Decision Notice ACVNF87 The Butchers Arms, 29A Herne Street, Herne, Herne Bay, CT6 7HL

The nomination of The Butchers Arms Public House, 29A Herne Street, Herne, Herne Bay CT6 7HL, for inclusion in the List of Assets of Community Value was received on 14th July 2026, from Herne and Broomfield Parish Council.

The authority for the decision on whether an asset is suitable for inclusion in the list has been formally delegated to me by elected members. I have consulted all relevant colleagues. The task is to establish whether:

- the nomination is from an organisation which is eligible to make the nomination, **and**

- in the council's opinion, the current use of the land furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, **and**

- in the council's opinion, it is realistic to think that there can continue to be non-ancillary use which will further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

The site nominated is registered under title number K404530 to HM Land Registry.

Nomination - For the purposes of the Act the nomination must be made by a Community Body with a local connection. I am satisfied that Herne and Broomfield Parish Council is eligible to nominate.

Applying the legislative 'test' - The statutory test needs to be applied to the area marked on the enclosed map.

It is the council's opinion that The Butchers Arms enables an important part of the test. 'Social well-being and interests' are defined as being land and buildings that are currently, have been or will be used (in particular) for cultural, recreational or sporting interests.

In addition, there should be:

a) Broad and inclusive use of the land or building(s) across the community, or

b) Use by a section of the community that would not otherwise be provided for or is under-provided for in the locality e.g. elderly people, children, religious or cultural groups, sporting groups.

As the nomination states, The Butcher's Arms is a venue of historical, cultural, and community value and is an important meeting point in Herne, especially given that it was Britain's first micropub. The site therefore offers people in the locality access to a highly regarded community focal point.

It is realistic to think that The Butcher's Arms Public House will continue to contribute to the social interests and wellbeing of the local community.

Conclusion - In conclusion, the council's decision is that The Butchers Arms Public House, is registered as an Asset of Community Value and this information will be placed on the List of Community Assets, which is published on the council's website.

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