## Letter of Rationale

Barn Owl Brewing Company has been in operation now for more than three years. We opened our doors to the community just 8 months before Covid restrictions shut us down for two months and limited many of our activities for close to two years after that. Despite those unexpected issues, we have thrived. We are at the point now that we feel we should expand to continue to serve our community. Since we are in a heritage building, we have no options for building expansion. We have added extra washrooms in our Loft, and are in negotiation to purchase an adjoining business, It's a Bakery. This plan allows us to grow our business without changing the heritage character of the Surtees property. For those who have had the opportunity to visit our establishment, it is obvious that we have maintained the atmosphere of our 1927 Barn. We also continue to be neighbour friendly as we usually close by 11pm or earlier. Thankyou for considering this application.

