

APPENDIX C

Hi Derek,

I'd like to make a representation on the following review.

I'm sad to see this review is being undertaken especially as I've frequented the venue a few times in the last 3/4 months.

I've even been in for the Brunch and found it to be well run.

I have to say the venue itself has never shown itself to be an issue when I've been in there, but I understand incidents do happen and venues across the city do suffer from time to time.

I would like to note some of the conditions offered by police are rather draconian in nature and would surely see the venue unable to carry on trading if they have to abide by such conditions.

In the appendix offered, there are some severe allegations of drug use, public urination and ASB. I might like to remind officers, councillors and interested parties similar allegations were aimed at the Deco venue (over the road) when they tried to amend their licence. Their licence extension was granted. I must add I've never seen any of these while being in SBK or in Elm Grove.

I feel while there are steps to be taken to ensure the venue trades within the four licensing objectives, there is an unrealistic expectation from the police in their review with the conditions offered by them. Punishing the venue rather than trying to work with them on conditions is not the right way to manage this situation.

As a former member of the Licensing Committee of 8 years and Chair of the committee, my intention was to avoid politics as a whole. However, I do feel there is a way forward for the venue, the responsible authorities and council to move if appropriate conditions are applied.

Best wishes,

Scott