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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 13 June 2022 23:04
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: The Leathern bottle

[** This email originates from an external source **]

To whom it may concern.

I am writing to you in regard to the Premises licensing review of the leathern Bottle.

I have been a loyal patron to this pub for many years. I have always felt welcomed and safe while enjoying a warm and friendly atmosphere.

I am a single, professional woman who is more than happy to come into this establishment on my own, enjoying the entertainment, amazing food and friendly faces of people that I call friends.

It saddens me to hear of the alleged trouble, which I myself have never been witness too. Karen and Glen have been nothing but welcoming and hospitable, going above and beyond to make my experience enjoyable on every occasion.

This pub has my full support. And I look forward to enjoying many more nights of fun and entertainment!

Kindest regards,

[REDACTED]

(S2)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday 14 June 2022 19:45
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: The Leathern Bottle

[** This email originates from an external source **]

To whom it may concern,

I write to you with regards to the licensing review for the Leathern Bottle Public House.

This saddens me that I feel the need to write and defend my local pub. But I was shocked to hear there license was up for review due to some incidents that occurred off the pubs premises, so can hardly see how they can be penalised for these?

I am a local forty something year old professional gentleman who frequents the Leathern Bottle on a regular basis. I have always felt welcomed by the wonderful staff, who always greet me smiling. Karen the landlady goes above and beyond to make sure everyone has a wonderful time and have everything they need. Her staff with Karen at the reins, run a tight ship. The pub is always immaculately clean and efficiently run. Never have I been witness to any trouble within this establishment, or felt threatened or unsafe at any time.

Over the years I have seen some fabulous entertainment, been provided with "Michelin style food" of the highest standard and met some truly fantastic people Among which are Karen, Glenn and his beautiful family. These guys work so hard doing the very best they can for this pub and it's community. If the licensing officials have concerns, surely there job is to be impartial and provide help and support? Is this being done?

If they were to not have there license renewed I personally feel this would be a travesty.

This pub has my full support.

Best Regards

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 June 2022 13:02
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Premises licensing review- Leathern Bottle

[** This email originates from an external source **]

I am writing this reference for Karen Simmons at the Leathern Bottle.
I have been using the pub for many years and
have always found the premises to be very well maintained and managed.
I am a 57 year old single woman and I have always felt extremely comfortable when in the pub by myself.
Karen is an exemplary manager, kind and respectful to everyone that visits the pub.
The Leathern Bottle is a fantastic local pub, where friends from all walks of life can meet safely and happily.
I cannot fault Karen on her skills and abilities to run the pub in an exceptional way.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information re Karen Simmons.

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 June 2022 13:26
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Re: Premises licensing Review Leathern Bottle

[** This email originates from an external source **]

For the attention of the licensing Police Officer.

I would be most appreciative if you could consider our support for the Leathern Bottle public house in Godalming.

When we arrived in Godalming four years ago for my wife's work we did not know anyone and tried a couple of places before going into the Leathern Bottle, we were made very welcome by Glenn and Karen and became regular weekly visitors.

We have always found Glenn and Karen to be a very conscientious and hard working couple and have spent many a happy night at our local which has many regulars who have now become friends.

I have recently had cancer twice and several rounds of chemotherapy and the support of Glenn, Karen and all my friends in the Leathern Bottle really helped me through a very difficult time for my wife and I, they are true friends and I hope you can take into consideration the joy and support they give to the local community.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 16 June 2022 20:42
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Premises licensing Review Leathern Bottle

[** This email originates from an external source **]

To whom it may concern,

I am a frequent visitor to the leathern bottle and feel it is a really nice pub, with hard working staff and lovely garden area.

Always served with a smile and really enjoy the karaoke/tribute events they hold.

Kind Regards

[Redacted]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 June 2022 12:29
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Re: Premises Licensing Review of The Leathern Bottle

[** This email originates from an external source **]

To Whom It May Concern

I have frequented the Leathern Bottle for nearly 20 years and have always found it to be a friendly, inclusive and family orientated pub. Over the years the pub has been run by various managers/publicans and they have always maintained the same inclusive spirit, sadly something lacking from so many other public houses nowadays, as many have turned their attention solely to the restaurant side of the business. So, I was shocked to understand the Leathern Bottles licence is under review and felt compelled to write to you to express my concern and convey my warmth/fondness for the pub and its current managers. Both Glen and Karen in my opinion are excellent managers, who always make my son (10 years old), my friends and myself feel very welcome.

They run the pub as outlined above, as a warm, inclusive, family friendly traditional English public house and I personally have never felt threatened or anxious while in the Leathern Bottle, in fact the reverse, I always feel comfortable and welcome and would never contemplate talking my son to a pub which wasn't safe and family friendly.

I have never experienced any trouble, in fact by memory I can only remember trouble free times and can only assume that any deemed over intoxicated individual is asked to politely leave, as if I did experience such trouble, I would not continue to go back time and time again.

I understand there have been a couple of episodes of disorder outside the boundaries of the pub, perpetrated by individuals who do not frequent the pub, but this should not be accounted to Glen or Karen, they can't be held responsible for what happens outside of the pub and as said above I haven't seen this sort of behaviour in the Leathern Bottle, presumably due to diligent management.

I hope this statement communicates my fondness for the pub, with it's cheese and biscuits evenings, meat raffles, community fundraising events, fantastic local bands, lovely Sunday roasts and a place where people of all warps of life (I am a support services director of an large estate agents group) feel at home, indeed for some of the locals (who live by themselves) at the pub, it's their main source of socializing and feeling part of a family and surely would have a detrimental effect on them if anything was to prevent the continuation of the present custodians, who as clearly in my opinion on the whole do a responsible terrific job.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, 16 Jun, 2022 At 18:37

Subject: Personal Statement

This is a personal statement for Peter Hirons. I have known Peter for over 10years, primarily through his role at Farncombe Youth FC, a grass roots community football club.

Peter has filled a wide range of roles within this club but is best known for his tireless community work whilst Chairman.

Peter has overseen a rapid growth and development of Farncombe Youth FC and this club now provide thousands of hours of positive local sports activities for over 300 children every year.

Peter is also actively involved with Godalming Town FC and The Leathern Bottle public house.

Peter is a well known, well liked and well respected figure within the community. Peter is reliable, trustworthy and hardworking.

I would be happy to support and endorse Peter in this regard.

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(S8)

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, 17 Jun, 2022 At 10:19

Subject: Personal statement

To Nick Semper,

Please find a personal statement on behalf of Peter Hirons, I have known Peter as a friend for over 40 years and have also acted in a professional capacity on his behalf as his accountant for approximately 5 years.

On a personal level Peter has been heavily involved in local community matters both with the local senior football and cricket clubs taking on various roles on the committees of both and for the past 20 years or so has been heavily involved in the local youth football club filling numerous positions from team manager to chairman of the club. During his tenure as chairman the club has expanded and grown significantly including setting up a successful girls' section, providing safe, organised football for thousands of children over the years. Through this Peter has become well known and respected in the area and is a prominent member of the local community.

From a business point of view Peter acquired the lease at The Leathern Bottle public house approximately 5 ½ years ago and has been trying to make a success of the business despite numerous setbacks mainly caused by Covid and the various lockdowns that were imposed during the last 2 ¼ years. I believe the pub is an important part of the local community and this was highlighted and brought to prominence during the various lockdowns and indeed in the brief periods in which the pub was allowed to open between lockdowns it provided much needed respite from the trials and tribulations of Covid and acted as a great comfort for members of the local community.

Overall, I can confirm that Peter is extremely reliable and trustworthy and is a well-known and respected member of the local community and I am happy to support Peter in this regard.

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From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, 16 Jun, 2022 At 17:39

Subject: Peter Hirons

Dear Nick

I write in my capacity as chairman of Godalming Town Football Club and also as a personal friend.

I have known Peter for some twelve years, in that time he has been a committee member and more latterly a volunteer, he will also be the fixtures secretary for our reserve side next season.

Amongst general volunteering at the club Peter often runs the bar, always meeting the four licensing objectives and, as happens occasionally when we run out of beer or gas, he supplies us from the Leathern Bottle.

He was chairman of Farncombe Youth FC for some time up until a couple of years ago, and is highly regarded in the local area.

With regards to the Leathern Bottle itself, I very seldom visit but, all I would say is that if it were to close it would be a big loss of a community asset.

Peter is honest, hardworking and trust worthy and I value him both as a volunteer at the club and, more importantly as a friend, I hope that he will be given every opportunity to bring the Leathern Bottle back to being the asset it once was.

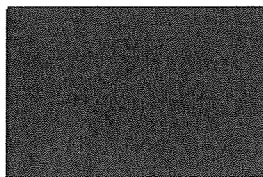
Kind regards

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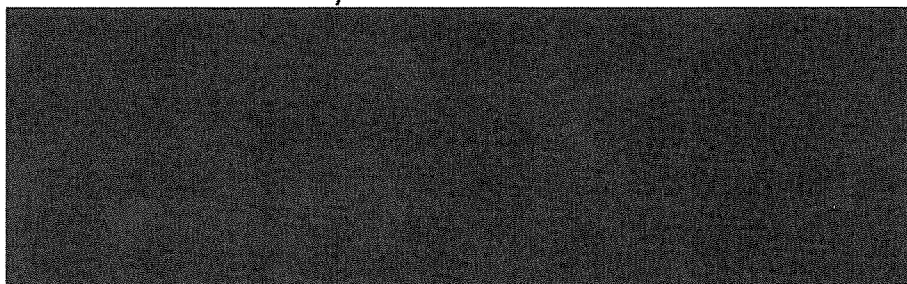
Reference: Peter Hirons

Dear Mr Nick Semper,

We have known Peter Hirons for 14 years through Farncombe Football Club where all our 3 children have played, refereed and volunteered. We also served alongside Peter as committee members for many years. During his 12 years as Chairman, and 20+ years as a volunteer at the club, Peter demonstrated exceptional commitment to the club and to the local community. He selflessly gave his time and immense expertise for the benefit of thousands of young footballers over the years and has always acted with the highest level of integrity.

More recently, we have enjoyed spending time at The Leathern Bottle pub in Godalming, which Peter owns. The pub is a shining example of a local pub, offering a pleasant environment for locals to meet socially, as well as eat and drink. It has become an important part of the local community, with live music and entertainment encouraging people to gather together again. Peter, as landlord, continues to be a highly respected member of the community.

Yours sincerely



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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 June 2022 20:34
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Premises licence review Leathern Bottle

[** This email originates from an external source **]

Good evening

Since Karen and Glenn have been in charge of the Leathern Bottle, they have done a lot to improve it. It is our local and we enjoy spending time there. We are always well looked after, the food is amazing, its a family friendly atmosphere and they put on some great entertainment. As managers they are very conscientious and always have a friendly smile for us.

We enjoy spending time in the Leathern Bottle and that is down to Karen and Glenn.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

S12

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 June 2022 11:02
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Premises licensing review-Leathern Bottle

[This email originates from an external source **]**

This is a reference in support of Glenn Goodwin and Karen Simmons of the Leathern Bottle.
I have been a regular of the pub for a long time and have seen the massive improvements that have happened while Glenn and Karen have been running it. The makeover of the garden was stunning and I personally know how much hard work Glenn put into it.
Both Glenn and Karen are extremely personable and accommodating to all that walk through the door of the pub, welcoming people with warmth and friendliness.
The Leathern Bottle is not just a pub, it is a centre of our local community, a place to go for everyone, where you know you will be treated with respect and kindness from all the staff.
I simply can not fault both Glenn and Karen's role in the running of the Leathern Bottle.

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 June 2022 17:43
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Premises licensing review Leathern Bottle

[** This email originates from an external source **]

To Whomever it may concern,

My name is [REDACTED] I am a regular at the Leathern Bottle. I have special needs. I want to say how good Karen and Glenn are at helping me in lots of different ways. They always make me feel welcome and happy to be in the pub. Glenn's roast dinners are delicious. There are no other pubs that I can go to where my special needs would accepted with such warmth. All of my friends with similar needs also feel very much at home there. They are the best people to run the Leathern Bottle.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 June 2022 18:18
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: LeathernBottle

[This email originates from an external source **]**

This is a reference in support of Glenn Goodwin and Karen Simmons of the Leathern Bottle
I have visited the pub many times .I have always found Glenn and Karen to be very welcoming.
The pub appears to centre of a community and each time I go there is always friendly faces
The pub is well maintained with lovely outdoor garden, and I have had many Sunday roasts which have been
excellent.
Both Glenn and Karen work hard to make everyone welcome and both have always been kind and respectful and
always enjoy my visits there

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S15

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 June 2022 18:49
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Premises licensing review

[** This email originates from an external source **]

In regards to the Leathern bottle pub.

I am a 27 year old young mum of two who has been working at the Leathern bottle pub since October last year and I absolutely love my job. The pub is the centre of the community everyone is so welcoming, friendly & has become my pub family. Glenn & Karen has put there heart and soul and has worked so hard bringing the spark back over the last couple of years everyone has had with covid. This pub would not be the same without them. The pub garden is great they have really transformed it into a wonderful environment for the public. I've never witnessed any trouble here all the time I've worked here and wish for many happy memories here with all the wonderful staff and customers. Everyone who comes in to the pub has nothing but good words for this place and it's become a second home for many! Glenn and Karen are wonderful people they go above and beyond for anyone, they deserve the world.

[REDACTED]

S16

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 June 2022 16:22
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Fwd: Leathery and bottle

[** This email originates from an external source **]

[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 18 June 2022 at 21:11:21 GMT-7
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Leathery and bottle

Good evening,

I would just like to say how much we enjoy coming to the leathery and bottle we always have a good time and my son especially enjoys coming as the pub is family orientated.

Very sad if the was lost ,

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

S17

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 June 2022 08:32
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Fwd: Lether& Bottole renewing their licensing application

[** This email originates from an external source **]

[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 18 June 2022 at 21:08:18 BST
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Lether& Bottole renewing their licensing application

Good afternoon ,

I just like to say how much we would miss this pub if it was closed down, a family we always feel welcome and like the family friendly land lord and lady and my son would especially miss a place in which welcomes children..

Regards

[REDACTED]

S18

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 June 2022 15:48
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Leathern bottle

[This email originates from an external source **]**

My parents and i thoroughly enjoyed our lunch here today. The meal was excellent, and the service and general attitude and atmosphere of the staff and pub in general were fantastic. As far as we are concerned her license should not be removed as she is a good host, with a good attitude to her clients.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

S19

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 June 2022 15:57
To: Licensing Policy
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Leathern bottle

[** This email originates from an external source **]

Please don't remove the landlords license. She is an excellent hostess and my birthday meal here today was excellent with good friends, atmosphere , excellent service and great food.

She would be greatly missed.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

S20

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 June 2022 16:44
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Premises licensing review Leathern Bottle

[** This email originates from an external source **]

This email is in regards to the Leathern Bottle pub.

I have been coming into the Leathern Bottle for the last few years and I have watched it grow in many ways. From the pub itself, the garden outside, to the people who come in, to the events and charity nights they run, it is just a really lovely atmosphere to be in. The pub is a lovely family environment, for all walks of people to enjoy and socialise.

Glenn and Karen have worked so hard to make the pub a perfect space for families to bring their children for a Sunday roast. I for one have been in on many Sundays and the food is fantastic. The staff are always so welcoming and Glenn and Karen will go above and beyond for anyone who walks through the doors. The pub and the people that come in have really become a pub family to me and my children.

Glenn's father, many years ago had a handful of businesses in Godalming and was very well known to the community. Glenn's family also over the years have run pubs so "THE PUB LIFE" has always been a part of his life so he is very familiar with they way things should be.

I use the word community because that is exactly what it is here and it would be a great loss if Glenn and Karen weren't a part of it anymore. This pub is what it is today because of them. I have never witnessed any trouble when I have been in the pub and knowing the staff at the Leathern Bottle, there would zero tolerance for any kind of behaviour anyway.

I have nothing but positive words to say about the pub and the people who work/ run it.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 June 2022 17:56
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Licensing Policy
Subject: The Leathern Bottle pub

[** This email originates from an external source **]

To whom it may concern,

This email is in regards to the Leathern Bottle pub.

My name is [REDACTED] and I'm 28 and love coming into the Leathern bottle. I first came in a few years shortly after Glenn and Karen took over the pub.

Firstly the transformation outside has been amazing and much more sociable for us all, allowing them to be able to hold some great events which I thoroughly enjoy! The amount of events they put on, not just for us to enjoy but also to help some amazing charities.

I have met some incredible people through the pub who I now consider my family. It has an enormous sense of community and love. This pub would not be the same without them here and a lot of people would feel very lost. I often bring in my own family and friends to the pub as they also enjoy it so much.

It has been a huge emotional and mental support for many many people going through some tough times, Glenn and Karen really bring everyone together with their caring, supportive nature and attitude towards anyone who steps in the pub and respects it as much as we all do.

A tremendous amount of people would be very lost without them running this pub. It's not just a pub it's a home for many people and that is because of Glenn and Karen.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

S 22

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 June 2022 21:57
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Premises Licensing Review - Leathern Bottle

[** This email originates from an external source **]

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing as a regular of the Leathern Bottle, having recently heard that their license is under review. Both Glen and Karen have always been very welcoming to me and I have become a regular at the Leathern Bottle because of this. The Leathern Bottle is a 'real' pub in the traditional sense for local people. They do an amazing Sunday lunch which is really good value and I have even taken my mother, who's from Yorkshire originally and she thought it was just as good as any pub she's been to in Yorkshire for Sunday lunch! I also believe that The Leathern Bottle offers a very open and inclusive atmosphere for people who might not feel so comfortable in brewery-owned pubs which have been refurbished and turned into restaurants. I am aware that they have had their issues with troublemakers, but wholeheartedly believe that they have always taken a firm stand and removed any such unwanted clientele from their premises as soon as there has been any question about their intentions.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

S23

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 June 2022 22:46
To: Licensing Policy
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Premissrs Licence Review: Leathern Bottle.

[** This email originates from an external source **]

Dear Sir,

My brother [REDACTED] and I have known Keren and Glenn for 5 years as Publicans of the Leather Bottle. We find them both to be friendly and socialable who run a very good service to us all who have the pleasure of visiting the Leather Bottle. Keren and Glenn have successfully run sunday roast dinner's, which i have dine well They also took a close interest in the local music industry by organised DJ and groups to play at the pub. The Leather Bottle also surpport a keen dart team in the local darts tournament. Glenn has turn the outside rear area into a well run beer garden where people have enjoyed their meals and drinks in a comfortable envirmment. As a veteran of 44 years service in the British Amry there is no other place i would love to have a meal and drinks then Leather Bottle.

Yours Faithfully

[REDACTED]

S24

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 June 2022 08:01
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: LEATHERN BOTTLE PUB

[** This email originates from an external source **]

To who it my concern

I am writing to express my sadness at hearing the Leathern Bottle pub may loose its premisses licence, and that Karen and Glenn have been deemed incapable of running a licenced premises

I live in Farncombe, and run my own plumbing business, and have been frequenting using the pub for over 25 years. I have carried out numerous repairs to the premises over time, and have always been paid on time

I have known Karen and Glenn for 6 years approximately and have always found them honest and trustworthy and genuine people. The Leathern Bottle is a community pub very friendly welcoming pub, supportive to all the regulars in times of need, it provides a supportive hub to all its customers, including some local vulnerable adults They have worked hard to build up a very regular trade of locals from all different walks of life . They have regular entertainment , charity events, especially for children's charity events ,(their 2 year old granddaughter has recently been diagnosed with leukaemia), St Georges day Morris dancing and folk music ,meat raffles. armistice days sing alongs. Before the pandemic ,Sunday nights with a cheese board event which was a the highlight of the week for many

In my opinion , I find it outrageous that some people deemed them unsuitable to manage the Leathern Bottle . Unfortunately, they have been subject to UNFAIR and UNJUST torrent of rumours and abuse , and in my opinion bullying from local establishments

Karen has worked there for many years and highly regarded and respected by so many customers

Glenn has worked hard to transform the garden's and does the best Sunday roasts in Godalming . The homemade rolls are amazing . Glenn has a very honest approach to life and says it as it is . a quality that customer admire

I have never felt unsafe or witnessed any trouble inside the pub .if I had then I wouldn't certainly not go back there again. Of course, some people have been asked politely to leave ,for various reasons , and have mostly left quietly and respectfully . I understand that incidents have occurred off the premises after non regulars have been asked to leave . Many an incident has occurred in the same manner in Godalming Town , some very recently

To rip this pub out of the community would be a great travesty . Karen and Glenn are the warmth and sincerity of this small ,family , local traditional pub

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

S25

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 June 2022 09:42
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Fwd: Re: Premises licensing

[** This email originates from an external source **]

[REDACTED]

Hope all is well.

Sending this on to you. with correct email address

Regards

[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 20 Jun, 2022 At 08:11
Subject: Re: Premises licensing

On Sun, 19 Jun 2022 at 20:22, [REDACTED] wrote:
We are writing to you because of the threat to the Leathern Bottle in Meadow.
We have been using this pub for many years and it has never been as well run as it is now by Karen Simmons who is a wonderfully good landlady.
Please do not close this pub because of the dreadful behaviour of one bad customer who they had to throw out last year.

[REDACTED]

17th June 2022

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To whom it may concern,

On the 18th of December 2021 the incident including [REDACTED] outside the Leathen Bottle Pub was an accident. The landlady Karen Simmons did state what happened already to an officer and was called a liar with him stating it wasn't an accident.

This is my statement of exactly what happened that night.

As I was leaving the pub after an event myself and [REDACTED] happened to leave at the same time. [REDACTED] was carrying a china cake stand with a cake on. I lost my balance and fell forward into [REDACTED] he also lost his balance, as a result I fell onto the cake stand and it smashed resulting in me sustaining an injury to my neck.

There are no hard feelings between myself and [REDACTED] as stated above it was an accident so I felt there was no need to press charges, it was an unfortunate accident that took place.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

S28

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2022 3:06:39 PM
To: licensing@waverly.gov.uk <licensing@waverly.gov.uk>
Subject: The Leathern Bottle

To whom it may concern,

I have lived in Godalming for 3 years and in the past year I have used the Leathern Bottle as my local. Although lengthy this is my clear perception of the Public House.

It is a friendly all inclusive traditional local pub well managed by Karen & Glenn. It provides a supportive environment for its regulars, also for a number of vulnerable adults including a gentleman who loves to sing his favorite songs to an audience, he does this twice a year and is joyous to see.

The Leathern Bottle also provides regular entertainment including charity events for local & national charities which are quite intimate affairs, mostly locals.

When I first moved to Godalming I was told not to go in there, with some shakes of heads, but I did & am very glad I went against what I had been told.

The staff especially Karen & Glenn, who I now have the greatest respect for, were extremely welcoming, also the locals were pleasant & in a short time made me feel at home.

It does seem to me that the people who don't visit the pub have had their minds made up for them by the busy bodies of this town. It does seem somewhat strange that there are two establishments in close proximity, one cheaper & one in direct competition, that not many regulars dismiss them for various reasons choose not to use them. I can only assume that these venues are looking at things for financial gain.

As I have already stated that the Leathern Bottle is a traditional pub, dart board (much used) pool table & juke box, again much used. No gimmicks.

The incidents have taken place have all been outside off the premises as is quite common across every town, city in the country. These occur I believe is down in some part to lack of policing due to funding cuts.

The Leathern Bottle serves a roast lunch on a Sunday & weekdays filled rolls, pie's & sausage rolls all homemade, not a Caesar Salad in sight.

I don't think I have been in a pub like this for years. The respect the friendliness of all the locals which is also shared with newcomers. Only recently a man came into the pub, kept himself to himself but after a few hellos from people allowed him to open up & tell us of his 16 year old daughter Rose who was in a local children's hospice & that his home was in Lincolnshire so travelled up & down whenever possible. Unfortunately she died late last month. He has carried on contacting a few of us to thank us for our continued support. That is The Leathern Bottle all over.

Karen & Glenn are fantastic hosts to one & all.

When people ask me where I go for a pint they may shake their heads & I quickly tell them what it's really like. The common response is Oh.

I will reiterate that I strongly believe that The Leathern Bottle, Karen & have been subjected to a bombardment of bullying & bad press from a number of local establishments, which I fail to see any justification in these attacks. I will certainly carry on using this pub, now & in the future.

Regards

A solid black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.