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Hi

I'd like to put on record my full support for the planning application submitted by Maxine Jane Ruleman for the Mill Cafe in Helmshore.

I've run [REDACTED] from Park Mill since [REDACTED]. Back then it was a bustling building with high daily levels of footfall and had a cafe that people travelled miles for. The car park was full every single lunchtime.

Now sadly the Cafe has moved out, as have two other businesses, and the building is like a ghost town.

It's a beautiful red brick mill that has always been a place businesses have thrived out of. But rising costs have forced many to move out, and the public have suffered. As has a building of real heritage.

Helmshore needs an establishment like Maxine is proposing that'll give people reasons to come here, meet, eat and enjoy the beautiful village.

Many of my clients frequented the cafe after my sessions, starting with a couple of people to big groups of 10+. It was a great social venue with a real community feel.

Helmshore hasn't been the same since The Mill Cafe moved out and Park Mill lost a few businesses.

In extremely challenging times for businesses, I fully believe Maxine's proposal will bring visitors and much needed custom back to Helmshore.

Thank you for your time.