

Representations in support of Tumblers application

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Dear Sirs

I would like to express my support for tha above license. Tumblers is a lovely, quiet bar to catch up with friends and family. People of all ages and backgrounds frequent it. There is nowhere else quite like it in Shaftesbury.

It is awful the way it has become a personal vendetta by a few narrow minded locals to try and stop the trading of the establishment. The owners are hard working, dedicated people who are trying to make an honest living and be respectful of those who live nearby.

I sincerely hope this license is approved and we do not lose a valuable town asset.

Yours sincerely

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Good evening

I would like to show my support for tumblers cocktail and wine bar in Shaftesbury to get their license It is a brilliant local venue who looks out for neighbours wellbeing. They close by 11pm, music is kept to sensible volume. I know a couple of locals have complain about noise but these are totally unsustainable. The music isn't loud. Maybe some cheering when England actually won a game haha.

They are a lot quieter and respectful than the noise that normally comes out of the local pub

Many thanks for your time

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Dear Sir,

I write in support of Sally France's licence application for Tumblers Cocktail and Wine Bar.

Sally is a skilled licensee with many years experience running bars and pubs in Shaftesbury. She is highly regarded locally and Tumblers attracts customers of all ages.

I have known Sally and her family for a number of years and can confirm that in running various venues in Shaftesbury she has always been sensitive to noise levels and customers behaviour as it affects those living nearby. She runs a very tight ship!

I recently celebrated my 50th Wedding Anniversary at Tumblers with my family and noticed that there were a cross section of customer's socialising together in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

Please let me know if there is anything tangible I can do to support Sally other than through this email.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Licensing Team,

I would like to express my support for the application for a premises licence for Tumblers Cocktail & Wine Bar in Shaftesbury.

I think Ben's plans are exactly the kind of thing our town needs. Shaftesbury would really benefit from having another welcoming place where people can meet friends, celebrate special occasions, or simply enjoy a relaxed evening out without having to travel elsewhere.

A good independent business like this brings life into the town centre, supports other local businesses, and gives people another reason to visit and stay in Shaftesbury. The proposed opening hours seem sensible, and I have every confidence that the venue will be run responsibly and with consideration for its neighbours.

I hope Dorset Council will support this application and give Tumblers the opportunity to become a successful part of our local community.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration

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Dear sir/madam

I am writing to you in support of tumblers cocktail bars application for planning/ licensing .I've been to this bar on many occasions and been impressed with sally and ben's

professionalism and quality of service . They have always done everything they can to respect their neighbours from noise and disturbance even though there has been a very nasty hate campaign against them . They unfortunately are situated next to a car park where many people at night park and it is assumed that the noise generated from here is because of their bar , which is not necessarily the case as there are other clubs and bars near here . There are other establishments in Shaftesbury that recently due the World Cup have had many noise issues but I see there is no campaigns against them even though they hold 10 times as many customers .

In summary sally has been in the licensing trade for many years all over the country and world , yet her small bar in Shaftesbury which shuts at 11 pm is being victimised with no real proof , especially when the pub /entertainment industry is in need of a boost , and Shaftesbury considers itself cultural centre .

Regards

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I am writing in support of the "Tumblers bar" Shaftesbury application for alcohol license. I have frequented the establishment a number of times and have been very impressed on how well run and professional the bar is.

It offers a relaxed, yet sophisticated ambiance which from my visits have attracted a wide range of ages and a good mix of locals and visitors to the town.

Having studied hospitality management as a degree before changing professions, I am well aware of how hard it is to make a wet trade establishment successful in the current climate with many bars & pubs closing daily.

Ben & Sally have strived to fly in the face of this trend and have taken the risk to open a bar as an asset to the town and community.

Post pandemic this is important as It's somewhere people can mix, socialize together to build up friendships to support mental health.

The culture in the bar makes you feel relaxed and safe which is very in keeping with Shaftesbury as a town.

Music is kept at a low key volume so people can have conversations and it's easy & safe to access from the car park without interfering with high density residential areas or the high street.

It has plants and shrubbery outside to act as an acoustic barrier for any background noise.

(As a local resident in central town I find most of the noise to come from the general movement in the high street rather than anywhere else.)

All in all I fully support the application for granting a license and I hope this fledgling business is given the opportunity to prove its value as a growing town institution.

Kind regards

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To who may concern

I am emailing you regarding Tumblers cocktail bar in Shaftesbury and would like you to take notice that I fully support Sally Francis and Ben Davy to be able to keep the bar open Sally, Ben and her parents have and always will have mine and other customers support I hope you will take this into consideration

Regards [REDACTED]

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Dear Sirs,

I would like to express my support for the licensing application for Tumblers Cocktail Bar in Shaftesbury.

The town needs good quality social venues such as this one. I understand that objections have been made to the application on grounds of excessive noise. The proprietors are reasonable and realistic people who understand the need to keep noise levels down to reasonable levels and to end any live music events at sensible times. Their choice of performers also reflects this, in that predominantly smaller, often acoustic performers are chosen rather than full on Rock Bands. Tumblers is a responsibly run, popular local venue and should be encouraged.

Those voices against the license application are generally people who chose to live in the town centre, and they should understand that they cannot expect to live in such an area in splendid constant peace and quiet at all times.

Yours sincerely

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my full support for the licence application for Ben Davey of Tumblers Cocktail and Wine Bar.

As a member of the local community, I believe that Tumblers is a valuable asset to the area. It provides a welcoming, safe, and well-managed environment where local residents can meet, socialise, and

enjoy community events. The bar has become an important gathering place that helps strengthen community connections and contributes positively to the local atmosphere.

The management and staff have consistently demonstrated a commitment to operating responsibly, showing consideration for both customers and neighbouring residents. They have worked hard to maintain a friendly and respectful environment while supporting local initiatives and contributing to the local economy through employment and by attracting visitors to the area.

Approving this licence application would allow Tumblers to continue serving the community in a positive way. I believe the benefits it brings far outweigh any concerns, and I am confident the premises will continue to operate responsibly and in accordance with all licensing requirements.

I respectfully ask that you give favourable consideration to this application.

Yours faithfully,

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Hello

I would like to add my support to Ben Davey's application.

He has worked really hard with his business partner to make Tumblers a thriving and fun venue.

Long may that continue.

Many thanks

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I am writing to support Ben Davey/Sally Francis application to renew their licence.

My family and I often visit Shaftesbury and found this an ideal meeting place, well managed and professionally run for both social and business meetings.

Located next to the car park it is a real credit to a smaller town like Shaftesbury.

Yours sincerely

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To whoever this concerns,

I am writing to you to express my support for Tumblers cocktail & wine Bar in Shaftesbury to have their license renewed. The staff there continue to work tirelessly to provide a welcoming and unique venue for the community and wider to enjoy. They are and have always been respectful to the neighbours around them by ensuring noise is kept to a minimum and always comply to their closing times. This would be a real community loss if you were not to renew their license.

Many Thanks

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FAO Licensing Team,

I would like to show my support for the application for a premises licence for Tumblers Cocktail & Wine Bar in Shaftesbury.

Shaftesbury would really benefit from having another welcoming place where people can meet friends, celebrate special occasions, or simply enjoy a relaxed evening out without having to travel elsewhere.

A good independent business like this brings life into the town centre, supports other local businesses, and gives people another reason to visit and stay in Shaftesbury. The proposed opening hours seem sensible, and I have every confidence that the venue will be run responsibly and with consideration for its neighbours.

I hope Dorset Council will support this application and give Tumblers the opportunity to become a successful part of our local community.

Thank you for reading.

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Subject: Support for the Licence Application – Tumblers Cocktail & Wine Bar
Dear Licensing Department,

As a lifelong resident of Shaftesbury who lives adjacent to the premises in Mustons Lane, I would like to express my support for the licence application for **Tumblers Cocktail & Wine Bar at 1 Mustons Lane.**

This venue is a little gem within our town. Located next to a busy Italian restaurant, it provides a relaxed and quiet atmosphere where people can enjoy a drink before dining out or heading into the town centre. Shaftesbury needs independent venues like this to help keep the town vibrant and attractive to both residents and visitors.

I have never experienced any noise, disturbance, or nuisance arising from the premises. In my experience, it is a well-run and respectful business that fits comfortably within the local community.

As many local residents will know, there has always been some level of noise from people returning home from the larger pubs and venues in town, particularly along Bell Street. However, this has never been associated with Tumblers, which offers a very different environment and clientele.

Given the number of hospitality businesses that have closed in recent years, and the challenges involved in running an independent venue, I believe places such as Tumblers should be supported wherever possible. It contributes positively to the character of Shaftesbury and provides something different from the traditional pub offerings.

The venue also benefits from having two entrances, both of which are situated a considerable distance from neighbouring properties, further reducing any potential impact on local residents.

For these reasons, I fully support the granting of a licence to Tumblers Cocktail & Wine Bar.

Yours faithfully,

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Please try and give this place some support, there is very little to do in the town and this is a smashing little place that I enjoy taking my children to for an early drink before eating in the town.

Thank you

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Good afternoon,

I give my support to the application of the licencing request in relation to Tumblers Cocktail & Wine Bar, 1 Mustons Lane, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

Kind regards

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I was born and bred in Shaftesbury and have proudly lived here all my life. I've seen changes in the town throughout my 48 years. One of the most important aspects of our beautiful town is the sense of community. We are very lucky to have a few, varied venues to meet up and enjoy other's company...to see them close down is always devastating. Tumblers brings in extra revenue and caters for all ages for both residents of Shaftesbury and visitors. I've seen first hand how careful the owners are to keep sound low from the bar to respect the surrounding residents.

Surely we should be encouraging local businesses rather than push them away and shut them down?

Kind Regards

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally submit my representation in **support** of the premises licence application for **Tumblers Cocktail & Wine Bar**, located at **1 Mustons Lane, Shaftesbury, Dorset**.

As a **frequent visitor to Shaftesbury**, I am fully supportive of this application as it enhances the food and drink offer for the town and believe the establishment will be managed responsibly while actively promoting the four core licensing objectives:

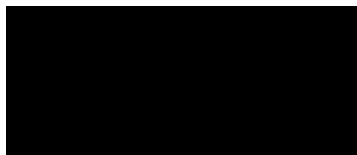
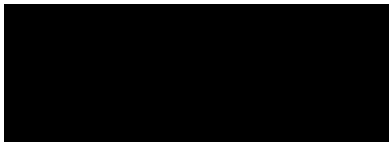
1. **Prevention of Public Nuisance:** Unlike other most other licensed premises in the area, Tumblers Cocktail & Wine Bar focuses on a seated, premium experience. I know that the applicants have active measures in place to prevent public nuisance. They keep music levels to a minimum, guide people out of the premises whilst asking them to keep noise down, and have signage in place asking patrons to respect the residents of the surrounding neighbourhood.
2. **Prevention of Crime and Disorder:** A cocktail and wine bar like Tumblers naturally attracts a mature clientele focused on premium dining and mixology rather than excessive consumption. The premises have working CCTV; both the applicant and his business partner hold SIA (Security Industry Authority) licenses, and engage in a proactive way with Dorset Police.

3. **Public Safety:** The premises layout prioritises comfortable seating within an ample space, which naturally limits overcrowding and maintains clear escape routes. The bar is fire compliant; there is crowd control and the staff can see everything which happens.
4. **Protection of Children from Harm:** The venue operates as an adult-oriented premium bar environment. The staff of Tumblers routinely check age identification, they do not allow children in the bar after 21:00, no gambling or other late-night activities are allowed; and the premises close at 23:00.

I am aware that there have been complaints from neighbours about anti-social behaviour in the vicinity, however I do not believe that this should be directly blamed on Tumblers and those responsible could have come from any of the licensed premises within Shaftesbury.

Tumblers Cocktail & Wine Bar represents exactly the type of high-quality, well-regulated business Shaftesbury needs to boost its economy safely. I urge the committee to grant this licence as applied for.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the application for a Premises Licence for **Tumblers Cocktail & Wine Bar, 1 Mustons Lane, Shaftesbury**.

As a resident of Shaftesbury and a frequent visitor to the town centre, I have seen first-hand the positive contribution that Tumblers has made to our community. It is exactly the type of independent business that market towns like ours need to survive and thrive.

The Licensing Act 2003 requires applications to be considered against the four licensing objectives: the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance, and the protection of children from harm. In my experience, Tumblers has consistently operated in a manner that actively promotes all four objectives.

I have never witnessed any anti-social behaviour, excessive noise, disorder or disturbance associated with the premises. The

atmosphere is calm, welcoming and respectful, attracting customers who wish to enjoy quality drinks in a relaxed environment rather than a venue focused on excessive alcohol consumption. It is a business that has demonstrated responsible management and consideration for both its customers and neighbouring residents.

It is also important to consider the character of the premises.

Tumblers is not a large public house or late-night entertainment venue. Instead, it offers a sophisticated cocktail and wine bar experience that complements the neighbouring restaurants and wider hospitality sector. Many customers visit for a drink before or after dining locally, encouraging people to remain in the town centre and supporting other independent businesses. This type of venue strengthens the local economy and contributes to Shaftesbury's reputation as a welcoming destination for both residents and visitors. As someone familiar with the town, I recognise that occasional late-night noise has historically originated from larger drinking establishments and people dispersing through Bell Street. However, I have never associated such issues with Tumblers. It attracts a very different clientele and has always operated responsibly and respectfully.

I also believe the physical location of the premises further reduces any potential impact on neighbouring properties. Its layout and access points naturally minimise disturbance, and the management has consistently shown consideration for those living nearby.

Beyond the licensing objectives, there is a wider public interest in supporting responsible independent businesses. Across the country, many small hospitality venues have struggled in recent years due to increasing operating costs and changing economic conditions.

Businesses such as Tumblers are vital to maintaining vibrant high streets, creating employment, attracting visitors and preserving the unique character of historic towns like Shaftesbury.

Granting this licence would not simply allow a business to continue operating—it would demonstrate support for a well-run, community-minded venue that enhances the social and economic life of our town. Responsible operators who have shown they can run their premises without causing nuisance should be encouraged, not disadvantaged. Having observed Tumblers since it opened, I have every confidence that the premises will continue to operate professionally and responsibly while upholding the licensing objectives. I can see no

evidence that granting this application would have any detrimental impact on local residents or the wider community.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Licensing Authority to grant the Premises Licence application.

Thank you for considering my representation.

Yours faithfully,

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Shaftesbury, Dorset

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Dear Licensing Officer,

After speaking with staff over the weekend I'm writing in support of the licensing application for Tumblers - Cocktail and Wine Bar in Shaftesbury.

My wife and I visit the bar on Friday and Saturday evenings on our monthly visits to Shaftesbury and have done so on numerous occasions. We have always found it to be a friendly, well-managed and responsible venue that adds to the character and vitality of Shaftesbury town centre.

I appreciate that there is some noise from customers using the outside patio, particularly during the warmer months when more people choose to sit outside. However, in my experience this has been the normal level of conversation you would expect from people enjoying a drink together rather than excessive or disruptive noise.

The bar is also located on a pedestrian route to a public car park and within the town centre, so there are regularly people walking past who are not customers of the premises. From my observations, it would be difficult to attribute all noise in the area solely to the bar.

I understand that nearby residents may hear more activity during the summer when windows are open, and I appreciate that their concerns should be considered. Equally, I believe it is important to recognise that this is a town-centre location where a reasonable level of evening activity is to be expected.

Throughout our visits, we have always found the bar to be responsibly operated, with courteous staff and customers. We have never witnessed disorderly behaviour or anything that suggested the premises were being run irresponsibly.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in support of the application relating to Tumblers Cocktail & Wine Bar, Mustons Lane, Shaftesbury.

Although I do not live in Shaftesbury, my elderly mother is local, and I visit the town regularly to spend time with her.

Whenever I am in Shaftesbury, Tumblers has become somewhere I genuinely look forward to visiting.

It is a warm, friendly and welcoming venue that offers far more than simply drinks. It provides a relaxed and safe environment where people can meet friends, socialise and enjoy the town's evening atmosphere. As a woman visiting on my own, I have always felt completely comfortable and safe entering the bar, which is something I value greatly.

The quality of the cocktails, the welcoming atmosphere and the professionalism of the staff make it a real asset to Shaftesbury. The landlady is passionate about the town and is a wonderful advocate for the local community. Businesses like Tumblers encourage people to stay in the town centre for longer, supporting the local economy and helping to create a vibrant yet respectful evening environment.

For me, visiting Tumblers is a lovely escape when I come to see my mother. It has become part of my visits to Shaftesbury, and I believe it makes a positive contribution to the town.

I hope you will give this application your favourable consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Licensing Officer,

I am writing to express my support for Tumblers Wine Bar in its application for a premises licence considered by Dorset Council.

I understand there is a noise complaint from a local neighbour. However, I believe it is important to highlight that the source of this noise was the car park situated next to the pub — a separate and distinct business — rather than Tumblers itself. It would seem unfair for the pub to be penalised for noise disturbances originating from a neighbouring property over which it has no control.

I am from Preston but currently work locally in the area, and over the past five months Tumblers has become my favourite place to spend time while away from home. In all my visits, I have found it to be a well-run, pleasant, and welcoming establishment. I have also seen first-hand that the staff, including Sally behind the bar, take a proactive approach to managing behaviour on the premises — on at least one occasion an individual causing a disturbance and noise was removed from the venue, showing a clear commitment to running things responsibly.

Given this, I would respectfully ask that the application be considered fairly, taking into account that the noise concern raised appears unrelated to how Tumblers itself is managed.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and for considering my support in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

(A regular visitor to Tumblers)

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From: [REDACTED]

Date: 18 July 2026 at 11:35:24 BST

To: licensing [REDACTED]

Subject: Tumblers Cocktail Bar

I frequent this establishment fairly regularly, I find it friendly and welcoming.

As a small family run business that has only been operating for a year I feel supporting this venture should be given every encouragement. Considering the amount of houses being built in this area this facility offers a more peaceful and relaxing environment compared to the other public houses in the more residential surroundings in the town. Unable to accommodate large numbers of people being the smallest bar in the town I fail to see how there can be a problem with this venue.

Thank you for your attention.


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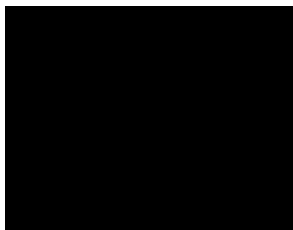
Dear Licensing Committee,

I'm writing to support the licence application for Tumblers Cocktail and Wine Bar in Shaftesbury.

Tumblers is a valued community hub and a welcoming place where people can meet and socialise. It is a well-run business that makes a positive contribution to the town, supports the local economy, and in my opinion is an asset to Shaftesbury.

I hope you will consider this application favourably.

Regards



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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my full support for the licence application for Tumblers Cocktail and Wine Bar in Shaftesbury.

Tumblers has become a valued part of our community and provides a welcoming, friendly, and well-managed environment where people can meet, socialise, and enjoy the town centre. It serves as an important community hub, bringing together residents and visitors alike, and contributes positively to the vibrancy and character of Shaftesbury.

The bar is an asset to the town, supporting the local economy and encouraging people to spend time in the area. It offers a quality venue that enhances Shaftesbury's social and hospitality scene while maintaining a respectful and responsible atmosphere.

I believe granting this licence application would benefit both the business and the wider community, and I hope you will give it your favourable consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my views.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

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Good morning

I am writing to offer my support to an application for Ben Davey to become licensee of the premises know as Tumblers.

I visit Shaftesbury regularly to see friends and family. This bar would always be our go to place for meeting for drinks. The reason we choose this is for the friendly welcome and personal service that is received. It's always good to support local business as this is the level of service you would expect from them. The atmosphere is always friendly and welcoming, and I would extend this to both staff and customers.

The bar is ideal for meeting friends to enjoy conversation with background music. In the summer the doors are opened meaning there is invariably a little more noise. What we have noticed is that the outside area is a walk through from town and there are often groups passing by, this is not necessarily noise from the bar itself. The setting does not appear to be in a highly residential area and is tucked back between other commercial building.

I would support this application, small and local businesses are such a vital part of the Shaftesbury community and their presence should be encouraged.

Yours sincerely

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Lovely venue, well organised, great atmosphere, respectful to surroundings

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Dear Licensing team

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the premises licence application for Tumblers – Cocktail & Wine Bar.

As someone who has visited Tumblers I feel it is important to share my own experience as I believe it presents a true reflection of how the business operates.

Tumblers has become a fantastic addition to our town. It offers something different to the usual pubs and bars by providing a relaxed, welcoming and professionally managed environment where people of all ages can enjoy quality food, drinks and company. It has created a social space that Shaftesbury has been missing for many years and has encouraged people to stay local rather than travel elsewhere for an evening out.

On every occasion I have visited I have found the premises to be clean, well organised and responsibly run. The staff are friendly, attentive and professional and I have always seen them behave responsibly towards customers. The atmosphere has always been enjoyable without feeling intimidating or out of control.

I understand there have been concerns raised regarding noise.

However, from my own experience, I have not witnessed excessive noise or behaviour that would cause unreasonable disturbance. Every licensed premises will naturally generate some level of conversation and activity but I have always found Tumblers to operate respectfully and within what would reasonably be expected of a town centre hospitality business.

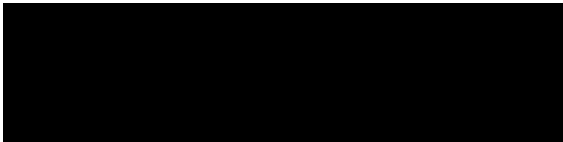
Businesses such as Tumblers are incredibly important for the local community. They support local employment, encourage people to spend money within our town, contribute to the evening economy and provide a safe environment for residents and visitors to meet socially. Independent businesses invest significant time, money and passion into creating places that benefit the wider community and I believe Tumblers is an excellent example of this.

I also believe it is important that licensing decisions take into account the views of the many customers who have had positive experiences not only those who may have concerns. My experiences at Tumblers have been consistently positive and I sincerely hope that this is considered alongside any objections received.

For these reasons I fully support the application for the new premises licence and respectfully ask that Dorset Council grants the application. I believe Tumblers has proven itself to be a responsible, valued and positive business for Shaftesbury and I hope it is able to continue serving the community for many years to come.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my representation.

Yours faithfully

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