

# Press Release from

## Rt Hon Cheryl Gillan MP



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### **CHERYL GILLAN MP JOINS 'SAVE THE GEORGE' CAMPAIGN**

Cheryl Gillan MP has had highly informative talks with local residents in Great Missenden who are spearheading a campaign to Save the George Inn and Court House – and has herself joined the campaign as a supporter. The future of these 15th Century Grade II\* listed buildings is in jeopardy as the current owners have submitted plans to Chiltern District Council to change these historic buildings into 5 private houses.

The Save the George campaign, set up by residents, has an alternate solution that will make sure that the future of the George Inn and Court House stays with the community and that these historically significant buildings are not lost to both our and future generations. Both Historic England and Buckinghamshire Historic Building Trust have indicated that these buildings are of significant historical importance, not just to the area but to the UK.

Losing a business location will also have an impact on other businesses on the High Street and the traders have been behind the plans to ensure that Great Missenden maintains a High Street that serves the community, catering for the many visitors who visit each year.

Cheryl Gillan MP said:

“It is great to see a well thought through genuine community project set up with robust plans to restore the George Inn and Court House in Great Missenden and bring it back into operation as a long term viable pub, restaurant, and place for the whole community. I’m delighted to have become a member of The George Inn and Court House Restoration Company Limited and support these positive plans that will benefit the area for current and future generations.”

A spokesperson for the Save the George campaign said, “We are delighted with the support we have received both from our MP and the hundreds of residents of Great Missenden and look forward to a time where the site is again a thriving part of the High Street offering the community and visitors a place to meet – whether in a family restaurant, a pub, sitting in the courtyard or by staying in a genuine historically significant building in the heart of the Chilterns.”

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