

## Appendix 3

Rep 1

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 7, 2023 10:49 AM  
**To:** Licensing [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Premises Licence application 067875

Hello,

I hope I'm not too late to comment on the Premises Licence application 067875 for 8 East Street, Blandford?

I only want to say that I was FOR the licence being granted.

When Karl was open with the TENS I had the pleasure of visiting a couple of times and thought that it was a wonderful, yet different friendly little bar. Initially taken aback by how small it is I could see the sense of serving just a few traditional real ales and not being open too late. (21:30 I believe??) Not too busy and not full of the *wrong* type of clientele, something, particularly the older generation, do consider before going out for a drink.

A very much welcome addition to the ever empty streets of Blandford. I wish Karl all the best for the future and hope to be returning for a pint and some pork scratchings soon !

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Rep 2

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 9:23 PM  
**To:** Licensing [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** East Street Blandford

To whom it may concern

I am writing in full support of the application for an alcohol license for 8 East St, Blandford.

This establishment brings a unique offering to Blandford, unlike anything that I have experienced in wider Dorset. This type of venture fits perfectly in a characterful Georgian town that is looking to promote individuality and independent businesses to its town centre.

The product is superb - and yet very different from what other licensed operators are offering - and the knowledge and experience of the applicant is second to none.

If this is turned down I genuinely believe that Blandford will be the poorer for it.

To reiterate, I fully support the application.

Kind regards

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[REDACTED]

Rep3

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 6:11 PM  
To: Licensing [REDACTED]  
Subject: Heritage Bridge Ales, 8 East Street, Blandford

Dear Sir,

I write in support of the license application of Mr Karl Hopton for the above business. Mr Hopton intends to provide traditional real ales and utilise a small premises that might otherwise remain unused. I am a resident of Weymouth and have taken the time and effort to travel to Mr Hopton's business thereby bringing business to Blandford and I am sure I am not the only person to do so. I would urge you to support this application for a license.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

Rep 4

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 1:56 PM  
To: Licensing [REDACTED]  
Subject: Heritage Bridge Ales license application East St, Blandford Forum

Dear sirs

I write in support of the above application

This is a micro venture of unusual creativity and value to the town and its community It will be supplying unusual craft ales that are not otherwise easily available in Dorset It has heritage memorabilia that are of museum quality and of historical value The applicant is an experienced landlord of impeccable character and I firmly believe that this venue will be an asset to the town. It will have a tourist value, extend the footfall down to the far end of East street and enhance the small trader/craft ambience of this part of town

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Sent from my iPhone

Rep 5

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 7:30 PM  
**To:** Licensing [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 8 east street

To whom it may concern

I recently found a very small quaint place for a coffee or a drink in east street blandford and as an ex licensee myself I thought how charming it was that a small business had come to blandford to sell real ales and bring people together , the owner Karl Hopton was very hospitable and knowledgeable and we want to congratulate blandford on this new find , what a truly special place for the community, it appears to be closed now waiting for its its full licence but I would highly recommend this lovely little place

If you wish to talk to me about my visit please do so as I was very impressed

Kindest regards

[REDACTED]

Rep 6

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2023 9:26 AM  
**To:** Licensing [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 8 East Street Blandford

Sirs,

I wish to add my support to this application.

This is not the type of establishment that will attract the sort of noise one might expect from licensed premises.

The proprietor is concentrating on the heritage aspect of the English brewing history (you will find no lagers here!)

As such his clientele is and will be responsible mainly middle aged people who pop in to savour a heritage beer.

Micro pubs are booming in the UK, often taking over derelict shops and breathing more life into the high street.

The concept of such premises is that people just call in for a short period of time, chat to others and move on. There is no loud music associated with such venues nor large groups of rowdy drinkers.

I have travelled twice from West Bay by public transport (incidentally spending money in your other shops) to savour a specialist beer and meet other like minded people. I am 75 and I was hoping to

continue doing so and can assure you that one of the main reasons for doing so is that it is not the sort of establishment that one stereotypes with alcohol.

Thank You

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Rep 7

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2023 10:57 AM  
**To:** Licensing [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Heritage Bridge Ales: Licence application support.

To: [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern.

I write with intention to support the licensing application for Heritage Bridge Ales, 8 East St, Blandford DT11 7DR.

This is a wonderful venture. I am also very familiar with the small Burton-on-Trent Bridge Brewery that owns it. The Heritage bit relates to their association with the Bass Museum Brewery, closed by Coors Beverage when they bought Bass. It serves up to 5 cask beers supplied by the heritage Brewery direct, all served from the barrel. Their heritage premium ale is Masterpiece (White Shield in cask), not available anywhere else..

It is a haven for the discerning real ale drinker (No other alcoholic drinks available). **Also no TVs, No wi-fi and no music.**

Before they were forced to close they were experimenting with providing traditional pub food as a "Casserole of the Day", in a take-away container if you so desired.

I can not see any reason why this small venture should be objected to. It's quiet, refined and run by a landlord of many, many years experience coming from a brewing family and if that is not enough, HM prison service and with the military.

As a lifelong craft beer drinker, who loves the social atmosphere of the old pubs this is a godsend.

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Rep 8

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, December 1, 2023 9:10 PM

**To:** Licensing [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Licence application for 8 East Street, Blandford Forum

Dear Sir,

I am writing in support of the licensing application from Mr Karl Hopton for the premises at 8 East Street, Blandford Forum.

In the short time that the premises were operating under a temporary licence Mr Hopton has provided a much needed facility for the town of Blandford. I am not aware of any disturbances or excessive noise at the premises during that time. I am reluctant to use the expression 'real ale', but as a drinker of real ale myself I appreciate the excellent products that Mr Hopton serves. The ales are traditionally brewed in Burton on Trent (the historical home of true British beer) and due to Mr Hopton's vast experience in the licensing trade the ales are looked after and served in the best possible condition. On my visits the vast majority of the other drinkers could be described, like myself, as somewhat 'senior' in terms of age.

In view of the number of licensed premises that have closed down over the last few years in the town I think we should welcome a new watering hole with open arms. Especially as it would be catering for a niche market that many of the other Blandford pubs fail to address. Or, certainly not with the quality of Mr Hopton's.

One other point is that, in addition to having a drink, customers almost always enjoy an intimate atmosphere in this small alehouse where enjoyable conversations tend to include everyone present.

Lastly, I have every confidence that, due to his extensive experience in both the licensing trade and the prison service, Mr Hopton is ideally suited to run a law abiding alehouse that would be a fine asset to both local residents and to visitors alike.

I sincerely hope that you find Mr Hopton's application suitable and see fit to issue the requested licence.

Yours faithfully,

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Rep 9

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2023 8:38 AM

**To:** Licensing [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Pub licence application - 8 East St, Blandford Forum

Hi,

I write with intention to support the licensing application for Heritage Bridge Ales, 8 East St, Blandford DT11 7DR.

As a fan of pubs that allow and expect convivial conversation and debate between those who would not normally expect such things in a town pub, I would love to see this small establishment prosper. Smaller establishments are extremely rare within this area and, from my experience, do not present a threat to the well-being of the citizens living near the pub, nor to the town in general. The pub has been a success thus far; almost everyone I've mentioned it to has either visited it or wants to, because it's a small venue and meeting others is remarkably easy.

I do think that the property needs a clearly delineated smoking area, and, since the license application is up to 9:30pm on all days in a venue that holds twenty people at a real squeeze, I hope it could be managed directly in front of the pub in a marked area.

I've never felt the need to write in support of a license application before so I hope that this message will help the pub in its application for licensing.

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[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Rep 10

**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2023 5:10 PM

**To:** Licensing [Redacted]

**Subject:** 8 East Street, Blandford

Hello

Is there any way the application for a license for the above premises can be sped up?

Blandford has a range of public houses but none like this. It is an establishment with limited appeal (which is part of charm), and is run by an overly qualified publican who has an unrivalled passion for his trade.

We all know that Christmas is just around the corner, and I have a great many business contacts who I wish to introduce to this oasis of tranquility.

Equally, I am missing contact with a great many of the clientele, who don't have a great deal of years left to live

Please do give my pitiful plea some consideration.

Kind regards

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Rep 11

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:54 AM  
To: Licensing [REDACTED]  
Subject: Heritage bridge ales

Dear sir I write in support of the planning application by heritage bridge ales 8 East St blandford. On my visits to the establishment I have found it a quiet and convivial atmosphere to enjoy a fine product Yours sincerely. [REDACTED]

Rep 12

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 6, 2023 7:38 PM  
**To:** Licensing [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 8 East Street, Blandford Forum - Comment

**I would like to strongly support this application.**

I have visited this establishment previously, and strongly believe it to be an asset to the town.

- During my visits I have only ever seen an enthusiastic landlord, who truly believes in heritage beers, brewed and served in the traditional manner.
- I could barely hear a sound as I approached the front door, but upon entering was met by a very warm reception and over a pint entered into convivial conversation with other users about various brewing methods and beers – sorry, ales.
- It is a very compact bar, and because of the likely clientele, do not believe it possible to cause any nuisance or noise – I have certainly never witnessed any noisy rowdy behaviour, and believe the landlord more than capable of maintaining a high standard establishment.
- I noted that the landlord asked a smoker to move round the corner away from the front door as the pavement is quite narrow.
- I noted that there was toilet and small kitchen area, all perfectly kept.
- Finally, I noticed there was no music.

I believe in these difficult times, as High Streets struggle, that ventures like this should be encouraged.

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Rep 13

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2023 11:36 PM

**To:** Licensing [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Representation in support of Heritage Bridge Ales

Hi,

I write with intention to support the licensing application for Heritage Bridge Ales, 8 East St, Blandford DT11 7DR.

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Best regards,

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Rep 14

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2023 9:21 PM  
**To:** Licensing [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** license for No. 8, East St. Blandford Forum.

To whom it may concern.

I am writing to very fervently endorse the application by Mr. Karl Hopton, of Heritage Bridge Ales, for the premises detailed above. I visited this establishment on 3 occasions during its temporary licensing. For a man in his eighth decade, it is exactly what I would want for from a small alehouse. Its size, the lack of large TV screens & piped music, meant that one could, & was encouraged to, engage with the other patrons in amiable conversation & debate. In none of the other town pubs is this the case. Mr Hopton manages it in an experienced affable manner, but there is no doubt who is 'the governor'. Consequently, I can not see that it is in any way a likely threat to crime & disorder, public safety, public nuisance or harm to the young, who are very unlikely to frequent it. Failure to grant the license would rob us older folk of what I think we would all love to frequent, & rarely do, a 'proper' ale house !

Yours sincerely [REDACTED]

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