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Representation 1

I am writing to you concerning the proposed licencing review for the Butcher's Dog public house in East Street, Wimborne. I strongly oppose any proposals to restrict or withdraw their licence.

As a frequent customer of the Butcher's Dog and as a local resident in Wimborne, I have always found this pub to be a well run, friendly and orderly establishment.

I understand that the Police have raised their concerns over alleged lapses during the Wimborne Minster Folk Festival in early June this year, particularly allowing customers to congregate and consume alcoholic beverages on the pavement outside the bar. I can confirm that from my own experience, this would have been a one off situation and that the staff at the bar are strict on ensuring that customers stay within the premises.

On this specific occasion at the Folk Festival, the town was very busy with people crowding bars across the town. At most of the establishments that I passed over the weekend, people were drinking on the pavements outside the bars. If the Police's case is based on public safety because East Street was still open to vehicles over the weekend then, given the expected crowd numbers in Wimborne that weekend, it would have made much more sense to have closed the road (as was the case with other roads in the town). There are many shops and cafes in East Street that people were bound to want to visit.

As I said at the start of this email, the Butcher's Dog is a well run establishment that adds to the appeal of the town, to residents and visitors alike .

Representation 2

I have been a resident of Wimborne for over 40 years, and am responding to a notice outside one of the bars in town, the Butcher's Dog in East Street - regarding a review of their premises licence.

I am rather astonished by the notice - of all the bars in town, I would rate the standards observed to control sobriety and lawfulness to be outstanding by this premises; they are very strict on the ages allowed on the premises, and the sobriety of the customers - and would not hesitate to remove anyone causing disruption. Even at their busiest, the staff are fully in control of their customers and communicate with other local establishments to advise of anyone causing a problem.

There are many drinking establishments in Wimborne - quite a few of which I would be hesitant to visit alone - but I have never felt uneasy or unsafe at the Butchers Dog. It is a massive asset to the town, with many interesting and local craft beers, and as an independent should be hugely encouraged to remain in our town. I am really shocked by this review from the Police.

If you want any more information, please do contact me - I would be happy to speak up on behalf of the Butchers Dog.

Representation 3

I am writing to express my strong support for The Butcher's Dog, as a fellow licence holder, I am both surprised and concerned by this decision.

Over the past six years, The Butchers Dog has been an exemplary establishment within our community. They have consistently upheld their licensing objectives. As a customer, I have always felt safe and welcomed, the staff are consistently friendly and attentive, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere.

The weekend in question coincided with our community's long standing Folk Festival, a cherished tradition that has been celebrated for over 40 years. It is well-known that this festival brings increased foot traffic, noise, and activity to our town, creating a vibrant and lively atmosphere. It would be unreasonable and unfair to evaluate noise management during this specific weekend using the same criteria as other, more typical weekends. The unique circumstances of the Folk Festival should be taken into account when considering any complaints or issues arising from that period.

On the Saturday night of the Folk Festival, I personally witnessed the management of The Butchers Dog diligently overseeing patrons outside the bar. They were effectively managing both the crowd and the traffic, ensuring a safe and orderly environment. I found it easier to drive past this area compared to other parts of town, which is a testament to their efficient handling of the situation under challenging circumstances.

I respectfully request that the licensing review take into consideration the outstanding record of The Butchers Dog and the exceptional circumstances of the Folk Festival. Revoking or imposing severe restrictions on their license would not only be unjust but would also deprive our community of a valuable and beloved establishment.

Representation 4

Please don't close the Butchers Dog, it's one of the friendliest meeting place in Wimborne and fabulous for private parties,

Representation 5

I am writing in regard to the notice of a license review of the Butchers Dog situated in Wimborne Minster on 6 East Street. Frankly speaking I am perturbed by this notice to say the least. I have been a resident of Wimborne for 24 years and have never known an establishment to feel as safe and secure as the Butchers Dog, especially within Wimborne itself. Despite being anecdotal I can confidently espouse that the Butchers Dog by any metric is a delightful addition to the town and operates with both the highest regard of respect and diligence. I can personally attest to the importance that all staff give in respect to the safety of their punters and everyone is made to feel welcome and secure when patronising the establishment.

I am additionally troubled that throughout the town there is a distressing lack of impetus regarding actual offenders of their license requirements. I have personally witnessed anti-social behaviour, substance abuse and apathy from both punters and staff of many establishments throughout both Wimborne and the Dorset area. [REDACTED] appear to operate with impunity to any license reviews despite

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businesses under their umbrella being from what I can see in regular breach of their license conditions.

This smaller family run business is being disproportionately targeted by Dorset Council. The pub is for primarily craft beer drinkers and attracts a kind, sensible and respectful crowd that enjoy the unique products that the Butchers Dog makes available. The management, staff and affiliated persons have always operated the establishment with the highest regard of respect for the town, diligence in the safety of its patrons and a friendly face. In its short time in Wimborne it has truly become an institution with a wonderful variety of persons enjoying the kind and welcoming atmosphere.

Representation 6

I'm writing to you in support of the Butchers dog, we often go there as its very friendly, the owners always chat to everyone and it always brings a sense of commity in there, we believe small businesses like the Butchers dog are vital to town

Representation 7

I'm writing as I was shocked to have heard that there are concerns about the licensing at the above premises.

I can honestly say having visited many license holders that this family run business which supports the community in many ways upholds there standards better than anyone locally. They have consistency met licensing objectives and I have always felt safe in the environment as well as outside the establishment.

My understanding is that the police have raised concerns due to people drinking outside during folk festival - The owners of The Butchers Dog paid for a member of staff to be outside the establishment and ensure that everyone was safe. The police were not doing this despite watching on & instead this was done by a paid employee. As I'm sure you are aware, many establishments during folk festival drink outside at this time of the year, so I am perplexed why the police would raise concerns about the butcher's dog. My understanding is that the owners were cooperative with the police & have continued to have been in the past. If the police have concerns about visitors which involves anti-social behaviour then the Butchers dog is not the place & I suggest they pay more visits to the local [REDACTED].

In the years that I have been visiting the butcher's dog, there have never been any fights or issues but instead the venue is visited by an older target audience who enjoy craft beer with friends and family as well as those which will log on and do work from the venue.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Representation 8

I wanted to send you this email as I understand that the Butchers Dog pub licence is under review. I sincerely hope that this does not mean that the licence will be revoked. This pub is a very well run pub and has a lot of very regular support from the local town and beyond, it will be very much missed. Losing this pub will impact on the wider town as it does draw in people

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from the surrounding area. They have great bands on occasion, they have a room available for rent for events and have a regularly change list of ales available. All this would be lost.

Please do not revoke this licence in your review.

Representation 9

Just a quick note of support for The Butchers Dog in Wimborne.

I was extremely surprised to hear that their licence is under review, not exactly clear why, but I have nothing but admiration for Laura Green and the way she has managed the pub since its opening.

The staff and service is second to none in town, and being a 64 year old resident of Wimborne (for over 30 years) and a frequent pub goer, I'm struggling to comprehend what issues there might be.

The Butchers Dog is an established public house in East Street, I have never known or witnessed any real trouble inside or outside the establishment and think they are an integral part of the town, especially East Street, contributing to important and necessary footfall. Should any issue arise within the pub, no matter how small, it has always been dealt with politely and efficiently. They are very strict with the age of customers too which I commend. The pub is extremely customer orientated and I fully recommend visiting as it has a great, cosy, friendly atmosphere.

The current management and pub would be a massive loss to the town, any indiscrepancies that may have occurred must have surely been a one off and probably beyond the control of the establishment, I'd be grateful if you could let me know what the issue is here.

I've been self-employed now for 15 years and have many clients in town, especially East Street (not The Butchers Dog) and have heard nothing but positive remarks/feedback where The Butchers Dog is concerned. It would be devastating to hear that their license had been revoked and I sincerely hope I will be visiting the pub, interacting with current staff/management and enjoying their service for years to come.

Representation 10

I am writing to express my disappointment that Dorset Police have seen fit to apply for a review of the Butcher's Dog licence in Wimborne following events during the weekend of the Wimborne Folk Festival.

I regularly visit this family-owned pub, that caters for a more mature clientele who enjoy craft beer, and it is a friendly, controlled and safe environment. I have never once seen any trouble which is not something I can say about other venues in Wimborne. I understand the incident that gave rise to the complaint was on Saturday afternoon when the road had been closed for the parade and was suddenly opened by the police/festival organisers with complete disregard for the volume of people on the streets of Wimborne who had gathered for the festival.

I was at the Butcher's Dog with my elderly parents, wife, and friends and the atmosphere was calm and organised. The pub staff were sensibly managing the situation without any police presence or help from Folk Festival stewards. I noticed that the [REDACTED] also had many

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people outside their premises at the same time so I assume you are going through this ridiculous exercise with them as well!

I suggest a review focuses on extending the traffic restrictions for this historical community event rather than reviewing the licence of this popular well-run pub. Surely it is not too much to ask that pedestrians and local businesses take priority over cars for one weekend a year!

Representation 11

I would just like to confirm that in my opinion the Butchers Dog in Wimborne is and always was a lovely friendly and sociable bar. I have frequented it since it opened and have always found it a sociable environment with good and attentive staff.

Representation 12

I understand there have been complaints regarding the Butchers Dog during the folk festival due to customers spilling into the road due to the excellent band that was playing! This, for the record, was also the case at other establishments in town. As a long term resident of Wimborne and a yearly attendee at the festival this big turnout is most welcome and a testament to the success of the festival, which we should embrace and celebrate! If it is not a good mix for cars and people, perhaps it shows that the centre of town should be open only to local residents and pedestrians for the duration of the festival?

I would also like to add that we have always found the Butchers dog to be a well run and respectful bar that caters well for its customers. The staff have always been polite, friendly and professional - plus they offer the best choice of beer in town, which is a great niche option to add to the other fab features of Wimborne.

Representation 13

I am contacting your office following the Notice with intent to review the managements licence.

As a resident of the town and customer of the public house I am dismayed to hear of this notice.

I was in town the weekend of the folk festival and walked around with my 83 year old father, enjoying the activities, the procession, the festivities and all round positive good humour. As I'm sure it was reported, this year was one of the busiest & the high volume of people caused some concern for many. People constantly over spilling into the road, families getting stressed with the pushing and shoving. It was also apparent people were walking around the town with alcohol in their hands, something I haven't before and I saw no sign of enforcement. Perhaps this was a decision made in advance?

I witnessed the odd reveller in high spirits but no physical altercations, which was great.

As for the public houses, they all put on a great job over the weekend and the Butchers Dog, a small, well respected business followed suit.

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This pub cannot do enough for its customers, they are aware they are a small business but they serve the community so well. Many of the older generations frequent the pub are always made so welcome, it's the most friendly place I've been in.

Without the likes of management as they are, I/we would not use the place. It's clean always tidy and as far as I see follow their responsibilities seriously & with high regard.

The way they manage the pub works so well, they should be commended not have a review as if they are amateurs.

Ask anyone in town, this small very popular pub should be an example to others...what happens within their premises is 100% controlled. I wholeheartedly and my father, will continue to support the pub and would suggest the overspill of people into the roads outside the [REDACTED], outside [REDACTED] outside the [REDACTED] & more is also reviewed.

Representation 14

I am writing to you, as a resident of Wimborne, in regard to the proposed review of the licence of The Butchers Dog at 6 East Street.

My understanding, is that Dorset Police have applied for the licence of the venue to be reviewed on the basis that the pub breached its licence during the Wimborne folk festivals held on June 2023 and June 2024. This in itself seems wholly unusual, as I would expect that some leniency would be showed to pub landlords during town wide festivals, however, this nuance appears to have been lost on Dorset Police.

I'm lead to believe that the main arguments underpinning the request for the licence to be reviewed are that the management failed to stop individuals from taking drinks outside of the venue and failed to control noise from inside and outside the venue.

If Dorset Police intend on requesting that all pubs in Wimborne have their licences reviewed for allowing individuals to take drinks outside of their venues (in plastic glasses) and for noise louder than usual taking place during a festival then they may as well submit a group application applicable to every pub in the town.

The very nature of the festival means that people go from pub to pub to listen to music (very often slightly louder than usual owing to it being a folk music festival) and rightly or wrongly take their drinks with them. How for instance do the police know that all of the individuals with drinks on East Street purchased them from the Butchers Dog? I was in attendance both years and didn't notice the police ask anyone where they purchased their drinks from so they could easily have been from the [REDACTED], the [REDACTED], [REDACTED] or any other pub or stall within walking distance.

The same argument applies in respect of noise levels, can you honestly say that any pub in Wimborne would be completely within the expected limits of advised noise levels dictated by their licence during what is essentially in many ways a live music festival. Therefore, if you choose to punish this establishment for these proposed offences, you would need to carry out an equivalent investigation into any potential licence breaches of all of the other pubs in Wimborne during the same time periods. Oddly though, Dorset Police appear to have chosen to focus on one small pub and have neglected to report similar breaches elsewhere.

As a resident of the local area, I have found the Butcher's Dog to be a great addition to the pub/restaurant scene and to have in many ways breathed a new lease of life into East Street

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which for many individuals wouldn't be a part of the town you would necessarily choose to visit. They are passionate about the products they serve and often choose to showcase local breweries and during the festival always aim to put on the best bands from the local area. Therefore any limitation imposed on the licence of this establishment would be a great loss to the entire community.

My general opinion on the way Dorset Police approached the last festival is that they were overbearing in how they monitored the pub, when in fact there was no real trouble at all at the venue, other than, there being a large volume of people on East Street which could also have been attributed to the other pubs I have mentioned. What would have been a really sensible idea would have been to have closed the road for the Saturday and Sunday of the festival thereby solving the issue.

I would appeal to you to listen to the local residents rather than just be lead by Dorset Police who, for whatever reason, seemed fixated on having an over the top presence around a small pub in the town which wasn't operating in any way different to almost all of the pubs involved in the festival. It just so happened to be on a road (just as the Rising Sun and the Thirsty Bird are) that became over populated and the police didn't handle it in a particularly efficient way.

I hope you will take these comments on board during your review.

Representation 15

I am retired businessman and live [REDACTED] from this delightful pub. Since it opened some 8 years ago it has become a local hub for good conversation and good beer. They deserve another chance and would be greatly missed if they were forced to close.

Representation 16

I was truly disappointed to understand the licence for The Butchers Dog is under question following this year's folk festival in Wimborne. I am writing to express my strong support for an incredible local business that is consistently upholding its licensing laws and significantly contributes to our community's vibrancy.

As a resident of Wimborne for over 15 years, and employee of [REDACTED] my family and I have witnessed businesses coming and going over the years. Particularly the transformation in certain areas of the town where previously I would have avoided certain areas and pubs due to the trouble that frequently ensued.

The owners of The Butchers Dog have created something different. It has felt safe, welcoming and well managed. The owners have been meticulous in abiding by all regulations and boundaries their licence dictates. Their dedication and hard work have been shown in the smooth operating of that business and by the popularity of this unique charm adding to East street's bustling independent businesses.

The weekend in question features a very special event that is a significant part of Wimborne's calendar. Live music events covering the whole town, huge numbers of visitors naturally leading to increased noise levels and alcohol consumption. Recognising this, all businesses take the appropriate means to mitigate any potential problems. Having spent a significant

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amount of time in town that weekend both working and socially, I observed zero issues surrounding this establishment. In fact, I believe the police presence allocated to this area might have been more effectively utilised elsewhere.

The staff at the Butchers Dog are exceptionally well trained and conduct themselves with utmost professionalism and confidence in any situation. This is a testament to the excellent training and deep understanding of the business demonstrated by John, Laura and their management team.

Perhaps the finer details surrounding the enormous influx of visitors and drinkers to the Folk festival and the way the police can support these establishments should be seriously addressed next year so the outcome is a positive one for hard working businesses like this one. I would also be interested in requesting information regarding the incidence of licence related issues in other establishments in comparison to the Butchers dog with regards to disorder and police attendance on a regular basis at these other establishments.

In short, The Butchers Dog is an exemplary establishment that enhances our community and deserves continued support. I am confident that it will remain a positive asset to Wimborne for many years to come.

Representation 17

I am writing this email in support of my local "The Butchers Dog" in response to the premise license brought by Dorset Police.

When the Butchers Dog first opened it was a place, I would stop with friends for one of their fantastic ales before visiting other establishments in town, but it very quickly become the place we now call our local.

This is down to the friendliness of the owners, bar staff, other users of the pub and the quality of the beer being supplied.

The Butchers Dog is a fantastically well-run establishment with a superb atmosphere and a real feeling of a community where nobody is a stranger for very long with an ethos to support other local businesses, which is demonstrated by the array of beers on offer all from small independently run breweries.

I support as many of the live music events and bottle evenings the Butchers Dog put on as I can as they are always fantastically well run and supported events, which really highlight the best of local small independent beers and bands the area has to offer.

A feature of the Butchers Dog which is rare in this modern world of large brewery owned pubs, is the enthusiasm and knowledge the owners and bar staff have for the beers they are selling. They care about the brewers who supply the pub with beer and have a genuine love of what they do, and this shows in the quality of the product on offer.

In all the year's I have been using the Butchers Dog I have never once felt threatened or unsafe, even when the pub has been very busy on a Friday or Saturday night and this is down too not only the type and age of the clientele attracted to the Butchers Dog, but to the professionalism of the owners and bar staff who make sure anybody who is lucky enough to look under age is appropriately asked for ID and quickly ask any potential trouble makers to leave the premises in a firm but friendly manner.

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The Butchers Dog is an amazing asset to the Wimborne community, and as a small family run business who are trying in every way possible to make the experience of visiting their pub the best experience it can be having their license removed would be a disaster for the family and the community who use this pub and call it home.

This is the reason I am showing my support to the owners of the Butcher Dog which in my opinion is the best run, friendliest and safest pub in Wimborne.

Representation 18

I feel compelled to contact you in regards to the notice that has been put up outside The Butcher's Dog, 6 East St, Wimborne regarding the risk to their licensing.

I am [REDACTED] Butchers Dog Wimborne bar and have been since they opened in 2015/2016. The bar has a clean record of management and I have never experienced a complaint from either staff or customers regarding safety (or anything else for that matter).

I was [REDACTED] the bar over the folk festival weekend 2024. It was much busier than [REDACTED] anticipated however the management made sure [REDACTED] closed on time (as [REDACTED] always do) and there were no issues from customers regarding their safety. Staff were outside and inside making sure there were no issues.

There were police officers outside the bar for most of the weekend and I'm not sure why they didn't act if they felt there was any risk to public safety. I would think they are best placed to move crowds on who are collecting outside a bar than the staff who work inside the bar.

The Butchers Dog owners are responsible and sensible and have created a safe environment for all types of people to enjoy drink, food and music in Wimborne. They are an asset to the community and it is such a shame that there is a risk to their license. I cannot see that this risk is justified based on what I experienced both over the folk festival weekend and from years of working in the bar.

Representation 19

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louder than usual taking place during a festival then they may as well submit a group application applicable to every pub in the town. The fact that they haven't highlights their biases and makes this license review request appear to be a targeted overreach.

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I would implore you to listen to the local residents rather than just be lead by Dorset Police who, for whatever reason, seemed fixated on having an over the top presence around a small pub in the town which wasn't operating in any way different to almost all of the pubs involved in the festival. It just so happened to be on a road (just as the [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] are) that became over populated and the police didn't handle it in a particularly efficient way.

I hope you will take these comments on board during your review and reject Dorset Police's targeted campaign completely.

Representation 20

It has come to my attention that the Butcher's Dog in Wimborne is currently having its licence reviewed.

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While I am unaware of the circumstances, I would like to express my support for the pub and its owners. This is an important community pub operating as a freehouse, giving customers genuine choice. The owners take very seriously their responsibility to the community and have regular clients who rely on this welcoming freehouse as a means of socialising in a safe environment with likeminded people. As a mental health professional, I believe that, should the decision be taken to revoke this licence, it will have a detrimental effect on a significant number of people's mental wellbeing.

Someone from the council is welcome to contact me should you wish me to explain my representation further.

Representation 21

I understand you are inviting comment for a review of the licence conditions for this bar in East Street, Wimborne following assertions made by Dorset Police at the Folk Festival weekend.

I am a resident of Wimborne

I attended the bar on the Saturday afternoon and saw no undesirable behaviour. Certainly, the live music was loud and the customers were outside as well as inside the bar. However, this was wholly consistent with the occasion with the road closed to traffic and people enjoying the good weather.

Frankly, I cannot believe the Police misjudge the public mood on these matters. The Butchers Dog offers a unique experience in the town and authorities such as yourselves and the police should look to accommodate, support and encourage them as much as possible.

I love the Butchers Dog and urge you to leave its licensing conditions unchanged.

Representation 22

I understand that the Butcher's Dog pub's license is being reviewed.

I am writing to let you know that I support the Butcher's Dog pub. This unique establishment has been a cornerstone of our community for many years. This local pub, operating as a free house run by local people for local people, is not just a place to enjoy a drink but a vital part of our social fabric. The owners, whom we have known for many years, provide an excellent service for the community and have regular clients who rely on their welcoming environment.

The pub offers a safe haven for many like-minded people and provides a community opportunity and safe space that benefits local people's mental well-being.

I very much hope that the Butcher's Dog will keep their license and continue to offer the excellent community service that is much respected and needed in Wimborne.

Representation 23

I'd like to offer my support for the butchers dog pub in Wimborne. I understand it's licence is up for review

The pub is one of the few establishments left in Wimborne which offer any form of culture and any complaints on the grounds of unreasonable noise during the annual folk festival should be dismissed. That particular weekend is only annual and the date is known well in advance. The whole town joins in and noise is made from all over. People should be able to factor this into their plans given the well publicised nature of the events.

It would be a great shame if a complaint from the few outweighed the enjoyment of many

Thanks for taking this on board

Representation 24

I write concerning the review of the alcohol license at the Butchers Dog, East St, Wimborne at the end of July 24

I am aware many people will have offered differing opinions about the events during Folk Festival weekend in June, which is the cause of the Police charges.

However, the purpose of this email is to focus the Courts attention on the Butchers Dog in the other 362 days of the year (actually less as they close every Mon/Tues!).

The Butchers Dog has been my preferred 'local' in Wimborne for the past three years. It is a small, intimate and cosy bar, specialising in 'craft' beers from around the UK and beyond in Belgium and Germany

As such, the prices are not cheap, currently on average you would expect to pay £6/7 for a pint, although smaller glasses are available in 1/2 and 2/3 measures. There are no 'happy hours', unlike other Wimborne pubs, that can encourage binge drinking.

It attracts the more discerning and affluent beer drinker and is at the centre of the so called craft beer 'revolution' in Wimborne.

There are close links with local craft brewers, including the excellent Eight Arch brewery, a flagship for quality ales with a growing reputation, that brings the name of Wimborne to a wider audience.

I have found the regular customers at the Butchers Dog to be an eclectic mix of professional (i.e teachers, civil servants) retirees, private sector and self-employed people, all drawn by the welcoming, friendly atmosphere and love of craft beer.

The conversation is informed, interesting and often humorous. People are generally well read with good educational backgrounds. Being able to listen and disagree agreeably is a particular feature. The politics are broadly centre left and liberal, which reflects the changing voter patterns in the Mid-Dorset and Poole North constituency.

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I have never witnessed any 'trouble' in the pub. Wimborne is a town with its fair share of known problem drinkers, albeit they are a small minority. They do not frequent the Butchers Dog as expensive craft beer holds no attraction for them.

I make the above points to both provide context and highlight the importance of the Butchers Dog as a local community bar with a genuine welcoming 'vibe' with law abiding customers. It is unique in Wimborne and should not be viewed in the same way as other more 'traditional' pubs in the town.

Finally. I have read one comment about 'drug taking upstairs'. This is, in my experience, totally untrue and is likely malicious.

Whatever decision to court takes, I submit the Butchers Dog more than deserves to have it's licence renewed. I hope some form of warning combined with an undertaking to take extra security measures during Folk Festival weekend will suffice.

Representation 24

Wimborne Folk Festival - Butchers Dog

I understand that the above establishment is the subject of a licence review.

I am a 69 year old resident from Wimborne and attended the festival on all days plus I am a regular customer of this business. This is a small "independent" business which has a steady clientele and an asset to East Street. They sell specialised/selected products which are appreciated by the local residents, young and old. It is a really well run bar and I go there regularly and I have never seen any trouble.

The police presence outside the Butchers Dog during the festival was extreme and they didn't seem to have any reason for being there? As far as I am aware, they didn't get involved with the customers but the guy that was running the bar seemed to have constant dialogue with them.

Drinking outside

I am really confused regarding this, this is what was taking place everywhere in Wimborne? On this basis, unless every establishment could disprove/prove that the drinks had been sold by them, then how can this be applied to one pub or even be controlled? I know for a fact that friends I was with purchased drinks from The [REDACTED] then stood outside the BD? The only place, as far as I am aware. where you couldn't take your drinks from elsewhere was the [REDACTED] because of the greed of a multi million pound brewery?

Noise level

Once again, I cannot understand why this is only being attributed to the Butchers Dog when surely this is applicable to every establishment in Wimborne over the festival?

The biggest mystery is that the council/police had decided not to close the road when all the other roads were closed? Somebody should be accountable for this massive decision and

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the reasoning behind it from a safety point of view! We walked from the BD to [REDACTED] and there was a more mature feller in a very posh sports car who was constantly cruising around Wimborne?? Other fairs this seems to happen automatically, Xmas? Wimborne Council has approved developments that have changed the whole aspect of our small market town without any real change to the infrastructure. Saturday folk was the busiest I have ever seen the festival and I have attended since it began. Maybe this needs to be rethought when something like the Folk Festival is taking place?

This pub is an asset to Wimborne and we need more independent businesses in our small market town rather than the big boys taking over!

I am more than happy to discuss my points or justify anything above.

Representation 25

I am writing with regards to the potential review of the license of The Butchers Dog at 6 East Street. My understanding is that Dorset Police have requested this review on the grounds that the pub breached its license during the Wimborne folk festivals in June 2023 and June 2024.

I would like to request that the Butchers Dog stays open and continues to serve the local area with its great food and drinks. Personally, I have found the pub to be ran in a very responsible manner and have never seen any trouble at anytime inside or close to the Butchers Dog.

I would like to add that during the folk festival there is often a high level of noise and people moving between pubs around the whole town. Any noise or people with drinks could be from many of the other venues in Wimborne, people are there for a once a year festival and freely move around the town. Are the other pubs around the town also having their licenses reviewed?

Finally, please consider that the Butchers Dog is locally owned and the profit generated stays within the local community unlike many pub chains whose profits will quickly move from the local area.

Representation 26

I wish to comment upon the review for the above premises. I am aged 67, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and have lived in Wimborne since 1997.

I witnessed some events in East Street over the weekend of the Folk Festival and have the following comments to make:

Upon the Saturday and Sunday I was in East Street quite a lot for the parade on the Saturday and in the afternoons and early evening of both days.

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I did not at any time see customers of the Butchers Dog take drinks from the bar and into the street.

When the road was open to traffic I did witness many people, mostly young men coming from both directions with alcoholic drinks in their hands that had been purchased elsewhere or from shops in the town. Some of these people were intoxicated and were walking in the road despite it being open to traffic. I considered this to be dangerous and it was not the responsibility of the licensed premises. I reported my concerns to a uniformed police officer and said I thought the road should be closed off as there was clear danger to a lot of intoxicated people who were wondering in the roadway. I asked the Police Officer to use his authority to close off the road before someone was hurt, he declined.

Upon one occasion I did stop on the opposite side of the street and saw a band playing in the pub (I think it was Pronghorn) and it was clearly very busy but I would not think the noise was excessive. I did not witness people bringing drinks outside from the bar but I did witness members of staff doing all they could to keep the pavements clear of rubbish and empty cans and cups a number of times.

I believe that for the folk festival weekend East St between the Rising Sun and where it meets the High St. Should be closed off to motor traffic to make the area safe. There could then be, as was done after covid, tables and chairs set up for the four cafe's and two pubs to extend their trading opportunities AND make the street safer. This could even be supervised by SIA staff who could be communally funded perhaps.

The Butcher's Dog also operate in circumstances which many people believe to be grossly unfair in that they are not allowed to use their back yard when two neighboring cafes are allowed to use their back yards for customers. I believe this is due to noise concerns and I am sure stipulations could be applied that it is not to be used after a certain time in the evening. If they were able to utilise this area then any need for people to use the pavement to smoke would be eliminated. I also believe that if you live in a property in a town centre then you have to expect there to be an added level of noise and this can be monitored and appropriate action taken by the licensee if it becomes too noisy at any time.

I trust the correct decisions will be made.

Representation 27

I am writing to express my support for the continuation of the license of Butchers dog bar that operates in Wimborne.

I am a 40 year old woman that has lived in and worked in Wimborne my whole life. I have seen not only pubs come and go but other local businesses too.

If the Butchers dog lost its license it would be a huge loss to the community. As a woman, I have never felt safer than whilst visiting there. On my own and with friends. I contribute that feeling to the excellent staff that work there. Not only do they know their jobs inside out, but they go above and beyond by knowing their customers. Many who are locals and regularly visit. These locals are a cross section of Wimborne society. People who on the whole live and work in Wimborne. I've seen older generations, women, people with disabilities and all of those people have been treated with respect and compassion and courtesy by not only the staff but also by other customers. I have never witnessed a fight on the property or on the street outside.

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I think it's incredibly sad that a small, independent business, that creates a sense of community, and that has already been through so much with the pandemic and cost of living crisis is now facing this. Not only would the Butchers dog be affected, but the other businesses that they have links with. The craft workshops ran at Christmas and Mother's Day for example. As well as the East Street Deli and Flaming Peaches.

When so many houses are being built in the surrounding Wimborne area, I think it's particularly important that we support those small, local businesses that help make Wimborne the beautiful and desirable town it is.

Thank you for your consideration and taking the time to read this e-mail. I am available to attend on the day of the hearing.

Representation 28

I am writing in relation to the licensing review of The Butcher's Dog to provide some feedback on my experiences with the establishment.

My partner and I live in Blandford but consider The Butcher's Dog our favorite bar/pub. We regularly travel to Wimborne specifically to visit the bar, enjoy the variety of drinks on offer, and interact with the staff and other patrons. For example, we recently celebrated a birthday by dining in Wimborne, primarily to visit the bar afterward. Additionally, we have inadvertently developed a Christmas tradition where Wimborne is the only town we do any physical shopping, as we enjoy stopping at the bar for a few drinks after finishing our Christmas shopping.

The bar not only draws our business but has also cultivated a strong sense of community. Whenever we visit, there is a diverse mix of people, whether they are drinking alone, as couples, or in groups. The atmosphere is always pleasant, and I have never witnessed any altercations or security issues during my visits. The staff are diligent in adhering to the licensing hours, and I have never seen anyone served beyond closing time.

I strongly encourage you to consider the wider impact of curtailing the licence of the Butchers Dog, considering how difficult it can be to operate a successful small local business in 2024. The Butchers Dog is a vital part of Wimborne's diversity of business and its clear effort to avoid becoming another copy and paste high street with no reason to visit.

If we lived closer to Wimborne, we would certainly visit the bar more frequently. As it stands, The Butcher's Dog remains a significant reason for our trips and spending in the other businesses in town.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my thoughts.

Representation 29

I wish to object in the strongest possible terms regarding the application to review the license for the Butchers's Dog pub in Wimborne (<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/documents/d/guest/review-of-premises-licence-butchers-dog> redacted).

I am a regular customer of the Butchers Dog and have been since it opened in 2018.

Since then the staff have demonstrated nothing but the utmost professionalism, friendliness and kindness to its multitude of customers.

It is more than a bar, its an important part of the local community.

Unlike the majority of pubs in Wimborne, it is a locally owned, small business employing local people.

The team behind the Butchers Dog work closely with other local East Street businesses and have supported the promotion of the shops on the street and were one of the key voices in the opening of East Street during the difficult Covid times, forming links to the the benefit of other small businesses.

The staff are knowledgeable about beer and have always promoted an environment of sensible drinking where taste and flavour is key. It is a place where you are comfortable to go on your own, a place where female drinkers feel comfortable on their own as well. This is due to the environment created, not least, by Laura and Dean.

The Butcher's Dog is the only pub that I know in town that does not use offers and deals that promote binge drinking. Larger establishments such as [REDACTED] promote cheap shots and happy hours and although not as aggressive this is common in some ways at all the other pubs in town.

The Butchers Dog host local groups, including arts and crafts causes, charitable bike rides and beer tasting for women only.

The atmosphere of the Butchers Dog is key. Warm and friendly (constantly mentioned in Google reviews). If a little drunk the staff encourage lower alcohol beer, or encourage you to move on or move home. The staff care about their customers. I have never seen any trouble in the Butcher's Dog.

Alongside this the complaint centers around one particular event.

The Wimborne Folk Festival

Folkie is a huge event and like it or not alcohol consumption plays a significant part across the 3 days.

Bars serve in plastic cups which are encouraged to be carried from pub to pub.

Micro breweries, stalls and pubs sell beer in the streets. The majority of people do not mind. It's one weekend a year and a fabulous celebration of music, culture, art and crafts

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Pubs are spilling out onto the streets throughout. I noticed on street drinking outside the following pubs [REDACTED] (disrupting performers) [REDACTED]. I am sure they weren't the only pubs.

The Butcher's Dog changes its menu during this time, serving only lower abv beers and include options as low as 2.5%.

Noise wise..... the Dog is only a small issue!

[REDACTED] can be heard for miles. Events at [REDACTED] take place throughout the summer (including on Sunday and Thursday nights where people are at work the next day). I am told residents have complained about the noise. I believe the complaints have been ignored or rejected. I live locally and can hear many events throughout the summer.

The noise from the stages at the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] are significant, they are more likely to cause large scale noise pollution as they are big and outside.

I would also like to highlight the issues of [REDACTED]. Issues such as fighting and anti social behaviour (last year was significant) are common.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

Outside [REDACTED] we have broken glass up and down the street.

I am unsure as to why one pub is being singled out, a pub with a fantastic reputation and kind friendly welcoming and inclusive atmosphere.

I am in no way affiliated with The Butcher's Dog or its staff or management.

I would be happy to elaborate on any of the points raised if need be.

Representation 30

I am writing as a resident of Wimborne and a customer of the Butchers Dog. I was shocked and saddened to hear about this review of their license due to alleged breaches over the Wimborne Folk Festival. It does not seem that this is a fair approach to issues that arose during the Folk Festival and I am writing to support the Butchers Dog in keeping their alcohol license.

I have lived in Wimborne my whole life and I have worked in multiple bars and restaurants in town. Therefore, I have a good understanding of the culture of the town and the wonderful addition that independent businesses bring to our town. The Butchers Dog has a wonderful community of customers and is well-loved throughout Wimborne. Of all the pubs in town, it is the one I feel safest in, and know it is the least likely to have any troubles. The same cannot be said for other pubs in town.

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Working in independent hospitality establishments gives you insight into the hard work and guts it takes to succeed and grow such a lovely community. This complaint does not read as a fair representation of the pub that I know and it is disappointing to hear that this issue has been raised in this manner. Please consider this letter of support and keep our independents going.

Representation 31

This is a letter of support for the Butcher's Dog Bar in Wimborne.

I have lived in Wimborne for coming up to seven years and am not a regular drinker.

However, I really value the diversity of the small businesses in Wimborne. While I understand the reasons, I dislike bigger companies taking market share away from small businesses. In this case, I have seen smaller establishments come and go while larger venues such as the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] continue on with ease. The Butchers Dog is fantastic. As a non-local it is always welcoming and has a great atmosphere.

I have seen more issues relating to drunk and disorderly conduct from the larger and cheaper establishments mentioned above than from the Butchers Dog. This is always magnified throughout folk festival.

I do not know all of the facts, but I am greatly surprised that of all of the establishments in Wimborne, this one is being singled out. I wonder if all bars are being treated equally or whether the Butcher's Dog is actually a scapegoat.

I do not want to see one of the most popular businesses in Wimborne vanish. I hope that whatever the identified specific issue is, there is a proportionate remedy. There must be less punishment and more support for small businesses to encourage the much valued and necessary diversity in our market town.

Please don't close the Butcher's Dog.