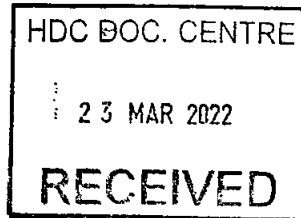


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20th March, 2022.

Dear Members of the Huntingdonshire Licensing Committee,

In response to your request for representations regarding The Corner House, 54 Market Square, St Neots, PE19 2AA, I would like to register my support for the management of this establishment and the unhindered continuation of its Premises License on the following grounds:

Over the last 15+ years I have regularly been frequenting this public house I have always found its landlord, Mr Omar Tahiri Hassani, a very hospital host who caters for a wide range of cliental of all ages. Customers of this venue include sports fans, karaoke singers and revellers who enjoy music and dance. No other pub in the town centre offers such a diverse range of attractions and entertainment and to lose them, in my opinion, as a result of an extremely uncommon breakdown in public order would be a disproportionate price to pay for the overwhelming majority of its well-behaved and orderly patrons.

Over the years I have witnessed virtually no trouble in this establishment in terms of public disorder or criminal activity and at no time have I ever felt that my personal safely was under threat. Regrettably from time to time town centre pubs – no matter where they are in the country – will suffer with the issues cited against The Corner House and in an attempt to minimize the possibility of anti-social behaviour Mr Hassani endeavours to take all the practical measures he can to ensure his premises offer a safe environmental for all to enjoy. This includes The Corner House being an active member of the St Neots Pubwatch Scheme which aims to prevent known trouble makers from entering any of the town's licensed premises.

In response to an isolated public order disturbance which happened in the Market Square outside The Corner House on New Year's Eve, 2022, Mr Hassani has upgraded his security provisions by employing new security personnel and digital surveillance equipment to combat the potential for any re-occurrence of this kind of regrettable incident.

Finally I would like to point out that revoking The Corner House's Premises License will do nothing to reduce the overall (low) levels of late night and weekend public disorder in our town centre because those predominantly young and/or drunk people intent on causing it will simply frequent other establishments prior to causing the trouble they wilfully set out to instigate and/or participate in.

Yours faithfully,

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