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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to write in support of the licencing application 872728 at Elephant Park, Sayer Street. I believe that this plan will ensure the survival of the small businesses in Elephant Park whilst post-COVID social-distancing rules are in place. I worry that without the provision for additional external seating on Sayer Street, businesses will be forced to choose whether to risk their survival by dramatically curtailing the numbers they serve or risking the public health by admitting the numbers their venues were originally designed for at unsafe distances.

Additionally I believe that this licence will have a profoundly positive effect on promoting the 4 licencing objectives on Sayer Street.

1) the prevention of crime and disorder; 2) Prevention of Public Nuisance:

I have observed since lockdown an increase of people drinking alcohol in public areas that are unlicensed such as Walworth Square and Sayer Street. This alcohol is being obtained from supermarkets and shops and seems to be purchased in bulk and is consumed in a completely unsafe way. This is leading to public urination, litter and antisocial behaviour in the area and can go on till all hours. I believe this plan to create a specific area and properly regulate it will dramatically reduce these problems and create a better and safer neighbourhood.

3) public safety:

In addition to the above, this plan will prevent members of the public from bringing bulk brought beer or bottles of hard alcohol to the Sayer Street area as only products purchased from local licensed businesses will be consumed. Security and staff at the Sayer Street business will be better able to ensure public safety and prevent dangerous binge drinking in public than supermarkets and shops currently do. I believe this will increase public safety.

The current plan also allows for adequate social distancing between tables which will have an impact on promoting public health.

4) the protection of children from harm

At the moment, with the increase of people drinking in public areas from supermarket bought alcohol, I worry that children are being more exposed to danger. Parks and squares where children normally play are now being used as social and drinking hubs. By supporting local businesses in Sayer Street to expand in this way, it will return the consumption of alcohol to a licensed and

regulated area. Furthermore, on-trade businesses have a far more robust system of child protection than supermarkets as every person at the seating will be subject to Challenge 25.
the prevention of public nuisance

I really believe that this scheme will have a positive effect on local businesses and in general the local area. The Sayer Street Landlord is taking on the burden of creating and managing this space and I believe this plan strikes the right balance between enabling their residents enjoy a high standard of peaceful living whilst also helping their retailers in this unique time of need.

Best Regards

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