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To whom it may concern,

We are local residents living in close proximity to The Hunters public house, and are writing to give our support to the management team for the forthcoming licence review.

Since taking over The Hunters in 2015, Paul and the management team have transformed it from a run-down establishment which was attracting some very dubious clientele, into a respectable, vibrant and family friendly local. Prior to the unfortunate issues on the evening of the Euro 2020 final, The Hunters had organised and run numerous, well attended events without any problems. Our house is directly across the road from the venue, and we have never had any issues with noise or unsocial behaviour. You can see from the numerous positive TripAdvisor reviews that the staff and management attract a great deal of praise from their clientele for their high standards and friendly service.

Obviously, some significant mistakes were made on 11th July, and we're sure that Paul and the management team will be the first to admit this. The venue was completely overwhelmed by the amount of people that turned up on the day, and it was always going to be difficult to control the situation without causing more unrest. We're sure that, with the benefit of hindsight, the management would admit that they should have considered additional measures such as ticketing the event and employing security staff.

Although these mistakes will warrant some sort of punishment, we honestly believe that withdrawing their licence would be a disproportionate penalty for the mistakes of one evening, and will cause a great deal of harm to the area in the long run. As local residents, we do not want The Hunters to deteriorate into the disreputable establishment that it used to be, and believe that Paul and his team are best placed to continue with the huge strides they have made in the last 6 years.

After such a difficult year for the hospitality industry, it would be a shame to let the mistakes of one evening spoil a venue that we have become proud to call our local.

We hope that you are able to take this into account when considering your decision, but please do not hesitate to contact us if require any further information.

Kind regards

Brenda & Dave Houghton

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