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For the attention of
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Dear Reading Borough Council Licensing ,

With regards to the planned license review in respect of the premises The Red Cow Star Road , Caversham RG4 5BE, as a local resident and regular visitor to the premises, I detail the following grounds for support of the continuation of the current license held by the current licensee know as Sangita.

- The current licensee has made the public house known as the Red Cow a successful business, even keeping the business running (but not open) during the Covid epidemic when numerous other licensee's beforehand had failed in making the business a success during normal conditions.
- The premise provides affordable housing for a number of local residents who might struggle otherwise to be housed.
- The Red Cow is a safe environment for all, including Females, Children and people from various religions and ethnical groups. I have no hesitation in taking my family there and recommending the Red Cow to friends, including those with children.
- Implementation of strict enforcement of policies against drug use and underage drinking. In fact its well know the licensee detests drugs and drug use.
- Adheres to all licensing rules and regulations meticulously, even when it means making difficult decisions to comply with the local council and pubs policies .
- Introduction of initiatives that have significantly reduced issues related to noise and antisocial behaviour such as removing external music speakers and closing the pub garden at an appropriate time in the evening, showing her proactive approach to community concerns.
- Provision of employment for both her family and local people as bar staff, chef's, gardeners, cleaners and building workers.

In summary the current licensee has been and integral part of our community for the past number of years, transforming the pub into a welcoming and safe environment for all.

As examples of community initiatives;

She regularly organizes subsidised barbecues and social events that bring people together, fostering a sense of community and belonging.

Held fund raising Band, Singers Disco's for charitable causes.

Raising funds for local community charitable causes including supporting funeral costs for those that can't afford and raising money for those in financial difficulties or suffering from illness.

With regards to the grounds for review by Mr Declan Smyth on behalf of the Chief Constable of Thames Valley police, involving the purchasing of stolen alcohol and meats it is my understanding that whilst this may have been the case the items were intended for consumption by the residents residing in the living quarters of the establishment. I can categorically state without hesitation as a regular visitor to the Red Cow that I have never witnessed any reselling of the said items within the Red Cow business. The erroneous poor decision of purchasing stolen items has had a detrimental effect on the licensees health and well being and the remorse is clear for all to see and she has genuinely taken

concrete steps to ensure it will not happen again. My understanding is that she wasn't found guilty in a Court of Law of any crime and has fully cooperated with the authorities, acknowledging her error.

Closing of our local pub would not only be a loss (and punishment) for the licensee but for the entire community that heavily relies of this establishment for social interaction and support and for some of the elderly community an invaluable interaction with the outside world, especially with another local community public house " The Travellers Rest " having recently closed.

In my opinion the significant contributions both the licensee, the current staff and the Red Cow establishment have collectively made to the local community and residents should seriously be measured and considered against the grounds for review put forward and Reading Borough Council licensing take into consideration the short and long term impact of their decision and actions on the local residents and clientele of the establishment.

Yours Sincerely,

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