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Comments: As ward councillor for Hayfield I wish to support this application. Having read through the application in detail I note that the proposals are judged to have no impact on the conservation area or listed buildings in the locality. I also note that there will be no harm to the natural environment, including no harm to any bird or mammal habitats, or any trees. There are no archeological or historical features that will be harmed. There will be no change to the impact of sunlight, daylight, wind and the micro climate. Derbyshire Lead Local Flood Authority have assessed this as of Minor Flood Risk, and as a result are not responding to Minor planning applications, so they see the risk of flooding as negligible. DCC Highways Authority have deemed there will be no material impact on the public highway.

Therefore I submit that this planning application will have only a positive impact on the village. In the past year or so we have lost three cafes from the village, and now have only one which, although an asset to the village, operates on restricted opening hours. The lack of cafes is having a negative impact on the local and visitor economy and is turning people away from coming to Hayfield for leisure and business opportunities.

Two years ago the Royal Hotel was put up for sale and has since been empty. This has created a rather desolate feel to the centre of the village. The proposed Riverside Cafe will bring back a buzz and vitality to the heart of Hayfield, which is much needed.

I am also encouraged to learn that the staff who were employed in the Newsagents will be employed in the cafe. This will avoid loss of jobs, which has been a problem since the other cafes and the Royal closed.

The proprietors and their staff are well liked in the village, and there is a lot of goodwill from local people towards the cafe. It will be an asset to Hayfield, therefore I

urge Planning Officers to support this application.

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