

APPENDIX C

To whom it may concern at the pub licencing committee,

I am writing to you to give a statement of good reference concerning the Duke of Devonshire Pub on Albert Road, Southsea, Portsmouth.

My name is Keith Dunning and I have been a regular at the Duke of Devonshire since Mr Tom Yaman took on the landlord ship a few years back. Since my time at this pub I have enjoyed the service of both Tom and his staff and have never really seen any issue with the running or environment in the Duke, as the pub is usually a very calm and very local orientated type of bar. The Duke of Devonshire has of recent had a few issues with unknown drinker attending the pub and bringing trouble with them. Which the staff and management has visibly done their up most to handle this in the correct manner, including ringing the police to which they have only shown up hour upon, hours after the problem is over, which I believe as I hope you would is the best thing they can do in such a situation, away from the personal handling they do themselves to de-escalate the issue.

I know the recent issues to be of a very rare and almost none existent problem, as over the years of drinking in the Duke of Devonshire, it has been a very friendly and peaceful pub where almost all the daily visitors would usually know each other and get along. I believe that these issues are of a freak and uncommon nature for the pub and that it is more of a bad luck type situation on that particular weekend.

To conclude my statement I would just like to say that I think the pub, staff and management are great and I know my friends and family would all agree too, as they too frequently enjoy the establishment on a regular basis and know that what I have said all to be true.

Kind regards,

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