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South Beach Pub, Blyth

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To Whom it many concern:

I have just recently been into the local pub, The South Beach, Blyth and have seen the notice of intention to review the licence of the landlord and I was surprised at the concerns raised. Only as a local resident and someone who has attended the premises for several years, I wish to offer my support to the landlord and his staff.

I have had numerous family gatherings there over the last 5 years including christenings of my grandchildren, baby showers, engagement celebrations, birthday parties and as recently as the 28th of August had a belated 60th birthday party for my husband. This was managed appropriately in accordance with Covid-19 guidance and we followed advice from the landlord on social distancing and the number of people we could invite into the cordoned off area. Not only were close family and friends present but our 6 grandchildren aged from 3 years to 6 years, respectively, attended without any concerns for their safety. I have taken all my grandchildren to the pub for meals and to play in the garden area without any worry since they were tiny babies.

I would be surprised with two licenced premises not 100 metres apart, that there are occasions when people leave and there are noise issues and I have recently observed this when patrons were leaving the community centre nearby, whilst waiting for taxi's to take them home.

In relation to drug use I may well be naive to this issue; however, I have had no concerns that would impact on attending the premises or felt endangered by this. I have never been privy to any type of violence within the pub itself.

I have always found the staff and the management of the pub to be friendly and take the health, safety, and wellbeing of their customers very seriously. I have attended several charity events there which they have assisted by giving time and prizes to support local concerns and people. Just recently Colin (Landlord) provided food and snacks to a local home for people with a learning disability to show that they were not forgotten in this time of isolation and uncertainty. This weekend the staff are supporting a local person to hold a charity event in support of dogs who are mistreated.

The pub is part of the south beach community and has been for many years and its current proprietor and staff are part of the community too.

Thank you for your attention in advance

Suzanne Taylor

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