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PREMISES LICENCE REVIEW

THE SUMPTER HORSE, 235 LEYLAND ROAD, PENWORTHAM, PRESTON. PR1 9SH. (PREMA0131)

Dear Sirs,

With reference to the CCTV, is this a condition of the licence? Is it not unfair to blame a crime on the owner of the CCTV. A CCTV will not stop a crime and is only installed to help the Police solve the crime after the event. In my opinion we should have more Police on the ground taking a pro-active measure rather than re-active.

Under Age Drinking, Until the Law of the land implements the national use of identity cards and the fact that everyone must present them when requested, these problems will continue.

Considering the number of Public Houses that are closing down, there appears to be a determined effort by Police and Licensing Authorities to close these types of establishments and therefore, force people, whatever age, to purchase alcohol and tobacco from cheap booze shops which only encourages drinking in the streets and creating an even worse environment.

I am almost 70 years of age and have been a regular customer of the Sumpter Horse public house for many years. I have the upmost regard for the management and staff, who all carry out a magnificent job many times under difficult circumstances. I feel that the termination of a Licence for this Establishment would only deprive an honest and hard working couple of their home and livelihood. Could this action not be considered a restraint of trade without good cause.

I trust my comments will be taken into consideration and hope that this will be looked on favourably to enable this couple to continue in this business and not another unemployed statistic.

Yours faithfully


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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to give my highest possible recommendation to Peter McDonnell

As a resident of Penwortham, I have been frequenting the Sumpter Horse for nearly 14 years, for the last 8 it has been run by Peter McDonnell and I must say run very well in my opinion.

The last 4-5 years as I am sure you will agree have been a very difficult time for the business sector, in particular the licensed trade, yet when most public houses in Penwortham and the surrounding area have been shutting down, Peter and Marilyn have done an amazing job in keeping The Sumpter Horse open, providing not only a important service for local people, but also employment for bar staff, not to mention raising large amounts of money each year for charities such as St Catherines Hospice and Help for Heroes, whereas if the Sumpter Horse was to close then anybody wanting to have a drink in a public house would realistically have to drive to the nearest one which is far from a perfect solution.

As well as they have done in running and maintaining the Sumpter Horse, of course they have made mistakes, how many of us can honestly say we have not? They are not running a bakers or a dry cleaners, with all due respect to those occupations, but a public house in a very difficult economic climate with all the problems that entails.

I also feel that closing The Sumpter Horse would have a negative effect on the local community, no doubt the pub would have to be boarded up, this in itself would only result in the premises being targeted by vandals or possibly arsonists, the results of which would be an eyesore within the area and possibly a burden on the local taxpayer.

In summary, I believe that taking the licence away from the present landlord would have a detrimental effect on a large percentage of local people who regard Peter & Marilyn, not just as proprietors of the local public house, but more as good friends, who have put their hearts and souls into keeping a local business open, when in all honesty, for them personally it would have been a lot easier to walk away and have a less stressfull few years to enjoy together before their retirement. I for one will always be grateful they decided not to take the easy option, but instead, stay and be a credit to their profession.

Yours Sincerely

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Stephen Mason

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25/03/2014

Regarding The Sumpter Horse Public House

Licensee Mr P McDonald

To whom it may concern

I write to support Mr Peter McDonald who I have known for many years now as the landlord of the above establishment. It is my experience that he is a very capable landlord who runs the pub in accordance with the law. I have seen him and his staff make checks on ages of people who enter the pub. I have also seen him refuse to serve people and also ask people to leave who's behaviour is not acceptable.

Mr McDonald and his wife run a friendly community pub that caters for a diverse customer base of all ages, ethnicity, disabilities etc. The pub is a venue that many people use as a form of social interaction, to some it is their only source of social activity. Without it many would be lonely and isolated. There are as in many pubs younger people (over 18) who visit the pub and just as many have done before them they learn the acceptable way to behave in a public house and how to respect others. Mr & Mrs McDonald are the vital cog in establishing this learning exercise and on the whole are very well respected by both their staff and customers. The pub has a family atmosphere and as landlord Mr McDonald is a very caring, kind and fair man.

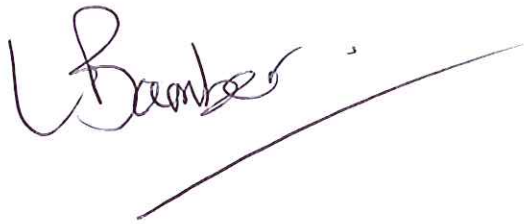
Recently there has been a lot of police presence in the pub. I have witnessed both Mr & Mrs McDonald demonstrates a willingness to cooperate with the police officers who have attended.



The pub has been run by this couple for a long time with no apparent cause for concern from the council or police. I have not particularly noticed any difference in how things are run and do question if there is something malicious behind this recent spate of complaints. I would ask you to consider that perhaps someone is using the council and police in a private agenda against the McDonalds and the pub in general. I am sure this will be considered at any meeting held in relation to the pub and be addressed.

I am happy to be contacted for anything further.

Yours sincerely

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L Bamber