

Petition to Taunton Deane Borough Council

To: Democratic Services Manager,
Taunton Deane Borough Council,
Belvedere Road
Taunton TA1 1HE

We the undersigned customers of The Globe Inn, Appley and parishioners of Stawley Parish and surrounding areas, call upon Taunton Deane Borough Council to use its powers under Section 215 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 and/or Section 54 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to undertake repair works to the listed barn attached to this Grade II listed building which has been derelict for more than two and a half years.

Summary of problem and action already taken:

Despite repeated attempts by Stawley Parish Council and the landlady of The Globe Inn to persuade the freehold owner of the premises to repair this building, both directly and through liaison with conservation officers at the Council, it remains in a derelict state without a roof or finished walls. The remains of the listed building continue to deteriorate and water is now finding its way into the pub resulting in damp and electrical problems.

The Globe Inn is an historic and popular local pub that is greatly valued by the surrounding rural communities and which has been listed on Taunton Deane's Register of Community Assets since April 2015.

The derelict building is an eyesore which threatens the structural integrity of the pub but is also adversely affecting its long-term commercial viability as potential customers are put off by its external appearance. The landlady of the pub has no power to rectify this situation as the derelict barn does not form part of her tenancy.

The Globe Inn and its associated buildings are under the freehold ownership of an absentee landlord, who has consistently failed to live up to his obligations to repair this historic and listed structure. Taunton Deane Borough Council has the legal power to resolve this situation by serving notice on the freehold owner to undertake repairs, or to undertake the work itself, and send the bill to the freeholder.

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