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**Sent:** 12 July 2019 12:39  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Re: Support of the North Arms' restoration

Of course! My full postal address is as follows:

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On Fri, Jul 12, 2019 at 6:14 AM Planning <[Planning@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:Planning@cherwell-dc.gov.uk)> wrote:  
Good morning,

Thank you for your email however we require a full postal address for any comments to be registered against a planning application so please could you supply your full postal address.

Kind regards

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-----Original Message-----

From: Thom Leavy  
Sent: 10 July 2019 14:49  
To: DC Support  
Subject: Support of the North Arms' restoration

Hello,

I am not a resident of the area—in fact, I am a US citizen and Wroxton College alumnus—but Dean Baldwin asked that those of us who cared to show our support and attest to the value of the school's plans for the North Arms in Wroxton Village.

The pub's significance is far greater than what it means to American college students across the street, greater than what it means to the English countryside residents in all other directions; yes, the North Arms is greater than the sum of its parts.

It's a breeding ground for personal and cultural discovery. It is the most meaningful point of immersion for Wroxton's students, and the last place that the inversion of that, of the locals as hosts, survives (at least, that is my understanding given the history of the defunct US Air Force Base).

Beyond what it means to that US/UK connection, the decline of pub culture due to the nature of the brewing industry is unfortunate, and the idea of the North Arms being one more shuttered public house is a shame. Most personally, it is the only one I've ever worked in, when I returned for a

previous managing couple's wedding. It was while I lived and worked there that my future wife, then just a friend, would come to tell me she loved me, much to my delight.

The North Arms is a place of much history, be it British, transatlantic, or my own. I hope these words resonate and give weight to Wroxton College and Fairleigh Dickinson University's plans for the North Arms.

Thank you,  
Thom Leavy