.hardy@northumberland.gov.uk

Hi Tasmin,

I am writing to you in connection with the application made by the Cock and Bull, in Amble to operate a beer garden/terrace throughout the Sumer months.

I believe this would be a great asset to the town, and would be of benefit to locals and tourists alike and I am happy to fully support this application.

The square area is currently under-utilised, and the presence of the beer garden there would I'm sure provide an improvement to the overall "look and feel" of the area as well as providing a nice environment for drinking/socialising (weather permitting of course).

I am a regular customer of the Cock and Bull, and used the temporary beer garden when it was in place in Aug/Sep '19. I did not the find noise levels to be excessive, and the general atmosphere, promoted by the Cock and Bull is one for quiet and inclusive conversation.

I have not witnessed any issues of anti-social behaviour in or around the Cock and Bull, and I would feel confident that if anything untoward or unacceptable

behaviour were to arise Jake or George and the rest of the team would deal with it in an appropriate way.

I see this application as a very positive move for Amble and am happy to provide my full support.

Regards

David Hunter

37 Warkworth Way

Amble

Morpeth

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Mr G N Nutting

Date: Sun, 17 May 2020 at 19:53

Subject: The Cock And Bill outside seating To:
tasmin.hardy@northumberland.gov.uk

Dear Tasmin,

You may recall meeting with me regarding the original application for the Cock and Bull's licence. I voiced many concerns, but you were very reassuring and gave me the excellent advice to let it open and address any issues once I had evidence of specific problems.

I am delighted to say that Jake is a fantastic neighbour and a real asset to the community of Amble. From the start he has discussed his plans and business ideas with me, being open to any concerns I may have.

I understand that there have been complaints about antisocial behaviour at the pub. I have seen no evidence of this whatsoever. Neither have any neighbours in George Street to whom I have spoken expressed any worries. There is certainly no evidence that I have seen.

Indeed, it feels like there is a whispering campaign against the pub, with no examples of specific incidents. This reminds me of my view before our meeting, which you rightly persuaded me to reconsider.

The Town Square in Amble is something of a white elephant. It is rarely used,

and its general abandonment is a waste of a resource. Having a drinking area for the Cock and Bull would be a great use of the space. Rather than promoting antisocial behaviour, I feel that an adult presence on the Square would discourage the current issues of youngsters sitting in the semicircle area shouting and swearing, or wildly booting a football around.

Jake is astute enough to manage this outdoor seating effectively. He values his business and wishes to contribute to the community. His embracing of local arts and charities shows that he puts his words into action as well.

I strongly support the application for an outside seating area, and ask you to accept this proposal.

Guy Nutting

Cock & Bull licence

Julia Aston <julias@ambledvelopmenttrust.org.uk>
To: Licensing Mailbox <licensing@northumberland.gov.uk>

18 March 2020 at 14:04

Good afternoon, I write on behalf of the trustees of Amble Development Trust, owners of the town Square in Amble in support of the licence application for the Cock & Bull to allow drinks to be served in a small identified area of the Town Square. Since opening and despite preconceived ideas of anti-social behaviour once the Cock & Bull opened, as owners of the area adjacent to the premises we have had no reports of negative behaviour of any description. As the town square owners we would have an agreement in place to monitor usage, behaviour and Mr Castleman's adherence to the terms and conditions imposed. This would be reviewed regularly and should any issues or anti-social behaviour occur or be reported would be discussed to see what additional measures could be put in place or the agreement for use withdrawn.

I hope this gives you some reassurance that, should the licence be successful, the use of the town square would be a carefully monitored situation.

Kind regards

Julia Aston

On behalf of Amble Development Trust management committee