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Subject: comment re: Nunhead Express premises licence review

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To whom it may concern,

I've lived in Nunhead since late 2021 and have been visiting Nisa / Nunhead Express regularly (most days) throughout that time. I chat with Tuncay Telli often, and it's clear to me that he is an exceptionally conscientious and hardworking small business owner, providing an essential local service (a much better variety of products than the local supermarkets) and employing a tight knit team.

I was horrified to hear that there are proceedings under way which have a risk of him losing his licence. I've spoken to him about some of the allegations and frankly it seems like someone at the council has a grudge against him and/or the business. As mentioned I visit the shop very often and I have never seen anything to suggest that there is anything suspicious going on - I understand the allegations include:

* lack of health warnings on beverage cans. It seems absurd to expect a proprietor with tens of thousands of items in stock to be checking every single item, when he is buying in good faith from legitimate suppliers and has documentation to back that up.

* "Illicit" / "contraband" tobacco - I have certainly never seen anything to suggest there is untaxed tobacco being sold in this shop. I do on occasion buy tobacco and as I know Tuncay well and we talk often, I am the kind of person he might offer suspiciously cheap tobacco to if he was trying to sell it. I can categorically state, and will do so in any circumstances required, that this has never happened. I simply don't believe that there is any illicit trade happening at this shop. It sounds like some of the officials inspecting this have found the shop proprietor's personal tobacco, which was not on sale and in fact in a back office not visible from the public area of the shop, and have seized this "contraband" to pad a flimsy case, and potentially remove a man's livelihood.

I would be happy to provide more information if necessary but I hope it is clear that I consider these allegations ridiculous and would strongly object to any attempt to strip this man of his livelihood on the basis that he is some kind of criminal.

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