

Where can I go for more advice and support?

CAMRA

JOIN CAMRA:

By joining CAMRA you will actively be helping to support your local pubs as well as being able to enjoy a range of membership benefits.

Join online at:

<https://join.camra.org.uk/>

Further advice and resources:

www.camra.org.uk/listyourlocal

Advice on community ownership:

<http://www.camra.org.uk/community-right-to-buy>

For other queries please contact CAMRA's Campaigns Team – acv@camra.org.uk 01727 798 449

Other organisations to contact:

Government Funded "My Community Rights" Website:

<http://mycommunity.org.uk/>

Helpline: 0845 345 4564

The Plunkett Foundation:

The Plunkett Foundation helps communities buy and run their local pub under community ownership and operates a Co-operative Pubs Advice Line.

Details of how to contact the Plunkett Foundation can be found here - <http://www.plunkett.co.uk/> Advice Line: 01993 810730

Pub is the Hub:

www.pubisthehub.org.uk/

CAMRA Guide to Nominating Pubs as Assets of Community Value



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If you love your local pub and think it adds value to your community, you can apply for it to be registered as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) to give it extra protection from developers (England Only).

Without ACV status developers can convert local pubs to a wide range of retail uses or even demolish them without applying for planning permission, denying local people a say.

Make sure your voice is heard by nominating your local pub as an ACV today.

Why nominate my local?

Nominating a pub and securing support from the community demonstrates that it is important to the local area. In addition:

- ACV status means planning permission will be required for the pub to be converted to any other use or demolished
- A sale of an ACV pub to a developer can be delayed for up to six months while the community explore options to keep the pub open
- Property developers who want to avoid a contentious planning application may be dissuaded from buying an ACV listed pub.

How do I nominate a pub?

To nominate your local as an Asset of Community Value, all you need to do is follow these simple steps:

- Decide who you are nominating on behalf of. You can either nominate as an unincorporated group of 21

local people, as a Parish Council, or in connection with a local group including CAMRA Branches.

- Go to your Council website and look up the section on Assets of Community Value or Right to Bid. Here you can download a nomination form (or if there isn't one available CAMRA provides a template)
- Fill in the form with as much detail as you can on why the pub should be classified as a community asset.
- If nominating as an Unincorporated Group, demonstrate that at least 21 people from the local community support the listing of the pub.
- Check your local Council website to see where the nomination needs to be submitted. Many Councils have produced guidance explaining how they are accepting nominations.
- Request a receipt from the Council to acknowledge they have received the form as planning protection will be granted at the point of nomination.

Getting 21 people together – it's easier than you might think!

Here are a few ideas on getting to that magic number of 21:

- Visit the pub you hope to list and ask the regulars to add their name
- Visit a local beer festival and collect signatures
- Ask your family and friends
- Engage with other local groups in the area
- Launch a petition to list your local using 38 Degrees and gather signatures online: <http://tinyurl.com/savepubs>

You will only need to gather support from 21 people if nominating as an Unincorporated Body.



What happens if a registered pub is up for sale?

As well as protecting your local pub from demolition or change of use without a planning application, ACV registration provides the opportunity for the community to bid for the pub.

If the owner of a registered pub wishes to sell to a property developer, a six-week interim moratorium period kicks in and the Council will tell you. If during this time your local community group decides it would like to consider bidding to take the pub on, you can trigger a full moratorium period of six months – which will give you time to raise finance, develop a business plan and make a bid to buy the asset on the open market.

It's important to stress that if you put your name to listing a pub, **you will be under absolutely no obligation** to bid to buy the pub in the future.