

Holy Trinity Church

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2nd of February 2010

To whom this may concern,

I write on behalf of the landlord of the Ship York Mr Dussell Charalambous whom I have known for some 12 years. The Ship York falls within my parish where there are 8 pubs, although only six are fully functioning. Of these pubs, the landlords come and go, take an interest in their business, but little as such in the wider community. I think Dussell has been at the Ship York for some 30 years and has taken a very active interest in the community around him. Dussell will not boast or make a fuss himself, quietly helping out those in need or supporting various community groups or organisations, but I am pleased to do that on his behalf. In an area which is constantly changing and in which there is little stability or sense of community, the Ship York is the only pub which has provided this at a consistent level. Dussell will put himself out for others and will fund raise for community groups, scouts, youth football teams, youth clubs, even the church after we had the copper stolen from our roof. At the same time he provides an establishment which is friendly and welcoming to all and which expects standards of behaviour and decency to be maintained.

The church choir drinks in the Ship York most Monday evenings, I have take local pensioners there for meals, groups of clergy, families after I have taken their funerals, even the Bishop of Woolwich when he is in the area. We go there because it is a well run pub, because we do not feel threatened or intimidated and because we know there will be no trouble and no disrespect for the elderly and even clergy (even if we don't always deserve it).

I often pass by the pub late at night after meetings or visiting parishioners and have yet to see bad behaviour as such. The only noise and intimidation I have witnessed coming from gangs of youths who sometimes congregate near and around the underpass.

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Elgar Street
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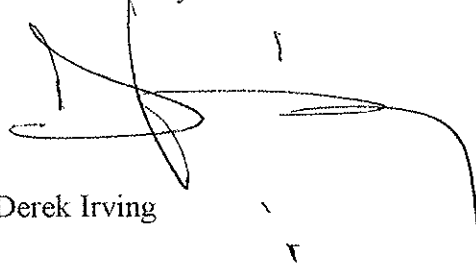
I have lived in Coombrook Court for four and a half years. Before I purchased my flat, I visited the area at different times of the day to gauge the likely busyness and noise from the adjoining pub, The Ship York, and satisfied myself that it would not adversely affect me in my flat.

During my time in Coombrook Court, I have suffered no disturbance or noise from The Ship York. In fact my only complaint, which I reported to the noise team, was unacceptable noise from the Aardvark PH some 50 yards away, which has regular rowdy weekends.

The landlord of The Ship York keeps the environs surrounding his property and also the area outside the entrance to Coombrook Court, spotlessly clean at all times of the year.

As I see it The Ship York provides an invaluable focus for the local community and those who participate in it. The landlord and his clientele are respectful of its neighbours, both in the noise generated and the general tidiness of the areas outside of what is a popular and busy local pub.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derek Irving'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Derek Irving

1st February 2010

To whom it may concern,

I own and reside at 2 Chandlers Court. My property is located directly opposite the door to the Ship York pub on Elgar Street, Southwark, SE16.

I would like to express my views on the impact of living in the immediate vicinity of the pub pending the allegations of the negative affect on the local community made towards the general running and maintenance of the pub.


I have resided at the property for almost 2 years and frequent the pub once or twice a week. I am grateful to the pub owner/staff for keeping the grounds of the pub in tip top condition. This includes having the paths free of leaves. The leaf blower is never used before 1030 and has never woken me up. The duration of the noise is a matter of minutes, little more than when the recycling bins/communal bins are emptied. Smokers do smoke outside either of the 2 exits, naturally. I have never been affected by this.

The pub is very well run and the standard of cleanliness and discipline are second to none. The clients respect and react positively to any requests by the landlord to comply with the rules. I have not known the police be called to respond to any incidents.

In summer, the clients do congregate outside the pub. There is naturally a higher level of noise than outside a normal residential block but this is to be expected when living next to a pub. I park my car on the street outside the pub/my flat and even if there are groups of people outside I have never had reason to be concerned for my property.

Occasionally there are domestic arguments on the street outside my flat; this tends to be caused by people on the way home from the direction of the Aardvark pub much later at night. This would happen whether the Ship York pub was a residence/restaurant or pub as it is a public street.

And finally, the Ship York was there when I bought the property. If other residents have issues with living in the immediate vicinity of the pub, they should have looked into this before buying/renting their property and should discuss with the landlord any concerns with a view to resolving them professionally. The expectations of living next to any public house should be proportionate to the fact that it is not just a residential building and that all reasonable measures are being taken by the landlord to ensure this does not negatively impact on others.



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To the Chair & Members of the
Licensing Committee

LC/0302/DMc

3 February 2010

Dear Members

RE: Mr Dussell Charalambous Ship York Public House

I have known Mr Dussell Charalambous for over 20 years as a neighbour and sometimes a patron of the Ship York.

During those 20 years Mr Charalambous has been in my opinion possibly the best landlord of a public house I have met, he is always conscious of his neighbours and noise levels outside the Ship York, however it is a public house where people go to enjoy themselves and there will always be a certain amount of noise, all the times I have walked past the Public House the noise levels have always been what I regard as moderate.

I am surprised that a person in the new flats is complaining, because surely the Architects took into account noise levels of the 3 Public Houses in the immediate area and installed double glazing?

On the question on Mr Charalambous using a blower to move leaves and general detritus Mr Charalambous has always cleared up much more than the general area outside his Public House, ensuring the safety of pedestrians.

I do hope the Committee can take into account the excellent record of the Ship York and the owner Mr Dussell Charalambous.

Yours Sincerely

Councillor Danny McCarthy



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Saturday 20th February 2010

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Regarding: The Ship York, 375 Rotherhithe Street, London SE16 5UJ

I write in connection with The Ship York public house. I heard today via a neighbour in our local community here in Rotherhithe that somebody had made a series of complaints about the establishment.

I am not privy to the exact details of the allegations which I understand to be about noise nuisance and the seating area adjacent to the pub.

I am a neighbour of the pub – living as I do at; 42 Harwood Point, 307 Rotherhithe Street, London SE165HD – but apart from being a weekend mid week regular have no other relationship with the pub.

The Ship York is in my view a very valuable local community asset being as it is a family orientated establishment. Having lived in Rotherhithe for a decade and a half I may assure you that you will not find a better community asset with better behaviour than the Ship York. I am frankly amazed that anybody could hold the pub up as anything other than being a beacon of good behaviour respect and a social asset. I have never witnessed any antisocial behaviour either in the pub or in its surrounds nor have I ever seen anybody drunk or abusive in any way or exhibiting any anti social behaviour.

In my work across government including with the Home Office and the Department for Communities & Local Government I am acutely aware of the impact of antisocial behaviour upon communities however in this case I feel nothing could be further from the truth. The Ship York is an anchor of good behaviour, decency and family enjoyment to our community.

I have seen the local community enjoying the pub and people enjoying the benches surrounded by the well kept garden and its lawn. I myself took one of our prospective parliamentary candidates there for a drink in the autumn and we sat outside enjoying the sunshine.

I write because I feel I believe I represent the silent law abiding community here in Rotherhithe. I obviously cannot comment on the allegations made to you, but I understand, by a resident in the recently constructed flats nearby. However from my experience of being a neighbour to the pub and also a local resident I feel that they are likely to be found to be, on investigation, without foundation and querulous in their nature.

I should be happy to make a formal statement to this affect if this would support resolution of this matter.

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