



You are no doubt aware that the Plough and Fleece pub has been closed for some time and the landlord applied to Babergh Council for a change of use to a private dwelling. This application (and its appeal) was met with a strong community response, which was considered in the Council's rejection decision(s).

The pub is now officially recognised as an Asset of Community Value (ACV), which means that **as it has come up for sale, the community will be making bid for the pub.**

OUR VISION

Cockfield is a desirable village, which is partly evidenced by the number of houses currently under construction. However, it is essential that there are adequate services and facilities to sustain the village.

Our vision is to develop the existing pub into a community-owned hub, incorporating the pub, the present shop and post office, as well as adding a coffee shop.

Fortunately, there are numerous success stories of community-owned pubs in Suffolk to model this venture on. We have an opportunity to create a fantastic facility that, once up and running, has endless possibilities for community activities, while also ensuring the long-term future of the existing shop and post office.

CONSULTATION

Before we can seek advice, support and funding, we need to demonstrate local community support. **To do this, we would like you to complete a questionnaire.**

This can be completed online (by typing in the web address below into an Internet Browser) or by scanning the QR code below on a phone/tablet, using the camera function. Alternatively, if you would like a printed copy to complete, then email cockfieldvillagegroup@gmail.com (or phone 01284 828785) and we will deliver and arrange to collect your completed questionnaire.



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