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For the attention of
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I am writing with regards to the recent notice of revoking the license for the Red Cow pub. Whilst I am aware of the receiving of stolen goods issue, which I'm led to believe was for personal use, I am shocked by the notice and the ramifications this action will have on the local community. Sangita (the landlady) received a very stern caution from the police for her actions and the whole experience of the arrest and aftermath of the incident has certainly taught her lessons and regret of her actions which will not be repeated. It is very out of character for her and she has been truly traumatized by the whole event. I have personally frequented the pub for many years and have never witnessed anything untoward happening during my visits. I currently live in Bristol but regularly visit Reading almost every weekend to see family and friends, with the Red Cow being our local pub to enjoy a social get together. We have also celebrated many family events at the pub and most recently held my uncle's wake here, which brought together people from all over the country and abroad. The pub may not look like much but we have always been made extremely welcome by both staff and fellow members of the public. Sangita in particular goes out of her way to ensure everyone is safe and happy from the moment you step through the door. There is no discrimination made on colour, race or beliefs and the pub has become a central hub for the local community and businesses. I have seen the extent of the security cameras in place to prevent nuisance behaviour and illegal activities, which I know Sangita has a strong stance against. As a demonstration the long celebrated Diwali festival is just about to start. This has become a tradition that patron's dogs are celebrated and given a special meal. This type of behaviour I have never seen elsewhere and it shows the uniqueness Sangita and her family share with the local communities. Other events are always being held and Sangita looks after everyone with her amazing food and even better hospitality. The pub is a safe environment with diverse clientele, I understand prior to Sangita taking over, there were drug and violence issues. Now the environment is safe, friendly and crime free. Understandably there have been the occasional altercations but these are infrequent and quickly dealt with and absolutely no fault of Sangita and her staff. It's known that a nearby pub, The White Eagle, has a much worse reputation but hasn't had such a severe punishment. The pub is very family friendly and I know of at least one family who use it as a safe space for their autistic child. The child is known by all the locals and interacted with appropriately. It also goes without saying Sangita always abides by the rules for having children within the pub. I urge the council/police to reconsider the action of revoking the licence so that the community and local businesses can continue to enjoy the services offered by The Red Cow.

It would be a great loss to us all!

Kind regards

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