

APPENDIX D

OTHER PERSON A

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 6:05 PM
To: Heron, Andrew <Andrew.Heron@southwark.gov.uk>
Subject: Fwd: Rep acknowledgment

Dear Mr Heron, I do not understand your response as my letter did not refer to "prevention of public nuisance" and was in support of Mr Rossi and his restaurant. On all the occasions I was at the restaurant I never observed any disorder or nuisance.

I am on holiday at the moment and will not be returning home until mid August so when you respond please use email or text.

Regards,

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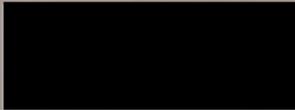
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 6:37 PM
To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>
Subject: Photo from Robert Bick

I have attached this reference regarding "The luncheonette and Giuseppe's ristorante Italian". I have known Giuseppe Rossi for many years and although I now live in Norfolk I go to his restaurant every time I go to London.

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I have known Giuseppe Rossi and his family for over 40 years and have had the pleasure of eating in his restaurant on many occasions. It is a family run restaurant and I have always found the atmosphere and ambience are the reasons why it is such a special restaurant to visit (as well as the quality and value of the meals). Giuseppe is a genuine host and will always spend time with his customers to make them feel special and I would recommend his restaurant to anyone.

 (previously a district councillor for the Borough of Broxbourne).

OTHER PERSON B

[REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2022 8:33 AM
To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: The Luncheonette and Giuseppe's Ristorante Italiano

Good Morning,

It has been brought to my attention that Giuseppe's Ristorante Italiano in Southwark is at risk of losing their licence due to crime and disorder.

I would like to write a few words in defence of Giuseppe Rossi and Giuseppe's restaurant.

We as a company and my family have been coming to this restaurant for many years.

On the countless occasions we came to visit the restaurant we have enjoyed outstanding service and Italian cuisine.

Giuseppe's restaurant is well known as a safe family restaurant with cosy and exciting atmosphere, customers are made to feel that they are in safe hands because it is clear to all that Giuseppe and his well managed team's main objective is public safety.

After mid night Giuseppe's transforms from restaurant to disco which is an exciting and unique experience that many establishments do not provide. In the countless occasions where myself and colleagues have stayed partying through the night we have not ever witnessed any trouble or unruly behaviour which got out of hand, I feel that this certainly due to the presence of the security staff, and visible CCTV cameras.

Giuseppe himself is one of the most warm, welcoming and honest restaurant managers I have met which is why we return time and time again.

It saddens me to think that our favourite place could now be at risk of surviving due to isolated incidences.

Kind regards

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7th July 2022

OTHER PERSON C

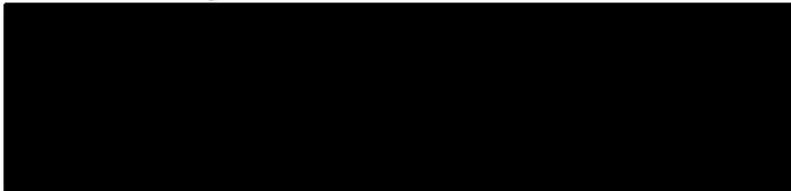
To whomsoever it might concern

Dear Sirs

I want to make clear that my wife and I have patronised the restaurant "Giuseppe's" on a number of occasions and have always found it a very safe and comforting place to pass an evening. Never has there been even a hint of trouble – all the clientele like ourselves being there purely to enjoy a first class meal accompanied with the usual modicum of alcoholic refreshment.

I wish the management well in the continuation of a first-class business

Yours faithfully



Retired Bank Manager

OTHER PERSON D

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
Thursday July 7, 2022

Character Reference: Giuseppe Rossi

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to provide a character reference for Giuseppe Rossi, the proprietor of Giuseppe's Place on Borough High Street in South East London. I have known Giuseppe for over twenty years as part of my extended family and I have visited his restaurant numerous times with friends and family alike.

Each of these visits have been characterized by a warm and hospitable welcome from the staff; I have always found the staff to be both polite and attentive to their customers. Part of the restaurant's charm is that it is family-run and therefore, it has an inviting, family-friendly atmosphere. Our family gatherings span generations and children are always welcome and well-looked after by the staff. I would have no concerns about their safety in the restaurant. On occasions, I have also visited on a Friday or Saturday night for the disco and have never felt unsafe or threatened. The atmosphere is friendly and Giuseppe and the staff ensure that all in attendance have an enjoyable evening but they do not hesitate to take action if anyone is drinking irresponsibly.

The restaurant's ethos and values are typified by Giuseppe himself. He is a family man and always asks after the health and wellbeing of my family upon each visit. He has been running the restaurant for many years and establishing its fine reputation has been a labour

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of love. I have no doubt that and I have experienced firsthand that it is a restaurant that is both friendly and run to the highest standards.

I hope that you take note of my letter of recommendation for Giuseppe Rossi. He is a good friend, a principled man and a true family man.

Sincerely,

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OTHER PERSON E

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:58 PM
To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: The Luncheonette and Giuseppe's Ristorante Italiano

Dear Sir or Madam,

I, [REDACTED] have known Giuseppe Rossi as a friend of our family ever since I was a boy. In my adult life I have been to see Giuseppe at many of the catering establishments he has owned or worked at in The City, at one stage he was also business partner with my father at The Guild.

Giuseppe has always been a very kind, professional and responsible host in all of this restaurants, always looking out for both his staff and his customers. He has personally been like an Uncle to me and great support to me and my family.

More recently I have often been to see Giuseppe at his restaurant in Borough High Street whereby I can only say that he manages all situations and evenings with great pride and responsibility regardless of how busy the place is. I have taken both work colleagues and friends to Giuseppe's and as CEO of a Biotech company, I would only take my work colleagues to a place whereby I know I can trust the management.

I have also been to Giuseppe's after midnight whereby the place is managed responsibly as an after hours drinking place with music and dancing. Table are moved out of the way, care is taken with glasses and service and security is placed on the door to keep the crowd under control and filter who comes in.

I have to say I have been on many an occasion and am surprised to hear there has been trouble having been there both before and after hours many a time in the last 10 years and never witnessed any problems.

I can therefore vouch for Giuseppe and his staff, having had over 20 plus years of good experiences whenever at his various premises.

Kind Regards,

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OTHER PERSON F

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2022 3:33 PM
To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: The Luncheonette and Giuseppe's Ristorante Italiano

To whom it may concern,

I have known Mr Rossi and visited his restaurant/ bar on many occasions over more than 30+ years.

Giuseppe and his staff have always created a friendly atmosphere - I have never known or witnessed any trouble - in fact, the vibe has always been one of fun and music in a throwback to a typical Italian family run business.

I have never ever felt unsafe and any hint of a problem has been proactively dealt with by the management.

It would be completely naive to think that an F&B business in the heart of London would never experience any problems but I've always considered that the business has been responsibly managed.

I am aware that the disco is immensely popular, an integral part of the business, and good for the area - without these Friday and weekend events I doubt this small family business would be viable, particularly after the massive challenges presented by Covid. Moreover, any future restrictions would diminish its appeal as one of the few remaining traditional food, drink and occasional dance venues.

Surely the irresponsible actions of a few cannot impact on a business that has operated without major incidents at Borough market well before the market regeneration and well before the presence of ubiquitous multiple chains offering the same old same.

I trust these points will be fully reflected in any decision.

Regards

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OTHER PERSON G

To whom it may concern

7 July 2022

Re: Giuseppe's Ristorante Italiano & Pizzeria
47/49 Borough High Street, London, SE1 1NB
Owned by Guiseppe

We have known Guiseppe for over twenty years. He is an honourable, upstanding member of the community who acts with integrity and honesty. He is charitable and has always contributed to many worthwhile causes via his membership of Ambresbury Lodge. This is how we first got to know him, many years' ago.

We recently attended his restaurant for a reunion of old friends after Covid restrictions. The ambience, food and service were all excellent. The restaurant was fully booked, most of the visitors were regular customers like us, who come back again and again for what is a fabulous dining experience. There was no drunkenness or bad behaviour from anyone; just everyone enjoying a great night out. The restaurant has an excellent reputation, being a stone's throw from London Bridge station, so is ideally situated for both locals, commuters and tourists.

Guisseppe's is a well-known London landmark (as the reviews on Trip Advisor will confirm), famous for it's good, homemade Italian food and it would be sorely missed if it were to shut.

We would have no hesitation in recommending Guiseppe and his restaurant.



OTHER PERSON H

Reference **Guisseppes Ristorante**

Date 7th July 2022

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As a long standing and frequent customer of the restaurant and as a result being a personal friend of the owner Guiseppe I have been asked to provide a reference for Guiseppe and the restaurant itself as I believe the restaurant is subject to a licensing review.

I first went to the restaurant in about 2008 when I used to work in the City Of London Police, the restaurant was not in the jurisdiction of the City and was therefore somewhere to go local to the City but independent of my role in the City and therefore without possibility of compromise and a safe place to socialise.

Many of my management teams social occasions were spent at the restaurant and in the course of those occasions I was introduced to the Manager and licensee Guiseppe.

I retired from the Police in 2014 and have frequented the premises many times over the last eight years for lunch, dinner and some fairly late-night drinks always within licensing hours. I have introduced many business partners of mine to the venue all of whom greatly enjoyed themselves in safety.

In the 14 years I have been attending this restaurant I have never seen a fight inside or outside the premises. The atmosphere in the restaurant is that of a family restaurant frequented by business people , tourists and local people all who seem to mix seamlessly in an efficient well controlled space.

The bar staff, servers and management are always polite, helpful and nothing is too much, in short, the service is excellent.

Of course, in any environment where alcohol is served there is always the potential for anti-social behaviour or disagreement between paying customers. Guisseppes is no different but whenever I have seen any sign of conflict the staff have always intervened early and nipped it in the bud. I have found the professional security officers employed at the premises to be helpful, polite and efficient.

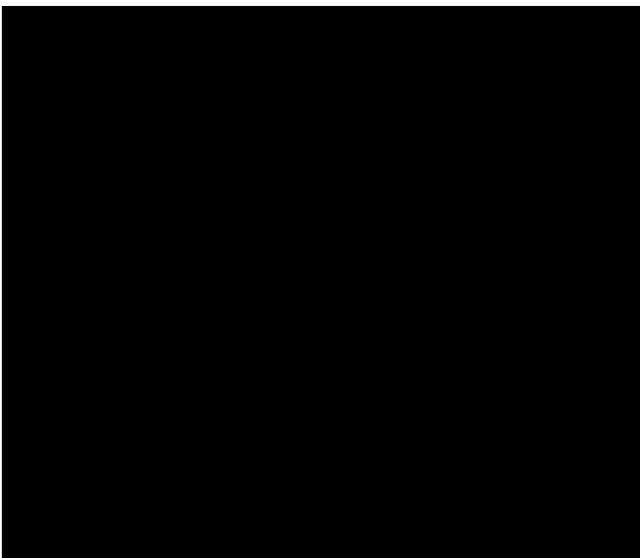
My wife who is a professional Director and HR consultant regularly visits the premises for lunch and dinner and has stayed for evening entertainment. It is one of the only places in London she is prepared to arrive before me and wait due to her feeling of safety and security at the premises.

I have visited the establishment at least three times in the last two months and have had a fantastic evening in a friendly and sociable atmosphere with dancing and singing in a very busy space, again no trouble whatsoever.

With regard to Guiseppe himself, he is in my opinion an excellent licensee who does his utmost to run a safe and proper establishment. He engages with customers and gets to know them personally in the intimate setting of his restaurant. Because of his excellent inter personal skills he is able to diffuse situations before they escalate and constantly scans his patrons to look for signs of conflict. He is a hands on licensee and takes pride in the restaurants excellent reputation in London.

The restaurant itself I believe is still ranked number 6 as the best Italian restaurant and bar on Trip Advisor which is lower than my personal ranking would be.

I am unaware of the reasons for the review, what I do know is that any closure or restrictions would be extremely damaging to Guiseppe and his family who have put their lifelong efforts and finances into this venture. I am sure that Guiseppe will take any steps necessary and address any issues raised or required to continue the success of what I consider to be one of the best restaurants in London.



OTHER PERSON I

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2022 2:16 AM
To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Representation The Luncheonette And Giuseppees Ristorante Italiano

To Whom It May Concern

I write this Reference in respect of Mr Giuseppe Rossi.

Mr Giuseppe Rossi and I have known each other for over 40 year. Since 1980. We have neen close friends all that time.

Mr Giuseppe Rossi has been a close, good, loyal and supportive person in my life.

Mr Giuseppe Rossi has a natural love of people and that is returned by those who meet him.

Mr Giuseepe Rossi is a successful restanranteur. His success is due to his hard work, personable friendly character.

Mr Giuseepe Rossi has a natural affinity with people and this makes him perfect in his chosen career.

His desire is to give clients a warm welcome, good food and a good happy experience.

Mr Giuseppe Rossi has many many regular clients who return time and time again to his restaurant again for the good food and friendly atmosphere of the restaurant. Nothing is too much effort for Mr Guiseppe Rossi in his effots to give his clients a time of enjoyment.

Whenever we have visited the restaurant the atmosphere has always been friendly and cheerful. We have never felt at risk or unsafe. Staff are always conscientious and aware of what is happening in the restaurant.

Yours

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