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To: The Private Secretary
to His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales, K.G.,K.T., G.C.B.,O.M.
Clarence House
London SW1A1BA.

Dear Sir,

We are writing as residents of Hexworthy/ Huccaby, and other concerned people in the Dartmoor National Park, because we are worried about the present state of the Forest Inn, and its future. It has been empty and deteriorating now for over a year.

It was, other than St. Raphael's Church, the only place where local residents met and socialised together. Our small community has no shop or village hall, and the local community spirit is severely damaged.

The Forest Inn was unique in the region as a lovely place to come for a drink and meal whilst exploring Dartmoor, on foot, horse, bicycle or car, together with affordable letting rooms.

We feel that the published sale/ lease details very well describe its beautiful situation; however, the financial conditions, as outlined in the sales details, are not commensurate with the state of the buildings and outbuildings.

It is possible that the present building is too large and not commercially viable in its present form, and may be successful as a pub/ tearoom/ local shop on the ground floor. The upper floors could potentially be converted to affordable housing for local workers, self catering letting rooms or flats.

This letter in no way criticises Tom Stratton or any other Duchy staff or associates. Tom has been very helpful and kept us informed, and has pointed out that the Duchy also want the most viable solution.

We sincerely hope that you can see a way to help resolve this problem

Yours faithfully,

The undersigned,

Cc Tom Stratton