

APPENDIX D

Review Reference Number: 22/01282/LAREVI

Dear Sirs,

Following the recent visit from Immigration Officers to the Noble House Chinese Restaurant in Osborne Road, Southsea, I would firstly like to say that I completely support Immigration Officers in the work they do. If we did not have such procedures and laws to prevent illegal workers in this country, I can't imagine what a mess we would be in. So well done to those involved.

I am also a good friend of Albert Choi and his family. I have know Albert and his wife Saundrine for 27 years, both are very proud parents and very dedicated to work (Noble House). I was shocked to read the article in the Portsmouth News, given Albert's professionalism and attention to detail. Although I have not spoken to Albert about this, I am pretty certain that there will be some kind of explanation.

Albert is very well know in Portsmouth and has done so much work with Portsmouth City Council to help promote the City. I just hope this is considered during the review.

On a personal note, Albert has been one of those 'real' life-long friends to me. He has helped me when times were hard financially by inviting me and my family to Noble House and not paying a penny. In fact I've lost count how many times he has helped me in this way. It is different now of course, but that's something I will never forget. My point is, that he is a kind warm man with a good soul and someone who I would trust with my life.

By removing Noble House license, this would potentially ruin what is the best Chinese restaurant in Portsmouth. Albert has been through some really hard times to try and keep Osborne road alive, especially when Gunwharf Quays opened. Albert resisted the temptation to move there and instead opened Chez Choi opposite the Noble House; he was determined to keep Osborne road on the map in terms of places to eat and might I say, he succeeded although Chez Choi did not.

Whatever the outcome is of the review, I would urge you to refrain from removing the license for Noble House. There are a lot of bad people out there doing some terrible things and getting away with it. Albert is not one of these people - he works hard and has a real zest for life. He is very well respected both by his customers, business associates, friends and family.

I really can't imagine why Albert would intentionally do something like this. He has to be law abiding because of his high profile within the City. Hopefully there will be a fair outcome in this matter and I hope my email helps whoever are the decision makers.

Yours sincerely,

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