

APPENDIX C

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LETTER TO SUPPORT THE APPLICATION No 24/00435/LAREVI To whom it may concern :

I am a resident of Saint Ursula Grove and have lived here since 1987. I have eaten and supported all the restaurants that have been in place on the corner of Saint Peters Grove at 119 Elm Grove and have never experienced any disturbance from the premises in the past. Since the opening of SBK I have noticed a considerable demise in the neighbourhood, I often have walked home in a different direction due to the clientele outside the property who regularly blocked the pavement and the general feeling of being unsafe. I have reported on numerous occasions the noise, which has come from the premises past 2am in the morning and have had to resort to earplugs and radio to try and drown the noise. These reports should be on record historically. The sound of the "restaurant" can be heard regularly on Thursday /Friday and Saturday nights I have usually just coped by closing windows and resorting to earplugs.

I also attended a meeting with residents at SBK with Steve Hudson who encouraged us to report to contact him personally with any problems and he would deal with it. Soundproofing was promised which has not materialised. His attitude was generally diffident, Steve Hudson cancelled the second meeting, no minutes were taken and I felt he was not the person we needed to address with the problems. Any complaints have been brushed aside by the operators as "nothing to do with SBK" which is what Steve Hudson indicated at our meeting. Residents of St Peters Grove have been particularly badly affected. It seems curious that the volume of noise and unruly behaviour has centred around the Thicket, Saint Peters Grove and a small section of Elm Grove between Saint Andrews and Saint Peters Grove, when this has not been the case historically. There have been numerous reports of anti-social behaviour in both roads and it is clear, given their timings, that on the balance of this, clientele of SBK causes the issues. The application lists six incidents at the premises reported to police prior to the variation hearing on 9 October 2023, none of these incidences were mentioned at the hearing on the 9th October 2023.

I have read the application for review made by Hampshire Police and agree with its commentary. However, would the licensing sub-committee be aware that this only includes interactions involving the police. It does not include any of the experiences of local residences or any noise complaints made to PCC. While the incidents in the application are very important, they only represent the "tip of the iceberg" as far as we the local residents are concerned.

I fully support all of the required changes outlined by the Police in their application and ask the sub-committee not to allow them to be diluted. The license holder gave assurances to the sub-committee at the hearing on 9 Oct 2023, which proved worthless; no further assurances should be accepted. I attended the hearing where we expressed grave concerns at the "restaurants" true nature; this has now been highlighted as accurate by the report from Hampshire Police "The business seems to be entirely based around discounted alcohol, multi purchase discounts and the provision of an unspecified amount of alcohol for a fixed fee with 90 minutes to drink your moneys worth. The name and branding of 'Southsea Brunch Club' is promoting the bottomless booze aspect of the business with the term 'brunch'. The front page of their website states that 'Southsea Brunch Klub is the home of the bottomless brunch'. There was a strong assurance as well by the solicitor

representing SBK, that this was the new way ahead for restaurants and he assured us it was not a club. The report by the police clearly indicates this is not the case.

It has been asked that the DPS be removed and would ask whether this person is fit to continue as a DPS given the history of SBK and other restaurants they have been involved with.

May we ask that the Case Officer from PCC Licensing include in his report a summary of ALL complaints made to PCC relating to the premises since the license transfer in Nov 2022, to include all noise and environmental complaints in addition to any complaints to licensing and notifications of breach of licensing conditions. I would also ask that the Case Officer from PCC licensing include in his report details of all visits to the premises made by licensing staff, dates and times and reasons for visiting and what follow up there was as a result of the visits.

I am happy that the police now have concerns relating to crime and disorder, public safety and public nuisance linked to the premises.

We, like the police have as residents expressed concerns that intoxications and irresponsible drinks promotions are a contributory factor to violent crime, disorder, antisocial behaviour and nuisance caused by the clientele of the premises and it impacts on not only their staff but also customers and the public.

I hope that a decision will be made to review whether this nightclub (which is what it has become) that sits in a residential area will find another home or close.

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