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Mr D Hayes
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Dear Mr Hayes

Chilham Village Square

I am writing in support of the improvement scheme proposed for Chilham Square. As you are aware, Mulberry Cottages holiday lets 2 properties on the square itself with a further 3 cottages in the village, totally 5 in all. This is very unusual for a village of the size of Chilham but is wholly as a result of the historic nature of the square and the beautiful medieval buildings that surround it.

Our visitors bring huge economic benefits to the village, as we actively encourage them to shop locally, visit the pubs in the village and enjoy the heritage and hospitality the village has to offer. Anything that can enhance this will benefit all and the improvements proposed for the square will have a significant effect on the experience our guests have. This will encourage them to stay longer, enjoy it more, recommend it to others and above all spend more which benefits the local economy as a whole. In a rural area such as this, sustainable tourism is a must for jobs. Each booking we take, helps sustain those jobs as there is a large support system offering that booking a comfortable and seamless stay, from the staff we employ in our offices to the cleaners, gardeners and maintenance staff we employ to maintain the high standard of our holiday accommodation.

This is a thoroughly worthwhile improvement to add to the quality and appeal of Chilham and I therefore support Chilham's Future Delivery Board pursuit of funding towards carrying out this scheme.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P.P".

Sarah Wood
Managing Director