

## Representation in Support of the Review

### Representation From Weymouth Town Council

It was felt that the Committee could not add to this, and the Chair supported the Police in any action they take regarding the prevention of crime and said that the Police obviously no longer have confidence in the license for that premises. The Committee agreed to support the review and await further information.

### Representations in Support of the Premises Licence Holder

#### Representation 1

I have received a notice of a review of a licenced premises – Eats and Drinks, 24-25 King Street Weymouth.

My name is xxx and as Post Master traded as King Street Post Office for over 20 years which was next door to Eats and Drinks.

During that time I was acquainted with Mr Jay Naguleswaran for over 18 years.

Both premises were licenced so we conversed over licencing rules on a regular basis.

The Park Area where we are situated is one of the most deprived areas in Weymouth so theft and abuse have been a constant worry.

In latter years this problem has increased a hundred fold and is affecting retail outlets large and small.

We are seeing desperate and aggressive individuals stealing from licensed outlets for their addictions to tobacco and alcohol.

I have found Jay to follow all the licensing rules in these troublesome times and to ensure that all his staff follow theses rules.

Finally can I ask that these shops are given help from Police and Trading Standards before we lose many of our local shops

#### Representation 2

I am writing in support of the above premises.

My husband and I have been shopping there for the last 20 years, as we live just around the corner. Jay and his family and staff have always been very friendly and polite, in what can be very difficult circumstances. I have witnessed myself the abuse that they often have to put up with from some of the people that go in there. It is not the easiest place to have a retail premises, been near the train station etc, and some of the people that hang around there. Jay and his family and staff always, in my opinion, deal with some very difficult customers with tolerance and respect. Also checking ID of young people wanting to buy alcohol and refusing to sell to obviously drunk people. Which isn't an easy thing to do! They are an big part of the local community, open long hours, which people need, and provide essential services. Such as package collections and newspaper delivers.

Thank you for your attention in this matter

### Representation 3

With regards to the public notice that have been published on Eats & Drinks, 24-25 King Street, Weymouth, DT4 7BH, I would like to express my opinion on this matter. I have been shopping at Eats and Drinks for many years and I always found it one of the great local shop that helps the local community in Weymouth. I know the owner and the staff for a long time and always been very helpful. I am very surprised to hear this has happened because I have seen them few times that they have refused to sell to drunken people as well as underage customers especially when they try to buy age restricted products. I am very confident that they always take extra care when selling goods to the local community. During the pandemic time this local shop has taken extra effort to take care of our needs especially with elderly people. I believe the Dorset Council wouldn't allow any local business to suffer to run the business and this will have a huge impact on customers like me who regularly shop at Eats and Drinks. This type of a local shop should be supported as all local business should be. Therefore I hope this email finds you re assurance that they should continue to hold the license to sell.

### Representation 4

As the owner of a property opposite the premises, I would like to bring to your attention how convenient it has been to me, family and friends that we have Eats and Drinks on our doorstep.

They are a very responsible business, and I have seen on many occasions them checking ID on alcohol sales (including my own children who are 19 years old and above) as well as refusing to sell to others that were already drunk.

The vast array of goods available to buy, especially without a Superstore within walking distance, makes being there less stressful. The later opening hour as well is very useful.

To/  
The Licensing Bench.

DORSET CO

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Digital Mail Room

Dear Sus

Having been a partner in King St. Post Office business for 20 years - the P.O. having been closed 2 years before 2006, on my retirement the shop was sold to Mr. Naguleswaran. Having dealt with him during the selling process I have no doubt as to his integrity, honesty and general good character.

I still live in this vicinity and use his shop regularly. As you may well know the Park Area is

one of the most deprived areas in the country and whilst some of the people using his shop are very difficult, both Mr. Naguleswaran and his staff always deal with them firmly and take the necessary precautions to stop anything illegal happening.

Small shopkeepers, especially those of different colour are experiencing increasing abuse. Shoplifting and violence are everyday occurrences

Eats and Drinks provides a familiar stop for the people in this area for all and all are welcome

Eats + Drinks is a valuable asset

in the community - the only place to provide a paper delivery service - a godsend to the elderly and housebound. The delivery people keep an eye on untaken papers from letter boxes and an early morning eye on the area.

Mr. Naguleswaran and his staff are pleasant, helpful, polite and we admire them greatly. A well run, efficient and welcome business in the area.

Yours sincerely



### Representation 6

Dear members of the Licensing Sub-Committee

I am a daily customer of Eats and Drinks. I couldn't help but see the official notice on the inside of the shop window of notice given for this licensing review. It's not in my nature to watch an injustice done hence. why I am writing to you. In seven years I have never seen or heard anything about what has been alleged. I have seen the staff refuse to sell alcohol to people who are already intoxicated and stand firmly when the intoxicated person tries manipulating the staff otherwise. Also whilst in the queue I have seen them ask for I.D. for tobacco, vapes and alcohol and be very firm denying these products if it isn't produced. I know they don't allow particularly intoxicated persons to loiter outside the shop. From what I see is all the locals from all walks of life have a lot of respect for all of the staff. I have been present when staff have engaged with a young mum and her child and show kindness giving the child some sweets, obviously they see the financial difficulty these mums must have. These small actions stood out and is why I remember it so clearly.

This is a very busy shop and the owner Jay wouldn't need to buy things stolen, I imagine he is well aware of the consequences of what would happen. He 's not foolish, he has a family to consider first and foremost all of which I know and are extremely polite. It is my opinion that the license should remain in place.

### Representation 7

Dear members of the Licensing Sub-Committee

I am a daily customer of Eats and Drinks shop. I could see the official notice pasted in their shop window of notice given for this licensing review. I am going to the shop very often for buying day to day needs like milk and bread. I am buying in this shop for many years, still now I didn't see any of the staffs members or the shop owners is not illegally buying any alcohols or any other product from any one. As per my knowledge the staffs and the owner also very genuine and good persons to deal with. They are very kind to all the customers in all age groups and ready to help if we ask for without any hesitations. Many times I could see they ask for ID's to check the under 18 people for selling vapes,tobacco,lottery and alcohols. And also not ready sell alcohols to the persons who have already drunk and came to the shop. Other nearby customers also finds the staff members is having respect towards the customers. If a mum is not having enough money to pay for their children sweets they offer them for free by knowing their difficulties which I found this as a very good quality. I have seen once a person who is hungry not having enough money to buy a sandwich but the owner Jay is very kind to offer him for free.

This is a very busy shop and the owner Jay wouldn't need to buy any stolen things. And definitely he is well aware about the consequences if something mistakenly happens. He has family to consider first and foremost all of which I know and are extremely polite. So my opinion is the license should remain in place.

### Representation 8

I write to comment on the application for review of the premises licence on respect of Eats & Drinks 24-25 East St Weymouth DT4 7 BH.

I have been a customer of this business for more than a decade and have visited the premises regularly at various times of day from morning to evening and often between 10 and 11 pm. I can honestly say I have never seen any member of the team behaving in other than an exemplary manner. I have witnessed customers refused service of alcohol due to their obvious over indulgence, always in a courteous manner.

I also find it extraordinary that the handling of stolen goods could possibly be happening here. It is a family business in which the owner's whole family plays a part and I do not believe such activity would be tolerated by the owner. I have never seen anything which would suggest it to be the case.

I hope that the review will give the business the chance to show that it is not failing to adhere to it's legal requirements as I believe not to do so would adversely affect the business and could deprive the area of an essential amenity. I believe the owner to be of the most integrity. I would also add that I am not in any way related to the license holder not am I a part of the business other than as a customer.

### Representation 9

I am shocked to see the unfair charging of the premises and would like to say something about the owner and the premises.

My family members have known Mr. Naguleswaran Jayasudhan for one and a half years since we came here.

We use daily essentials with unlicensed products sold in his shop.

He has a good team and they are also very friendly.

When I'm on premises, I've seen sales to vulnerable people being refused after asking for IDs and also we have never received expired items and they comply with the rules regarding the sale of aged products.

In terms of the essentials we buy ourselves on a daily basis, we find our local stores very essential.



### Representation 10

My family use the convenience (eats and drinks ) store daily for essential items including off licence products.

I known mr Naguleswaran Jayasuthan for 19 years. I'm shocked to see the unreasonable accusation on the premises and Mr Jay. The Staff are very friendly and kind too. In many occasions I've seen them ask ids and refuse sale to the vulnerable. The park district is a very troublesome area and having to run a business is challenging. They abide the rules and legislations in terms of selling age related products.

We need our locals shops. They are the part of our community, Covid has proven to all of us.

### Representation 11

I am writing with due to the fact an objection has been made with regards to the Eats & Drinks premises due to selling alcohol to our most vulnerable, could I ask who has classed these people as most vulnerable or Street homeless, do they not have the same rights as anyone else the walks the street unless they become aggressive or are completely incoherent when I believe our law enforcement takes over, I have been using the premises for the last 20 years and never seen anything untoward, the owner on a couple of occasions when I have been present has refused to serve people that are noticeably over indulging and becoming aggressive, otherwise it is a community shop where we are welcomed, taken an interest of and our families my grandchildren love going in there for the welcome they get from all that work in there, they consistory ask about them when they have not been in. This is a well run community shop that cares about its customers and they show empathy to all. I'm a nurse and when I had Covid they offered to do my shopping and deliver it to me does this sound like someone not being part of the community. We all know this is an area that suffers with vulnerable people as it states my mind who says who is vulnerable however that is no excuse to deprave the rest of the community they serve.

DORSET COUNCIL

22 JUL 2024

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To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

I have known Jay and Tash ever since they opened the shop 'Eats and Drinks' in King Street, Weymouth. Jay (and Tash) would never do anything dishonest or against the law. They are a thoroughly nice, honest couple and are a delight to know.

If you wish to speak to me personally you are very welcome.

DORSET COUNCIL  
22 JUL 2024  
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To whom it may concern.

I've been a customer of EATS + DRINKS for 7 years and have always found them to be efficient and hardworking. I was dumbfounded when I read in the local paper that they were being accused of illegal dealings.

I've never seen anything untoward when I've been in the shop.

They are hard working and honest people, and are an asset to the community.

Yours sincerely