


APPENDIX E


The Tankard
178 Walworth Road
London
SE17 1JL

26th April 2024

Dear Resident,

Re: Response to Objection – Premises Licence Application No. 882701

I am writing to address the concerns you raised regarding the application for a new premises licence at The Tankard, located at 176-178 Walworth Road, SE17 1JL.

It is my foremost priority to operate The Tankard in a manner that respects our community while adhering strictly to the guidelines set forth by the Licensing Act 2003. Below, I detail the measures and practices we have implemented to address your concerns:

Contrary to the concerns expressed, it is important to clarify that the operating hours for The Tankard under the proposed new licence have been reduced compared to the previous premises licence. This adjustment, made in consultation with the police, is part of our commitment to ensuring a quieter and more respectful environment for our neighbourhood.

Furthermore, we have taken proactive steps to mitigate any potential noise impact. The external speakers previously used under the old licence have been permanently disconnected, and there will be no recorded music played outside the premises. This ensures that any live or recorded music will be confined to the interior of the pub, significantly reducing the possibility of noise disturbances.

I am deeply committed to fostering a positive relationship with our community. To facilitate ongoing dialogue and address concerns effectively, I actively participate in the pub-watch meetings organised by the local police. These meetings provide an open forum for discussing current issues and updates on local crime trends. This engagement allows me to better understand and respond to issues raised by fellow business owners and residents, particularly those related to the level of antisocial behaviour and the number of violent crimes in the area. My participation in these meetings demonstrates my commitment to enhancing safety and community well-being in the neighbourhood.

The Tankard has been a cornerstone of the Elephant and Castle community since it was originally built in 1860. Rebuilt in the Tudorbethan style in the 1920s, it has continuously served as a vibrant public house to this day. The inclusion of The Tankard pub in the Walworth Road conservation project I believe helps to preserve the architectural and historical integrity of the area while continuing to serve and support the local community. As a proud member of the Walworth Society, I actively participate in initiatives that promote and preserve the historical and cultural heritage of the area.

As a local employer, we provide vital job opportunities and support the area's economy by sourcing from local wholesale suppliers. The Tankard is more than just a pub; it's a social hub where residents come together, fostering strong community bonds and promoting a sense of belonging.

By maintaining a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment, we contribute to a positive local atmosphere, making the neighbourhood more attractive to both residents and visitors. This boosts local tourism, drawing visitors keen to experience the charm and rich history of The Tankard.

My aim is to enhance the cultural fabric of Elephant and Castle, providing a venue that not only respects but actively enriches the local community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to continuing our dialogue and working together to address any further concerns you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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