



City of Westminster

# Licensing Sub-Committee Report

Item No:

Licensing Ref No:

**21/00981/LIREVP**

Date:

**15 April 2021**

Classification:

**For General Release**

Title of Report:

**89 Westbourne Park Road  
London  
W2 5QH**

Report of:

**Director of Public Protection and Licensing**

Policy context:

**City of Westminster Statement of Licensing  
Policy**

Financial summary:

**None**

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Senior Licensing Officer**

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## 1. APPLICATION DETAILS

<b>Application Type:</b>	A review of premises licence application under the Licensing Act 2003.		
<b>Applicant:</b>	Licensing Authority	<b>Date Application Received:</b>	10 February 2021
<b>Premises Name and Address:</b>	89 Westbourne Park Road London W2 5QH		
<b>Ward Name:</b>	Bayswater	<b>Cumulative Impact Area:</b>	None
<b>Description of Premises:</b>	The premises currently trade as a pub.		
<b>Preliminary Note:</b>	None		

## 2. SUMMARY OF APPLICATION

- 2.1 An application submitted by the Licensing Authority for a review of the premises licence for 89 Westbourne Park Road, London, W2 5QH was received on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 on the grounds of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety and the Prevention of Public Nuisance. **Please see Annex A1** for a copy of the application form. Two additional submissions were received from the Licensing Authority on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 and can be found at **Appendix 6**.
- 2.2 Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (para 11.2) states that at any stage following the grant of a premises licence, a responsible authority, such as the Police or the Environmental Health Service, or any other person who can seek a review, may ask the Licensing Authority to review the premises licence because of a matter arising at the premises in connection with any of the four licensing objectives.
- 2.3 As such, in accordance with section 52(2) of the above-mentioned Act, the Licensing Authority must hold a hearing to consider the application and any relevant representations.
- 2.4 The premises currently benefit from a premises licence that permits:
- |  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Playing of Recorded Music  | <b>Unrestricted</b> |
| <b>Late Night Refreshment</b>  |                     |
| Monday to Saturday:  | 23:00 to 00:30      |
| Sunday:  | 23:00 to 00:00      |
| Private Entertainment consisting of dancing, music or other entertainment of a like kind for consideration and with a view to profit | <b>Unrestricted</b> |
| <b>Sale by Retail of Alcohol</b>   |                     |
| Monday to Saturday:  | 10:00 to 00:00      |
| Sunday:  | 12:00 to 23:30      |
- A copy of the existing Premises Licence (16/06783/LIPDPS) is attached at **Appendix 1**
- 2.6 These review proceedings are brought under the licensing objectives on the grounds of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety and the Prevention of Public Nuisance

## **Prevention of Public Nuisance, Public Safety and the Prevention of Crime and Disorder - Noise complaints and failure to comply with Coronavirus regulations**

- 2.7 A history of incidents has been provided by the applicant can be found in **Annex A1**.
- 2.8 On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July; the first day of restrictions being lifted, Police were called to the venue, following a disturbance. Similar complaints have been received, including the Saturday night 5<sup>th</sup> of September at 10.30pm and again on the 16<sup>h</sup> of December 2020 at just after midnight.
- 2.9 On 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020 a further complaint was recorded; a different, local resident complained of loud music and customer noise on a regular basis over the whole weekend until 1-2am
- 2.10 On the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 at 00.30 a City Inspector attended the pub to find loud music escaping into the street, a number of people inside drinking and dancing, again in close proximity to each other. At 00.10 a complaint of loud audible music escaping from the venue was received at WCC.
- 2.11 On Sunday 30th of August at 6.42pm the weekend of a virtual Notting Hill Carnival; a City Inspector detected a breach of social distancing outside the premises.
- 2.12 Thursday the 19th of November 2020; Officers responded to a complaint made to the Police directly, the officers noticed a number of people drinking inside the venue. This breach of Covid regulations was dealt with by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice issued by Westminster Council.
- 2.13 On the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2020 at 00.07 a complaint was received from a local resident that social distancing regulations have been breached. Police attended The Cow in response to a call made directly to them, they found that customers were drinking 'take away' beer directly outside of the venue. This was in contravention of the guidelines.
- 2.14 Since July the 4<sup>th</sup> 2020, Westminster Council have received five complaints relating to noise from the venue and the behaviour of customers outside.

### **3. REPRESENTATIONS:**

- 3.1 A representation in support of the review was received from the Environmental Health Service on the **24 February 2021**, a copy of which can be found at **Annex B.1**.
- 3.2 A representation in support of the review was received from the Metropolitan Police Service on the **24 February 2021**, a copy of which can be found at **Annex B.2**.
- 3.3 The Licensing Service have received over 1300 representations from interested parties, both in support and opposing the review a copy of which can be found at **Annex B.3**

### **4. OPTIONS:**

- 4.1 The licensing Sub Committee will have a range of powers to exercise on determining a review where it considers them appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 4.2 The Authority must, having regard to the application and the representations, take such steps (if any), as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The steps are:
- (a) to modify the conditions of the licence;
  - (b) to exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence;

- (c) to remove the designated premises supervisor;
  - (d) to suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months;
  - (e) to revoke the licence;
- and for this purpose the conditions of the licence are modified if any of them is altered or omitted or any new condition added.

- 4.3 In accordance with section 52(6) of the 2003 Act, if the authority takes measures to modify conditions or exclude licensable activities from the licence, it may stipulate that the modification or exclusion is to have effect for only such period (not exceeding three months) as it may specify.
- 4.4 The licensing authority's determination of this application does not have effect until the 21 day appeal period has expired or if the decision is appealed the date the appeal is determined and/or disposed of.
- 4.5 The Licensing Authority has requested that certain conditions be considered if the Licensing Sub-Committee is minded not to revoke the licence. These conditions can be found in **Annex A1**.

**5. LICENSING ACT 2003 APPLICATIONS AND APPEAL HISTORY**

- 5.1 Any applications under the Licensing Act 2003 are set out in **Annex C**.

**6. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

The Council in its capacity as Licensing Authority has a duty to have regard to its public sector equality duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. In summary, section 149 provides that a Public Authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

- (a) eliminate discrimination harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
- (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristics and persons who do not share it.

Section 149 (7) of the Equality Act 2010 defines the relevant protected characteristics as age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation

<b>List of Annexes:</b>	<p>Annex A1 - Application for a Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appendix 1 – Current premises licence</li> <li>Appendix 2 – Witness Statements</li> <li>Appendix 3 – Extracts of Email correspondence</li> <li>Appendix 4 – Images taken on the 30th August by a Senior City Inspector</li> <li>Appendix 5 – Fixed Penalty Notice and appeal</li> <li>Appendix 6 – Additional Submissions for the applicant</li> </ul> <p>Annex B1 – Environmental Health Service representation in support of review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annex B1.1 – Environmental Health supporting documents</li> </ul> <p>Annex B2 – Metropolitan Police Service representation in support of review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annex B2.1 – Metropolitan Police Service’s supporting documents</li> </ul> <p>Annex B3 – Interested Party Representations</p> <p>Annex B4 – Premises Licence Holder’s supporting documents</p> <p>Annex C – Licence and Appeal History</p> <p>Annex D – Residential Map and list of premises in the vicinity</p>
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## **Background Documents – Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1972**

- Licensing Act 2003
- City of Westminster Statement of Licensing Policy (7<sup>th</sup> January 2021)
- Amended Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (April 2018)



# City of Westminster

## **APPLICATION FOR REVIEW**

**Please forward one copy of your completed application and any supporting documentation to:**

Licensing Service  
REVIEWS  
Westminster City Council  
Westminster City Hall  
15th Floor  
64 Victoria Street  
London  
SW1E 6QP

Fax: 020 7641 3238

### **AND**

**Please give one copy of your application and any supporting documentation to the Holder of the Premises Licence and each of the following responsible authorities on the same day that the application is served on the Licensing Service;**

The Chief Officer of Police  
Westminster Police Liaison Team

15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Westminster City Hall  
64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP

London Fire & Emergency Planning Authority  
156 Harrow Road  
London  
W2 6NI

Community Protection (Environmental Health; Health & Safety; Weights and Measures)

Westminster City Council  
Environmental Health Consultation Team  
15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Westminster City Hall  
64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP

Development Planning Services  
Westminster City Council  
64 Victoria Street  
London  
SW1E 6QP

Area Child Protection Committee  
Head of Commissioning – Child Protection & Quality, Social and Community  
Services – Children and Families  
4 Frampton Street  
NW8 8LF

**For boats only**

The Navigation Authority (for vessels not permanently moored)

Tidal Thames  
The Harbour Master  
The Port of London Authority, 7 Harp Lane, London EC3R 6LB

Non Tidal Thames  
The Environment Agency Recreation and Navigation, Thames Region, Kings  
Meadow House, Kings Meadow Road, Reading, RG1 8DQ

Canals  
The Leisure Manager  
British Waterways Board  
1 Sheldon Square, Paddington Central, London W2 6TT

And

The Surveyor General  
The Maritime & Coastguard Agency, Orpington Marine Office, Central Court, 1  
Knoll Rise

**Application for the review of a premises licence or club premises certificate under the Licensing Act 2003**

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I           Rosalind Hick, Head of Service; Public Protection and Licensing          

*(Insert name of applicant)*

**apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 / apply for the review of a club premises certificate under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (delete as applicable)**

**Part 1 – Premises or club premises details**

<b>Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b> The Cow Public House 89, Westbourne Park Road	
<b>Post town</b> London	<b>Post code (if known)</b> W2 5QH

<b>Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)</b> Tom Conran Restaurants Limited
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<b>Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)</b> 16/06783/LIPDPS
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**Part 2 - Applicant details**

I am

**Please tick yes**

- 1) an interested party (please complete (A) or (B) below)
- a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises
  - b) a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises
  - c) a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises
  - d) a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises



2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below) X

3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

**(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT** (fill in as applicable)

Please tick

Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Other title  
(for example, Rev)

**Surname**

**First names**

I am 18 years old or over

Please tick yes

**Current postal address if different from premises address**

**Post town**

**Post Code**

**Daytime contact telephone number**

**E-mail address (optional)**

**(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT**

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

### (C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address Licensing Authority 15 <sup>th</sup> Floor; Westminster City Council 64 Victoria Street SW1E 6QP
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional) gfranks@westminster.gov.uk

#### This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)

Please tick one or more boxes

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1) the prevention of crime and disorder | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) public safety                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) the prevention of public nuisance    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) the protection of children from harm | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

#### Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 1)

This review is sought in relation to The Cow PH and Dining Rooms, 89 Westbourne Park Road  
Premises Licence No. 16/06783/LIPDPS refers, a full copy of the Licence is attached at

##### Appendix 1

This review is sought to prevent:-

- 1) **The potential for crime and disorder,**
- 2) **The potential risk to public safety,**
- 3) **The potential for public nuisance**

The full circumstances are set out below but the brief facts include the following incidents:-

On **Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2020**; Officers responded to a complaint made to the Police directly, the officers noticed a number of people drinking inside the venue. The officers were wearing body cameras. The venue was serving drinks in open containers for consumption on the premises and not as a 'takeaway'. Police spoke directly with the Licence Holder Mr Tom Conran and deemed the matter to be a breach of regulations.

The venue was unable to provide the full premises Licence, when required to do so by the Police.

This breach of Covid regulations was dealt with by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice issued by Westminster Council.

Subsequently this notice was appealed by the venue, this appeal was rejected by another officer and later the Notice has been discharged by way of a £1000 fine.

The Notice and the e mail appeal are attached at **Appendix 5**

On **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> of August at 6.42pm** the weekend of a virtual Notting Hill Carnival; a City Inspector detected a breach of social distancing outside the premises; on intervention The Cow was advised to cease trading for a while,

On the **7<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 at 00.30** a City Inspector attended the pub to find loud music escaping into the street, a number of people inside drinking and dancing, again in close proximity to each other. This was beyond the terminal hour.  
The DPS was present but was unable to produce the full premises Licence.

On the **4<sup>th</sup> of July**; the first day of restrictions being lifted, Police were called to the venue, following a disturbance. A male has subsequently been charged with a serious assault; this matter is still awaiting trial.

On the **4<sup>th</sup> of July at 8.26pm and again on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2020**, WCC received complaints of music noise and general disorder by customers outside this pub. These complaints resulted in a meeting between WCC City Inspectors and the management team of The Cow PH. Advice was given and the venue explained the adjustments they had made subsequent to the first day of trading.

Similar complaints have been received, including the Saturday night 5<sup>th</sup> of September at 10.30pm and again on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2020 at just after midnight.

Since July the 4<sup>th</sup> 2020, Westminster Council have received five complaints relating to noise from the venue and the behaviour of customers outside. One further breach was found direct by Westminster officers and two others were found directly by Metropolitan Police.

**Please provide as much information as possible to support the application**  
(please read guidance note 2)

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

Police attended the venue in relation to a disturbance; ultimately one male was arrested for a serious assault. The time of the incident and how it was notified are unknown.

This matter is still awaiting trial and cannot be commented on much further. The investigating officer has indicated that he was able to view internal CCTV, with the assistance of The Cow PH, although the assault took place somewhere outside

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2020**

A local resident contacted Westminster Council at 8.26pm and made a complaint of noise and nuisance generated by The Cow. This matter was recorded on **20/20196/ENC45**; although no action, or investigation was able to take place that day. This was the first day of opening and proved to be very busy, so incidents had to be prioritised.

This complaint was subsequently brought to my attention and I spoke with the resident on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July; I then sent a message to The Cow the same day. I expressed my concerns and requested a meeting.

The Cow responded on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July and a meeting was agreed; e mails **attached at appendix 3**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2020**

A further complaint was recorded on **20/23695/ENC45**; a different, local resident complained of loud music and customer noise on a regular basis over the whole weekend until 1-2am. This complaint was made subsequent to any actual incident and we were unable to investigate, so this matter was also left to be addressed at the planned meeting with the management team.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2020**

At 00.10 a complaint of loud audible music escaping from the venue was received at WCC; in response to this complaint, City Inspector Adam Webb attended the venue at 00.30. He found music audible from at least 50 meters from the location; he saw many people inside, drinking and dancing, he recorded the matter on **20/24384/ELREAC**.

The management team present claimed that the people were staff and therefore not necessarily an offence under The Licensing Act if the alcohol had been supplied free of charge.

However, the lack of social distancing and actions of those present, certainly contravened Covid guidelines, giving a cause for concern, when those committing the offence, were the very same people charged with enforcing the guidelines.

The venue was unable to produce a Full Copy of the Premises Licence; an offence under Section 57 of The Licensing Act 2003

A full statement from Adam Webb is attached to these papers **at appendix 2**

This matter came to our attention just before the planned meeting.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

A meeting took place between various members from The Cow and WCC. Those present from The Cow were **Mr Hajrullah Gashi** (the Designated Premises Supervisor), **Mr Yavor Pinev** (General Manager) and **Mr Wotjek Peresada** (Assistant General Manager) **Mr Tom Conran** (Licence Holder) had been invited but was unable to attend and sent his apologies. Officers present from Westminster were City Inspector Sam Bucpapaj and Glyn Franks. We discussed at length, the incidents of nuisance since the premises had reopened on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

We also talked in detail about the incident on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August

The Cow explained that they had taken on security staff, specifically to deal with the outside areas at busy times, as they had recognised a change in the demographics of their customers.

Other conversations took place about their arrangements for social distancing, the management resilience in relation to Personal Licence Holders, or managers on duty at all times; CCTV and other related subjects.

The suggestion was made for agents representing The Cow PH, to submit a Minor Variation, to put additional conditions onto their Premises Licence, many of which were already being implemented voluntarily.

The details of this meeting are fully recorded on **20/24535/ELREAC**.

Ultimately, the managers decided to rely on their operational plan and not to make such an application, this decision was communicated on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September.

I responded to this decision on the 19<sup>th</sup> September; I also attached two images (**appendix 4**) taken on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August; which showed customers and or other pedestrians in the roadway, a potential risk to Public Safety made more difficult by the need to keep customers distanced.

This message was responded to on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September, by; or on behalf of the Licence Holder (Mr Tom Conran)

The details of these messages are attached to the papers. **Appendix 3**

#### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> of August**

On the weekend of the virtual Notting Hill carnival at 18.42; City Inspector Racheal Ejuetami found a large number of customers outside The Cow PH. Racheal advised the staff to stop serving alcohol for a period of time to regain control of the customers. When she returned later, the situation was improved. The details are fully recorded in her statement here attached at **Appendix 2**. The images exhibited by Racheal, are attached at **appendix 3**

#### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

On Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September an e mail was received by the Licensing Service at WCC; the message was ultimately passed through to me for information.

The message talked about matters occurring on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of September. The contents of this message are self-explanatory; but not verified.

A slightly redacted copy of this message is attached **at appendix 3**

#### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

On Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2020 at 18.50 uniformed Police found a number of people drinking alcohol from glasses in the venue; there were a significant number of staff and customers present. The Police formed the opinion that the premises were trading normally and in contravention of Covid Regulations.

One of the attending officers, PC Nicholas Peach, has made a full statement which is attached to the papers. **At appendix 2**

The venue were again unable to provide a copy of the Premises Licence; an offence under Section 57.

This matter has been recorded on **20/36316/COVFPN**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Police attended The Cow in response to a call made directly to them, they found that customers were drinking 'take away' beer directly outside of the venue. This was in contravention of the guidelines.

They intervened and spoke to staff present at the time.

This matter and others, has been recorded on a statement by the dedicated local officer; PC Andy Burgin, which is also attached to these papers. **Appendix 2**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2020 at 00.07 a complaint was received from a local resident that a number of customers were still present outside The Cow PH. It was stated that they had been there for a couple of hours, having remained after the pub had closed.

This was the same day that Greater London went into Tier 3 and premises could only deal in take away and delivery from midnight onwards. Essentially trading on the 15<sup>th</sup> was the last night.

This matter was not subject of further investigation and is recorded on **20/38943/ENNS45**.

In response to the above breaches and failings; if the Licensing Committee see fit to allow the Licence to remain,

I would seek additional model conditions to be imposed in order to uphold the principles of The Licensing Objectives;

**MC01**

The premises shall install and maintain a comprehensive CCTV system as per the minimum requirements of the Westminster Police Licensing Team. All entry and exit points will be covered enabling frontal identification of every person entering in any light condition. The CCTV system shall continually record whilst the premises is open for licensable activities and during all times when customers remain on the premises. All recordings shall be stored for a minimum period of 31 days with date and time stamping. Viewing of recordings shall be made available immediately upon the request of Police or authorised officer throughout the entire 31 day period.

**MC02**

A staff member from the premises who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system be on the premises at all times when the premises is open. This staff member must be able to provide a Police or authorised council officer copies of recent CCTV images or data with the absolute minimum of delay when requested.

**MC03**

There shall be a personal licence holder on duty on the premises at all times when the premises are authorised to sell alcohol.

**MC 05**

A minimum of (X) SIA licensed door supervisors shall be on duty at the premises at all times whilst it is open for business. (*I suggest 2 staff*) (*Or agreed specified times*)

**( To replace current condition 14)**

**MC09**

All staff engaged outside the entrance to the premises, shall wear high visibility jackets or vests.

**MC 14**

All windows and external doors shall be kept closed after (21:00) hours, or at any time when regulated entertainment takes place, except for the immediate access and egress of persons.

**MC15**

There shall be no admittance or re-admittance to the premises after (23.00) except for patrons permitted to temporarily leave the premises to smoke. *(To further consider that No Alcohol is consumed outside the premises after the same time of 23.00?)*

**MC19**

All outside tables and chairs shall be rendered unusable by (23.00) each day.

**MC24**

A direct telephone number for the manager at the premises shall be publicly available at all times the premises is open. This telephone number is to be made available to residents and businesses in the vicinity.

**MC47**

A Challenge 21 or Challenge 25 proof of age scheme shall be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are recognised photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence, passport or proof of age card with the PASS Hologram.

**MC49**

An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available on request to an authorised officer of the City Council or the Police. It must be completed within 24 hours of the incident and will record the following: (a) all crimes reported to the venue (b) all ejections of patrons (c) any complaints received concerning crime and disorder (d) any incidents of disorder (e) all seizures of drugs or offensive weapons (f) any faults in the CCTV system, searching equipment or scanning equipment (g) any refusal of the sale of alcohol (h) any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.

**MC71**

The premises licence holder shall ensure that any patrons drinking and/or smoking outside the premises do so in an orderly manner and are supervised by staff so as to ensure that there is no public nuisance or obstruction of the public highway.

**Please tick yes**

Have you made an application for review relating to this premises before

If yes please state the date of that application

Day

Month

Year



**If you have made representations before relating to this premises please state what they were and when you made them**

Not Applicable

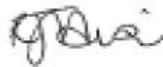
Please tick yes

- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

**IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION**

**Part 3 – Signatures** (please read guidance note 3)

**Signature of applicant or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent** (See guidance note 4). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**



Signature

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Date 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021

.....

Capacity Head of Service, Central, Public Protection & Licensing

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**Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 5)**

**Post town**

**Post Code**

**Telephone number (if any)**

**If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)**

### **Notes for Guidance**

1. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
2. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
3. The application form must be signed.
4. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
5. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

# Appendix One

Copy of Premises Licence

16/06783/LIPDPS



Schedule 12  
Part A

WARD: Bayswater  
UPRN: 010033599229

# City of Westminster

64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP

## Premises licence

Regulation 33, 34

Premises licence number:

16/06783/LIPDPS

Original Reference:

05/08224/LIPC

### Part 1 – Premises details

#### Postal address of premises:

The Cow  
89 Westbourne Park Road  
London  
W2 5QH

Telephone Number: 0207 221 5400

#### Where the licence is time limited, the dates:

Not applicable

#### Licensable activities authorised by the licence:

Playing of Recorded Music  
Late Night Refreshment  
Private Entertainment consisting of dancing, music or other entertainment of a like kind for consideration and with a view to profit  
Sale by Retail of Alcohol

#### The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities:

**Playing of Recorded Music** Unrestricted

#### Late Night Refreshment

Monday to Saturday: 23:00 to 00:30  
Sunday: 23:00 to 00:00

**Private Entertainment consisting of dancing, music or other entertainment of a like kind for consideration and with a view to profit** Unrestricted

#### Sale by Retail of Alcohol

Monday to Saturday: 10:00 to 00:00  
Sunday: 12:00 to 23:30

*For times authorised for Christmas, New Year and Good Friday see conditions at Annex 1*

#### The opening hours of the premises:

Monday to Saturday: 10:00 to 00:30  
Sunday: 12:00 to 00:00

**Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol, whether these are on and/or off supplies:**

Alcohol is supplied for consumption both on and off the Premises.

**Part 2**

**Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence:**

Tom Conran Restaurants Limited  
Finsgate 5-7 Cranwood Street  
London  
EC1V 9EE  
*Electronic Mail : office@thecowlondon.co.uk*

**Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)**

02894488

**Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol:**

**Name:** Hajrullah Gashi

*Please note: It is the policy of the Licensing Authority not to display the address details of a designated premises supervisor.*

**Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol:**

**Licence Number:** LN/00013838  
**Licensing Authority:** Three Rivers District Council

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ 17 August 2016 \_\_\_\_\_

**This licence has been authorised by Miss Susan Patterson on behalf of the Director - Public Protection and Licensing.**

## Annex 1 – Mandatory conditions

1. No supply of alcohol may be made at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of this licence.
2. No supply of alcohol may be made at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or the personal licence is suspended.
3. Every supply of alcohol under this licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.
4.
  - (1) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.
  - (2) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises
    - (a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to;
      - (i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or
      - (ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);
    - (b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
    - (c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
    - (d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner;
    - (e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of a disability).
5. The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.
6.
  - (1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.
  - (2) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.
  - (3) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either -
    - (a) a holographic mark, or
    - (b) an ultraviolet feature.
7. The responsible person must ensure that –

- (a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures -
  - (i) beer or cider: ½ pint;
  - (ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
  - (iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml;
- (b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and
- (c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available.

A responsible person in relation to a licensed premises means the holder of the premise licence in respect of the premises, the designated premises supervisor (if any) or any individual aged 18 or over who is authorised by either the licence holder or designated premises supervisor. For premises with a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity that which enables him to prevent the supply of alcohol.

- 8 (i) A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.
- (ii) For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph 8(i) above -
  - (a) "duty" is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979;
  - (b) "permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula -
 
$$P = D + (D \times V)$$
 Where -
    - (i) P is the permitted price,
    - (ii) D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and
    - (iii) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;
  - (c) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence -
    - (i) the holder of the premises licence,
    - (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or
    - (iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;
  - (d) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and
  - (e) "value added tax" means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.
- (iii). Where the permitted price given by Paragraph 8(ii)(b) above would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.
- (iv). (1) Sub-paragraph 8(iv)(2) below applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph 8(ii)(b) above on a day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted price on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.



- (2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

**Conditions which reproduce the effect of any restriction imposed on the use of the premises by specified enactment**

9. (i) Alcohol may be sold or supplied:
- (a) On weekdays, other than Christmas Day, Good Friday or New Year's Eve, 10:00 to 23:00
  - (b) On Sundays, other than Christmas Day or New Year's Eve, 12:00 to 22:30
  - (c) On Good Friday, 12:00 to 22:30
  - (d) On Christmas Day, 12:00 to 15:00 and 19:00 to 22:30
  - (e) On New Year's Eve, except on a Sunday, 10:00 to 23:00
  - (f) On New Year's Eve on a Sunday, 12:00 to 22:30
  - (g) On New Year's Eve from the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on the following day (or, if there are no permitted hours on the following day, midnight on 31st December).
- (ii) Alcohol may be sold or supplied for one hour following the hours set out above (other than Christmas Day and New Year's Eve), and on Christmas Day, between 15.00 and 19.00, to persons taking table meals in the premises in a part of the premises usually set apart for the service of such persons and for consumption by such a person in that part of the premises as an ancillary to his meal. For other purposes or in other parts of the premises the hours set out above shall continue to apply.

NOTE - The above restrictions do not prohibit:

- (a) during the first thirty minutes after the above hours the consumption of the alcohol on the premises;
- (b) during the first twenty minutes after the above hours, the taking of the alcohol from the premises unless the alcohol is supplied or taken in an open vessel;
- (c) during the first thirty minutes after the above hours the consumption of the alcohol on the premises by persons taking table meals there if the alcohol was supplied for consumption as ancillary to the meals;
- (d) the sale or supply of alcohol to or the consumption of alcohol by any person residing in the licensed premises;
- (e) the ordering of alcohol to be consumed off the premises, or the despatch by the vendor of the alcohol so ordered;
- (f) the sale of alcohol to a trader or registered club for the purposes of the trade or club;
- (g) the sale or supply of alcohol to any canteen or mess, being a canteen in which the sale or supply of alcohol is carried out under the authority of the Secretary of State or an authorised mess of members of Her Majesty's naval, military or air forces;
- (h) the taking of alcohol from the premises by a person residing there;
- (i) the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises to any private friends of a person residing there who are bona fide entertained by him at his own expense, or the consumption of alcohol by persons so supplied;
- (j) the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises to persons employed there for the purposes of the business carried on by the holder of the licence, or the consumption of liquor so supplied, if the liquor is supplied at the expense of their employer or of the person carrying on or in charge of the business on the premises.

In this condition, any reference to a person residing in the premises shall be construed as including a person not residing there but carrying on or in charge of the business on the premises.

10. No person under fourteen shall be in the bar of the licensed premises during the permitted hours unless one of the following applies:

- (a) He is the child of the holder of the premises licence.
- (b) He resides in the premises, but is not employed there.
- (c) He is in the bar solely for the purpose of passing to or from some part of the premises which is not a bar and to or from which there is no other convenient means of access or egress.
- (d) The bar is in railway refreshment rooms or other premises constructed, fitted and intended to be used bona fide for any purpose to which the holding of the licence is ancillary.

In this condition "bar" includes any place exclusively or mainly used for the consumption of intoxicating liquor. But an area is not a bar when it is usual for it to be, and it is, set apart for the service of table meals and alcohol is only sold or supplied to persons as an ancillary to their table meals.

- 11. The terminal hour for late night refreshment on New Year's Eve is extended to 05:00 on New Year's Day.

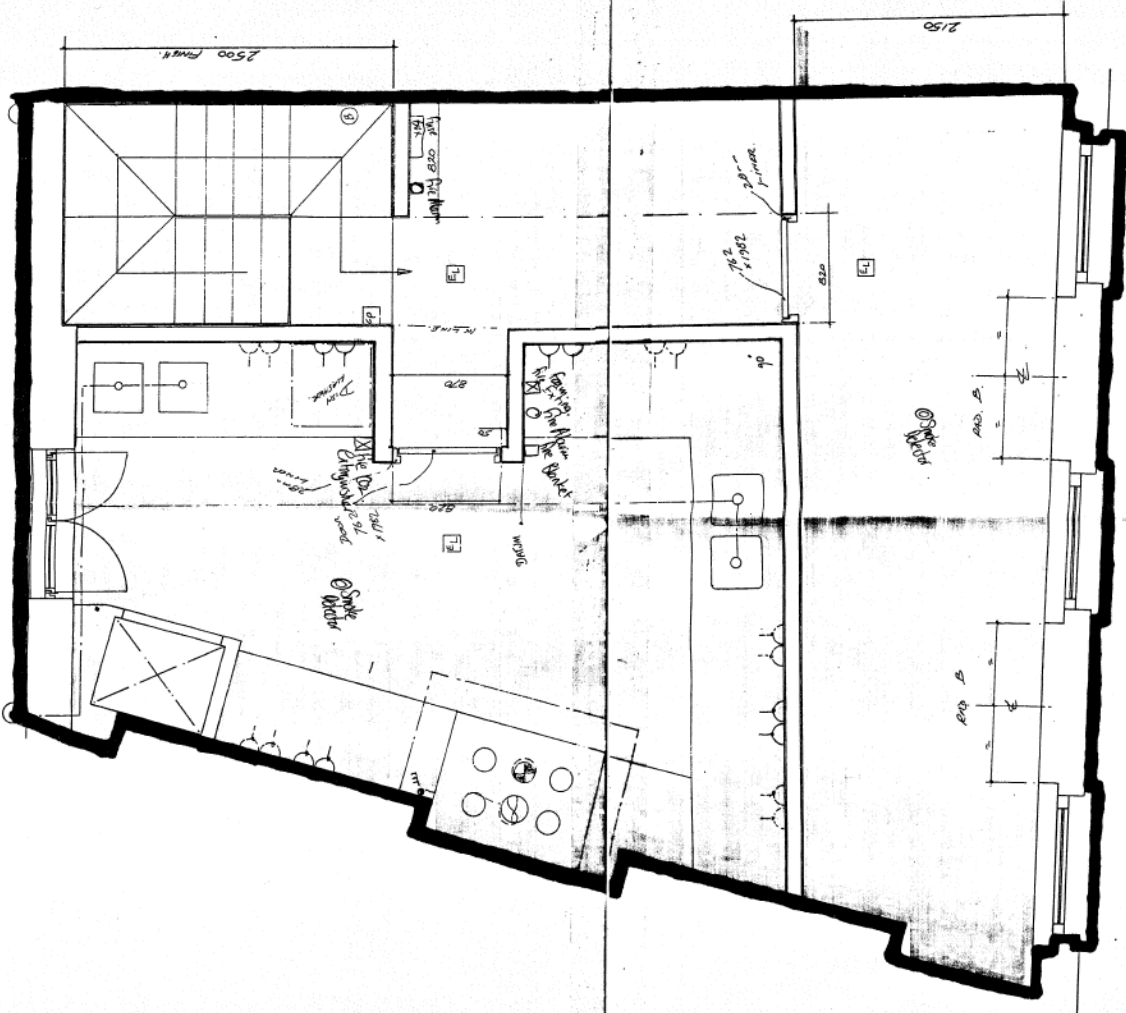
## **Annex 2 – Conditions consistent with the operating Schedule**

12. Consumption of alcohol outside the public house shall be restricted to the private forecourt to the front of the premises.
13. The number of outside customers shall not exceed 30.
14. An SIA registered door supervisor shall be employed to manage the outside area during all pre-booked events at the premises where the guest list exceeds 50 customers.
15. The front entrance door of the premises shall be kept closed at any time when regulated entertainment takes place, except for the immediate access and egress of persons. A self closing mechanism shall be installed to the front entrance door.
16. Notices shall be prominently displayed at all entrances requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and use the area quietly.
17. The pavement from the building line to the kerb edge immediately outside the premises, including gutter/channel at its junction with the kerb edge shall be swept and or washed, and litter and sweepings collected and stored in accordance with the approved refuse storage arrangements.

**Annex 3 – Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority**

None

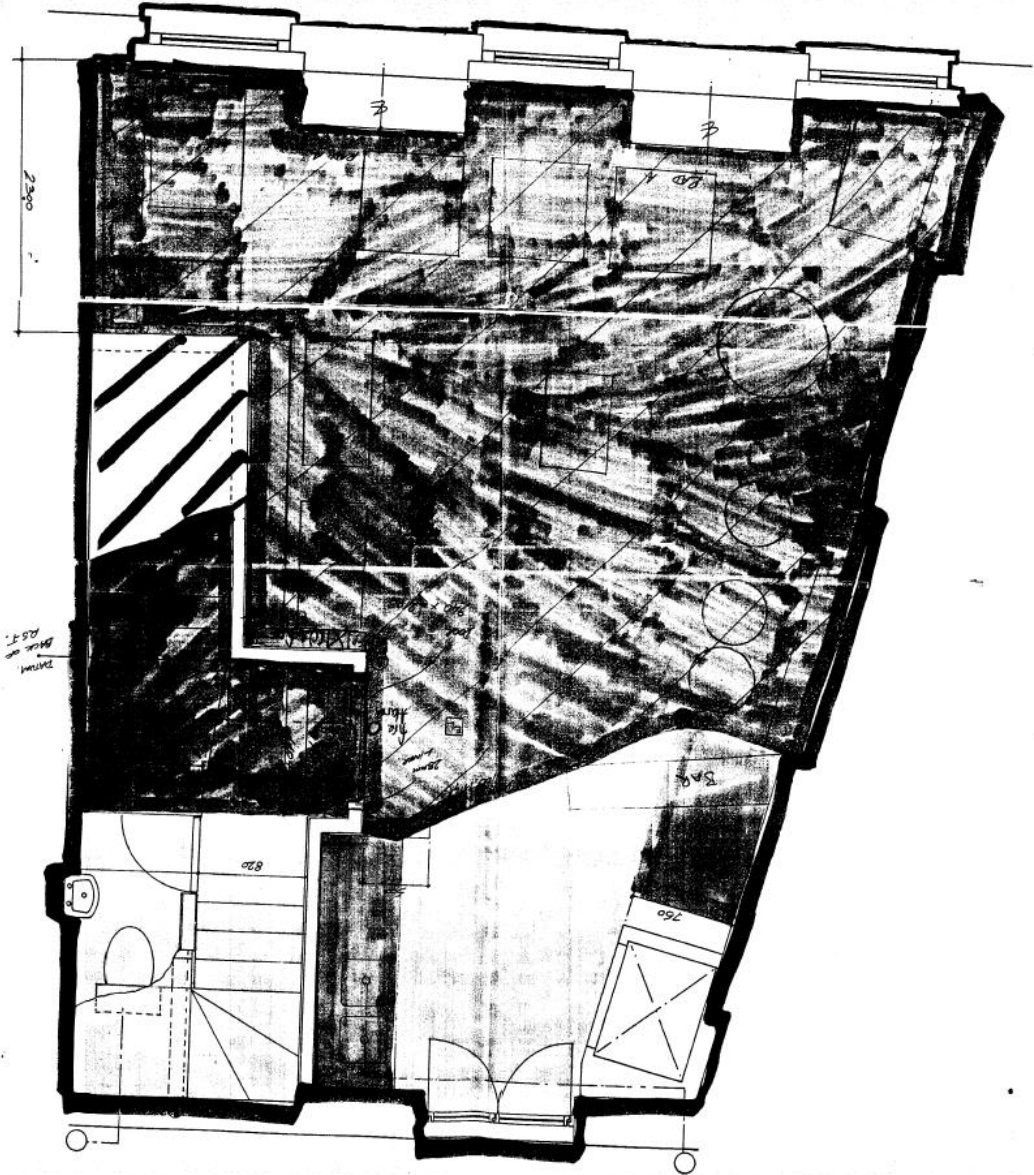
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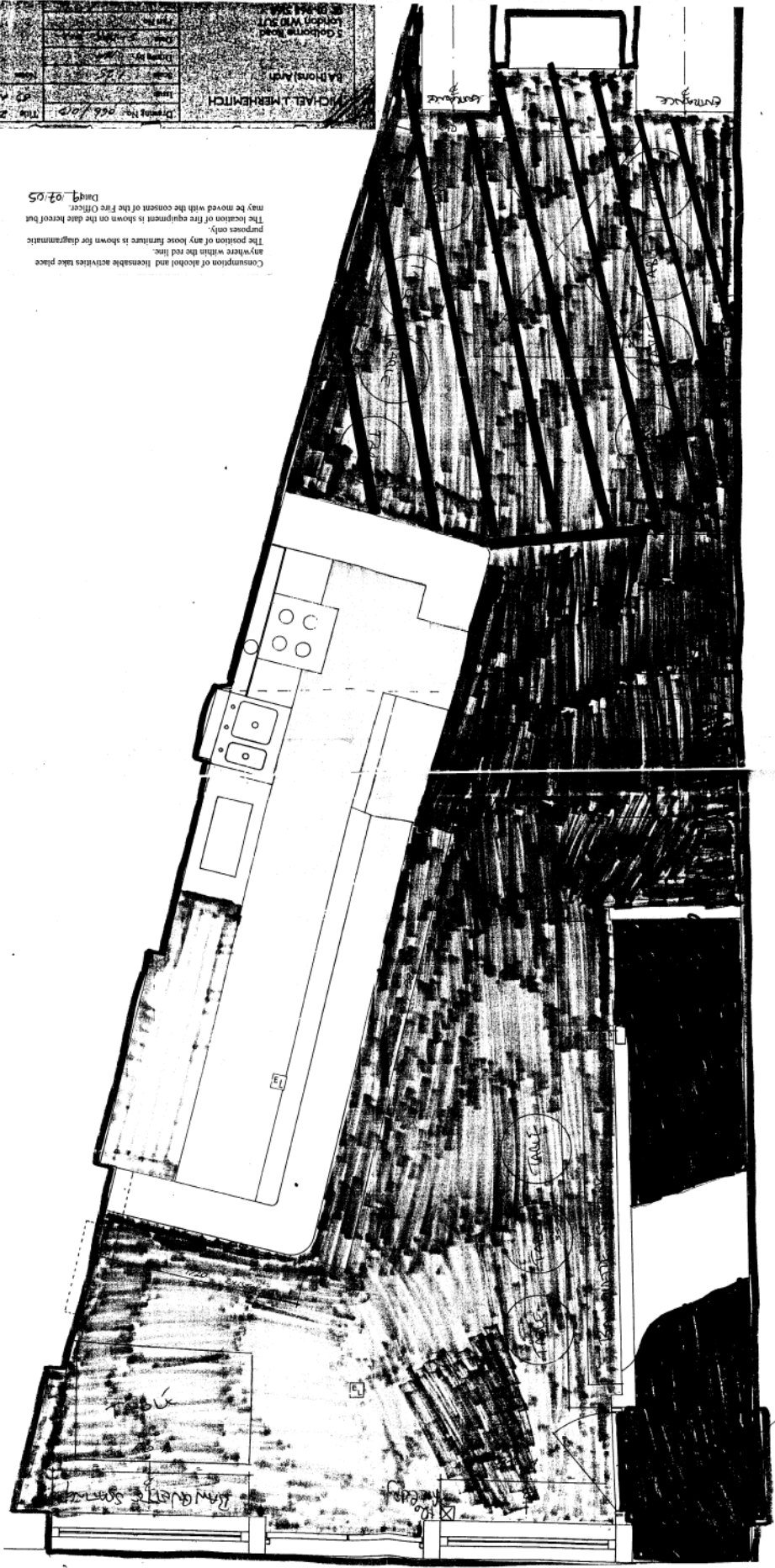
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Date: 1/27/05



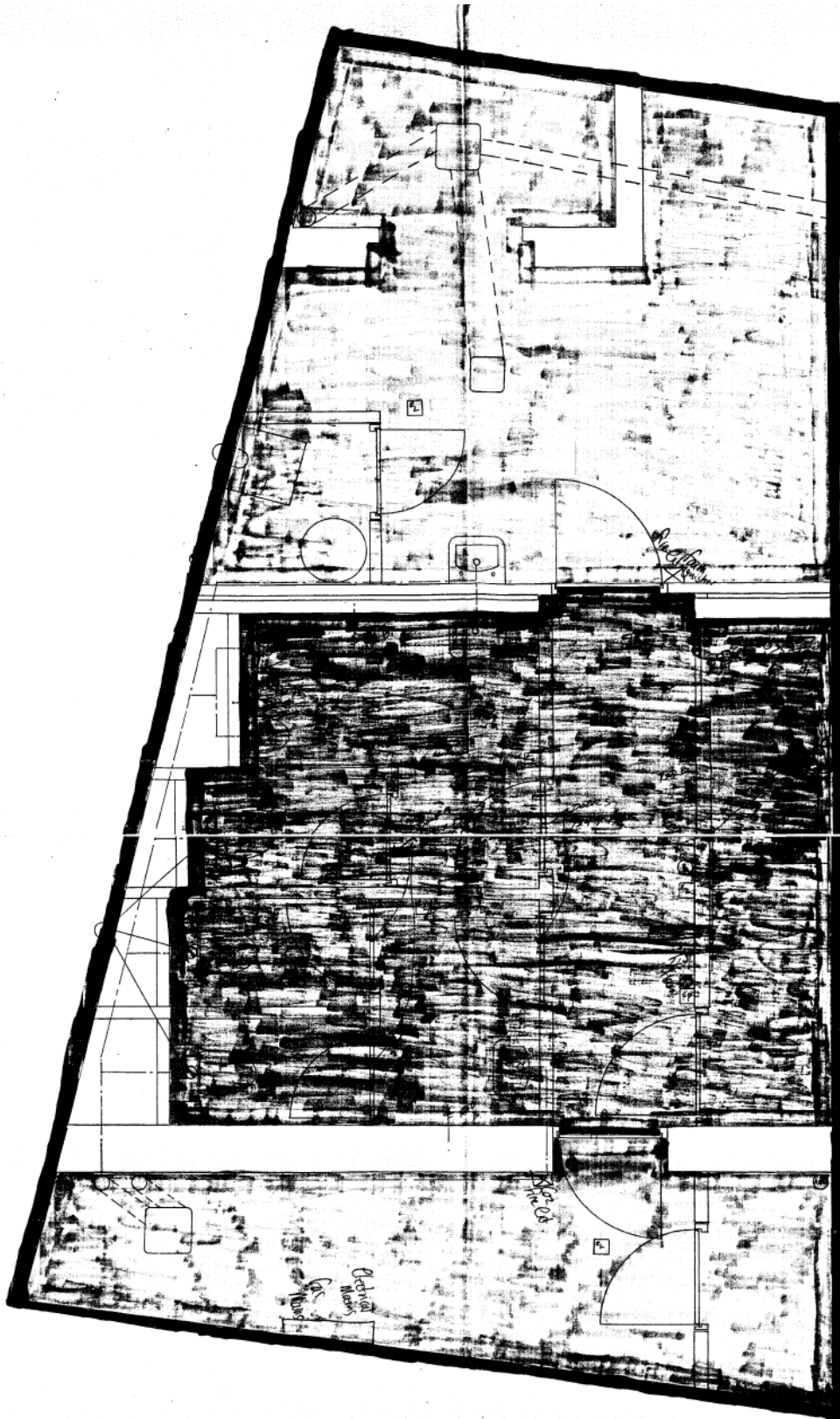
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**City of Westminster**  
64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP

Schedule 12  
Part B

WARD: Bayswater  
UPRN: 010033599229

Premises licence  
summary

Regulation 33, 34

Premises licence number:

16/06783/LIPDPS

**Part 1 – Premises details**

**Postal address of premises:**

The Cow  
89 Westbourne Park Road  
London  
W2 5QH

**Telephone Number:** 0207 221 5400

**Where the licence is time limited, the dates:**

Not applicable

**Licensable activities authorised by the licence:**

Playing of Recorded Music  
Late Night Refreshment  
Private Entertainment consisting of dancing, music or other entertainment of a like kind for consideration and with a view to profit  
Sale by Retail of Alcohol

**The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities:**

**Playing of Recorded Music** Unrestricted

**Late Night Refreshment**

Monday to Saturday: 23:00 to 00:30  
Sunday: 23:00 to 00:00

**Private Entertainment consisting of dancing, music or other entertainment of a like kind for consideration and with a view to profit** Unrestricted

**Sale by Retail of Alcohol**

Monday to Saturday: 10:00 to 00:00  
Sunday: 12:00 to 23:30

*For times authorised for Christmas, New Year and Good Friday see conditions at Annex 1*

**The opening hours of the premises:**

Monday to Saturday: 10:00 to 00:30  
Sunday: 12:00 to 00:00

**Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol, whether these are on and/or off supplies:**

Alcohol is supplied for consumption both on and off the Premises.

**Name and (registered) address of holder of premises licence:**

Tom Conran Restaurants Limited  
Finsgate 5-7 Cranwood Street  
London  
EC1V 9EE

**Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)**

02894488

**Name of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol:**

**Name:** Hajrullah Gashi

**State whether access to the premises by children is restricted or prohibited:**

Restricted

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ 17 August 2016 \_\_\_\_\_

**This licence has been authorised by Miss Susan Patterson on behalf of the Director - Public Protection and Licensing.**

# Appendix Two

## Witness Statements from:-

**Senior City Inspector Glyn Franks, Dated 30<sup>th</sup> of December of 5 pages**  
(Giving a general overview of the history relating to The Cow)

**City Inspector Adam Webb, Dated the 8<sup>th</sup> of December of 4 pages**  
(Detailing his findings relating to Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of August)

**Senior City Inspector Racheal Ejuetami, Dated 7<sup>th</sup> of January of 2 pages**  
(Detailing her findings on Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> of August)

**Police Constable Nicholas Peach, dated the 19<sup>th</sup> of November of 1 page**  
(Detailing a breach of Covid Regulations on 19<sup>th</sup> of November)

**Police Constable Adam Burgin, dated the 4<sup>th</sup> of December of 2 pages**  
(Detailing his findings as the Dedicated Ward Officer for The Cow)

## WITNESS STATEMENT

(C.J. Act, 1967, s.9; M.C. Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, r.27.1 (1))

Statement of: Glyn Terence Franks

Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation Senior City Inspector

Address and Telephone Number:

Westminster City Council  
 City Operations  
 Public Protection and Licensing  
 15th Floor  
 City Hall  
 64 Victoria St  
 London SW1E 6QP

This statement (consisting of five (5) pages signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated: 30th of December 2020

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) I am employed by Westminster City Council, as a Senior City Inspector and I have held this position since July 2007. I am authorised to enter and inspect premises, make enquiries within these premises then to exercise the functions and powers as contained under the provisions of The Licensing Act 2003 and The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No.4) Regulations 2020 as amended (SI 2020: No 1200)
- 2) This statement relates to an application to a review of the premises Licence for The Cow PH at 89 Westbourne Park Road W2 5QH; 16/06783/LIPDPS refers. The Licence holder for the premises is shown as a Tom Conran Restaurants, they have held the Licence since before 2005.
- 3) The Designated Premises Supervisor; a Mr Hajrullah Gashi has been in post since August 2016.
- 4) This statement has been prepared following reference to Westminster Council records and extracts from electronic messages between myself and agents representing The Cow PH
- 5) As a result of several incidents over a period of time I am of the opinion that The Cow PH, the Licence Holder and the management team lack the ability, or the inclination to uphold the Licensing Objectives; specifically in relation to The Prevention of Public Nuisance, The Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety.
- 6) I will now set out the circumstances which have brought this opinion. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2020 at 20.26 a resident contacted Westminster Council's Environmental Hotline with the following:-  
**Responsible party: The Cow Pub & Dining Rooms**

## WITNESS STATEMENT

(C.J. Act, 1967, s.9; M.C. Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, r.27.1 (1))

Continuation of statement of: Glyn Franks

**Notes: Big gatherings of people outside of The Cow Pub & Dining Rooms. This also causing traffic not being able to get past, as people are standing in the middle of the road drinking.** The officer receiving this complaint passed the details to the local team of City Inspectors for information at a later date.

- 7) It is a matter of record that uniformed Police attended on this date and a male was arrested for an assault; this matter is still awaiting trial and no further details can be disclosed to me by the Police
- 8) On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2020, the same customer as above contacted the Licensing Service at WCC regarding his concerns. I spoke with the customer the next day; at length he discussed his concerns, which he had also shared with a Solicitor at The Citizens Advice Bureau. I sent a message to the management of The Cow that same day (the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2020.) I expressed my concerns regarding the management of the outside area, I requested a meeting and a written response. The details of these messages are reproduced and attached to the review papers **at appendix 3**
- 9) A response was received from The Cow on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July, the contents of that e mail signed by a Wotjek Peresada is also attached to the papers **at appendix3**
- 10) A meeting was arranged for the 12<sup>th</sup> of August; this being the first opportunity both sides were able to fulfil.
- 11) On the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2020 a local resident contacted WCC via its website to complain of activities taking place the day before 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2020; the text of the complaint follows:-  
**Location: The Cow Pub music and people on streets in front and around the pub**  
**Notes: Every single Thursday, Friday and Saturday there is 100s of people outside The Cow until 1-2am.**  
**The pub continues to play loud music until this time and keeps serving drinks to customers.**
- 12) The receiving officer contacted this resident; as the matters were now history, he also passed them to the local team for attention. It was known by this time that a meeting was planned with the venue, to be dealt with at the same time.
- 13) On the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2020, at 23,54 a complaint was made regarding noise from The Cow PH in Westbourne Park Road. This complaint was made anonymously, but from a different address to the two residents referred to above.
- 14) A City Inspector attended on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August some 15 minutes after the complaint was received. He found The Cow to be still operating, with loud music audible from a distance of 50 metres. He also observed people drinking and dancing, in contravention of Covid guidelines and possibly in



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Signature witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_


## WITNESS STATEMENT

(C.J. Act, 1967, s.9; M.C. Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, r.27.1 (1))

Continuation of statement of: Glyn Franks

contravention of the Premises Licence. The officer engaged with the managers on duty including the Premises Supervisor.

- 15) The managers were unable to produce the Full Current Premises Licence, this is an offence in itself under Section 57 of The Licensing Act. Please see the full statement by Adam Webb attached to these papers for his account; **at appendix 2**
- 16) On Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 at 11am, with City Inspector Sam Bucpapaj, I met with the DPS Mr Hajrullah Gashi; Mr Yavor Pinev (General Manager) and Mr Wojtek Peresada (Assistant General Manager) Mr Tom Conran (Licence Holder) had been invited but was unable to attend. From the discussions I was confident that his management team were able to represent him adequately.
- 17) I explained the concerns regarding the complaints around the outside area, plus the recent visit by Adam Webb. In broad terms all three of the team accepted that some difficulties had been encountered since the re-opening on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. For this reason, they had now employed SIA staff to monitor the outside area at busy times especially Friday and Saturday evenings.
- 18) We talked about the procedures for making a Covid safe and compliant operation, the CCTV system in place and other general management responsibilities. I was satisfied that procedures were in place; however, I suggested that The Cow should consider a Minor Variation to the Premises Licence in order that we could better enforce these amendments and for The Cow to display a commitment to the Licensing Objectives. The meeting ended amicably.
- 19) I later sent a message with a link to the WCC model Conditions and identified a number of conditions for consideration. I received a response dated the 18<sup>th</sup> of September sent by Mr Peresada; which indicated following consideration they would not be submitting a Minor Variation, but they had increased the number and times for the SIA staff. The details of these e mails are also attached to the papers **at appendix 3**
- 20) I responded to this message on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September, to which I added two images taken outside The Cow PH on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August (Notting Hill weekend) which showed customers and others walking in the roadway. The images are attached **at appendix 4**
- 21) I received a response to these images via a message dated the 21<sup>st</sup> of September signed by, or on behalf of Tom Conran (Licence Holder) the details are again attached. Mr Conran indicated to his team the need to maintain Covid compliance in a difficult working environment.
- 22) From November the 5<sup>th</sup> 2020 another National Lockdown restricted all pubs from opening, other than for take away and delivery; until December the 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 23) On Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November Police officers attended The Cow PH at around 1850; they found a number of people drinking from open glasses, they saw a number of staff present and they formed the opinion that the pub was trading as normal in contravention of the Covid Regulations. The officers had body worn cameras recording the incident.



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Signature witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_

## WITNESS STATEMENT

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Continuation of statement of: Glyn Franks

- 24) Mr Thomas Conran was present and engaged with a Police Officer directly. The details are found in the statement of PC Nicholas Perch. **Attached at appendix 2**  
Again the management were unable to provide the full Premises Licence, another breach of Section 57 of The Licensing Act
- 25) On the 20<sup>th</sup> of November Mr James Hayes a Team Manager issued a Fixed Penalty Notice to Mr Conran and The Cow PH for the breach of regulations. **A copy is attached at appendix 5**
- 26) On the 20<sup>th</sup> of November I received a request from The Cow PH, for a PDF version of their current Premises Licence, which I sent along with some advice regarding the Licence Holder's responsibilities under Section 57.  
A extract of the message is attached **at appendix 3**
- 27) On the 29<sup>th</sup> of November a written representation was received at WCC, the venue disputed the circumstances and asked the FPN to be removed. This appeal was reviewed by another authorised officer at Westminster and the appeal was dismissed on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December. Subsequently, we have been contacted by a representative of The Cow, a Mr Thomas Flynn; attempting to discharge their responsibility by paying the amount of £1000.
- 28) On the 26<sup>th</sup> of November, uniformed Police attended The Cow PH to deal with customers drinking "Take Away" alcohol on the terrace of the pub. No social distancing was taking place and customers should not have been drinking in the vicinity of the pub. The customers were moved away. The details of this incident are recorded in a statement from PC Andy Burgin **attached at appendix 2**
- 29) On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December I sent an e mail to The Cow, asking them to retain the images from their CCTV for the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup> of November as described at paragraph 23. My message was passed by The Cow to the attention of a Mr Thomas Flynn. On  
the 6<sup>th</sup> of December a reply from The Cow was sent to WCC; which indicated that the CCTV was being upgraded during this period and was therefore not operating.  
An extract from the e mails is attached. **At appendix 3**
- 30) On the 16<sup>th</sup> of December at 00.07 Westminster Council received a complaint as follows:- **Location: Outside the cow pub**  
**Notes: There are around 30 people standing on the street screaming and shouting, they have been there for a few hours at the Cow Pub and when it closed they are just standing in the street.**  
This complaint was not investigated further at the time.
- 31) The date has some significance; as Greater London went into a Tier 3 Lockdown at midnight on the 16<sup>th</sup>, allowing take away and delivery only; so 11pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> would have been the last night of 'normal trading'



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WITNESS STATEMENT

(C.J. Act, 1967, s.9; M.C. Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, r.27.1 (1))

Continuation of statement of: Glyn Franks

- 32) The complaints received from members of the public show a consistency of complaint and yet have been made by different people. In the matters where details were given, most of the complaints relate to their neighbours, living locally.
- 33) I have also attached an extract from a message received into the Licensing Service on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September. The customer speaks about his concerns on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September. This matter was never investigated and cannot be substantiated; however, it echoes similar complaints as evidenced above, and I submit the details for information only. **Appendix 3**
- 34) In my opinion the Licence holder and management team for this venue, show little regard for the principles of the Licensing Act ; or to the guidance under the Covid regulations; the reports and failings as detailed above, have taken place, despite receiving advice, enforcement action and visits by authorised officers.
- 35) All of the above events have taken place during an exceptional time for the Country and for commercial premises in particular. Advice from Central Government; which has been echoed by Westminster Council, has been to allow a very light touch when it comes to enforcement action. The management of The Cow have received that light touch, however, their actions have made this review inevitable.



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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS***(Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9)*

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Statement of: Constable Nicholas Peach  
 Age if under 18: Over 18  
 Occupation: Police officer

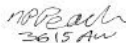
This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:

Date: 19 Nov 2020

This statement is in regards to the COW Public House at 87 WESTBOURNE PARK ROAD W2. On THURSDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2020 I was on duty in Police uniform conducting COVID 19 patrols using call sign AW677L. I was on duty with PC JETHWA 2212AW. At 1756 hours cad 5659/19NOV20 came out over the radio regarding a Pub that was open for business and trading. Because the information we had was that the pub was full of customers I was unsure the amount of customers inside or the risk. Therefore I contacted another covid 19 car on duty. Call sign AW660L. They attended with us. We arrived at 1850 hours. As we approached the outside of the premises there were at least 10-15 people sitting outside the front in the seating area drinking and socialising. These are built in seating areas split into one section each side of the door. All the seats were occupied and everyone was drinking. I entered the pub via the door to the right of the seating area. As I entered the pub it was obvious the pub was doing some sort of trading. Inside in the bar area there were at least 7-10 customers standing at the bar. They were standing there with drinks that had been served to them. The drinks were in open top glasses with various amounts and levels missing which was consistent with people having drank from them. They had been served from behind the bar. Stood behind the bar were at least 6-7 staff members working behind the bar and 9 in the pub in general. A male came up to me who I now know to be Mr Thomas CONRAN date of birth 03/04/1964, He informed me he was the owner of the pub. He said 'WE ARE NOT OPEN'. I said 'YOU ARE THERE ARE PEOPLE HERE DRINKING'. At this point people started to leave. I Said, 'YOU'RE OPEN AND TRADING SIR.' He replied 'WE ARE NOT TRADING. WE ARE NOT TRADING.' I replied, 'YOU ARE OPEN. PC YOUNG who was in AW660L said 'YOU HAVE BEEN TAKING NO MONEY? He replied 'THROUGH THE HATCH WE HAVE'. All customers then left the pub leaving the staff behind. At this moment Mr Lindon PERCIVAL from WESTMINSTER COUNCIL arrived at the location. I liaised with him and he sought advice from his office on how to proceed with this matter. Mr CONRAN did not have any ID or a personal licence on as did none of the staff behind the bar. There was also no licence visible in the bar area and staff had to go and search for it. Once this situation was under control police left the scene leaving Mr PERCIVAL to finish the council business. I would describe Mr CONRAN at about 56 years of age, white male, slim build, F509, wearing a brown jacket, white shirt, black tie, brown trousers. This incident has been recorded on body worn video. I exhibiting my body worn as NPP/01

Signature:


  
26.15 AW

Signature Witnessed by:

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

Statement of [redacted] ..... URN: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Age if under 18 **Over 18**..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Officer**.....

This statement (consisting of: ..... pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it which I know to be false, [redacted] e.

Signature: [redacted] ..... Date: 4/12/20.....

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded  (supply witness details on rear)

This statement refers to the recent dealings between police and The COW Public house, 89 Westbourne Park Road, London, W2.

I am the above named police officer and the current dedicated ward officer for Bayswater. Part of my role is to review ongoing issues within the ward and work with partnership agencies to resolve them. During COVID lockdown I have been made aware of multiple residential dwellings as well as private businesses whom are not abiding by new regulations imposed as a result of COVID Laws. One of these venues being The COW Public House, 89 Westbourne Park Road, London, W2.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 I received a report from a member of public stating that they had witnessed large groups of people gathered outside The Cow Public House over a course of weekends. Stating the groups were breaching COVID regulations. Around the same time I received an email from Westminster Council stating they too had reports of a similar nature that The Cow Customers are gathering in groups, urinating in the street and blocking the pathways. Due to limited resources, officers were unable to visit on the evenings the reports were made. However, officers did attend the following day to speak to The COW Pub and staff within. Strong words of advice were given explaining that it is their responsibility to ensure public safety around social distancing inside and outside they're venue. Officers were reassured that they will hire help such as door staff to help manage the flow of people.

I then received a second report on the 07<sup>th</sup> August 2020 from a different member of public, stating the same thing. This time, the member of public stated that The Cow Public House was allowing up to 150 customers to be stood outside the venue drinking, not abiding by social distancing rules. To the point that traffic was being disrupted and blocked by these customers. Police attended that night and spoke

Signature: [Signature] ..... Signature witnessed by: .....

Continuation of Statement of [REDACTED]

with the staff. They stated they were trying to manage the disruption however lacked the staff to do so. Whilst officers were on scene, the groups began to disperse. There was evidence of "balloons" "NOS" being used outside by possible customers.

Local officers attended the address the following day to once again speak to the staff about the evenings problems, caused by lack of control and management of the customers outside the venue. The management was spoken to, whom appeared to take the advice well, but did mention that they had struggled business wise during lockdown and was just trying to recuperate money back. Officers explained that although this is understandable, it is also unacceptable as they are breaching COVID guidelines.

I was then made aware of an incident, whereby officers attended a call to The COW PH on November 19<sup>th</sup> 2020. Where reports came in that they were serving and trading inside the venue, during lockdown, breaching COVID Legislation. The officer explained in their statement that when they attended on this date at approximately 1850hours, they saw 10-15 people stood outside the venue, drinking alcohol and socialising, then upon entering the venue, they saw around 7-10 customers stood at the bar drinking served alcohol, whilst bar staff stood behind the bar. Evidence that the venue was still trading during lockdown. I have attached the officer's statement along with mine to provide the evidence direct from them.

The last time this venue came to my attention was on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020. I was emailed by one of Westminster Councillors, who happened to walk past The Cow that evening, to see groups of people gathered, drinking alcohol once again, without social distancing after buying drinks from The Cow Public House.

Officers attended that evening and the following night and also established that the COW pub were indeed serving customers, but for take away only. The main issue noted, was that the customers were gathering directly outside the Cow pub, potentially breaching licensing conditions.

Since the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 I have not received any further complaints to date – 04<sup>th</sup> December 2020.



Signature:




Signature witnessed by:

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

(C.J. Act 1967,s,9; M.C. Act 1980, ss5A(3)(a) and 5B, Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, r27.1(1))

Statement of: Adam Webb  
Age of witness: Over 21  
Occupation of Witness: City Inspector (Team5)  
Public Protection and Licensing  
Address: Westminster City Council, City Hall  
64 Victoria Street  
LONDON SW1V 6QP  
Telephone Number: 0207 641 1718

This statement, consisting of four page's each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

**Signed:** 

**Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

I am employed by Westminster City Council as a City Inspector for City Operations, Public Protection and Licensing. I have held this position since 1 December 2015. Prior to this date, I have held enforcement roles within five Local Authority community safety teams for over 15 years. I am authorised to enter and inspect premises, make enquiries within these premises and to exercise the functions and powers as contained under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003.

This statement is compiled from my original pocketbook notes Ref No. PPL0584 pages 52-53 and my referral report to the relevant City Inspector team on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

I received a service request through the City of Westminster's noise service on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 23:53Hrs under case reference 20/24373/ENC45. The complainant; who reported anonymously alleged two pubs in the area were being noisy.

Continued...

**Signed:** 

**Dated:8<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

### **STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

(C.J. Act 1967,s,9; M.C. Act 1980, ss5A(3)(a) and 5B, Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, r27.1(1))

#### **Continuation Statement of Adam Webb.**

As I approached the The Cow restaurant at 89 Westbourne Park Road London W2 5QH at 00:30 in my car with windows down, music was clearly audible from at least fifty meters away at street level. The noise was easily identified as coming from The Cow due to its volume and movement of revelling people on the forecourt. Seven people were drinking on the forecourt, four of which appeared to be passers-by who had stopped to drink there. I observed a large group within the premises who were playing extremely loud music and I could see a group of people dancing inside through the window.

I visited and spoke initially to Mr Wojciech Peresada (WP) who identified himself as the Assistant General Manager, after a short time making enquiries a Mr Gashi Hajjrucha (GH) and an unidentified staff member came out to the forecourt from inside.

I explained my concerns regarding noise escape, Covid safe measures and the regulations in force at the time regarding excessive music volume and dancing being prohibited.

GH left the conversation directly after identifying himself as the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) and started clearing glasses, WP and the unidentified male were left to speak to me about the conduct of the business. The unidentified staff member, a man of approximately 45 year of age, dark hair and of Mediterranean appearance, claimed to have been managing the venue for 20 years.

Continued...

Signed:



Dated:8<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

(C.J. Act 1967,s,9; M.C. Act 1980, ss5A(3)(a) and 5B, Criminal Procedure Rules  
2005, r27.1(1))

**Continuation Statement of Adam Webb.**

The unknown man was quite argumentative and clearly saw no issue with the points I raised above claiming the right to carry out these activities due to his staff and patrons needing to let off steam caused by the pandemic lock down. All attempts to explain the importance of the maintaining the pandemic measures were ignored or argued with by the man.

The group within was at least 14 people which WP claimed were all staff and their partners however through a conversation with some of the group as they left earlier before the management had come out of the bar, particularly one female patron made it clear she was a local musician who frequented the pub regularly leading me to believe the event was probably more of a lock-in event for patrons, she made no mention of being staff there and gave me the impression that The Cow was her 'local' pub of choice.

GH and WP could not provide the Part A of the current Premises licence however WP provided me with an old 2008 licence which did not have all the current MC's included on it or the correct contact details for the current DPS or licensee. I told WP to ensure this was corrected immediately.

In the absence of the DPS; I verbally warned WP regarding the Coronavirus act and that providing music in such a manner and volume was in my opinion...

Continued...

Signed:



Dated:8<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### **STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

(C.J. Act 1967,s,9; M.C. Act 1980, ss5A(3)(a) and 5B, Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, r27.1(1))

#### **Continuation Statement of Adam Webb.**

probably an unauthorised music event; highlighting to WP that the above may also be a criminal offence and if so, did not adhere to the licencing act objectives of preventing public nuisance, promoting public safety and preventing crime.

I raised the additional point to WP that in my opinion if this complaint had been witnessed, for example, from inside the flats opposite it would be likely to be a Statutory Nuisance at the volume I had heard it, even though it was witnessed from street level. I informed WP that although the noise complaint had not been witnessed formally to assess nuisance on this occasion, WP and the business should consider themselves fortunate and take the issue of noise escape very seriously to ensure that the same does not occur again; I signposted WP to City of Westminster's website for relevant information regarding noise escape and potential consequences of an abatement notice being served.

The area was very heavily littered at the time of my visit with bottles and glasses and was only addressed after the group inside had left and certainly appeared not to have been monitored either on the forecourt or highway prior to my arrival including glass being present on neighbouring residences garden railings.

The unhelpful attitude of the unidentified individual and the lack of interest in my visit from the DPS led me to refer this matter for further monitoring as I was left with the impression that this matter would not be an isolated incident. End Of Statement.

**Signed:**



**Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

(CJ Act 1967, s9; MC Act 1980, ss5A (3) (a) and 5B, MC Rules 1981, r70)

Statement of: Racheal Ejuetami

Occupation of Witness: Senior City Inspector

Address: 15<sup>th</sup> Floor City Hall 64 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6QPAge of Witness: **Over 18** Telephone: 0781 628 2085

*This statement, consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.*



Signed:

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

I am a Senior City Inspector employed by Westminster City Council attached to the Public Protection and Licensing Department, 15th Floor, City Hall, 64 Victoria Street, SW1E 6QP.

I am authorised to enter and inspect premises, make enquires, and to exercise the functions and powers as contained under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003. As well as the provisions under the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020.

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020, I was on duty in the Westbourne Park Road area. At approximately 18:42 hours, I approached The Cow Public House 89 Westbourne Park Road, located in London, W2.

At the entrance, I observed a large crowd standing outside the premises drinking vertically, some of the customers from the premises were also seen obstructing the pavement and public highway there was no social distancing observed. This was in breach of the provisions specified for licensed premises during the emergency period within the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020. I then took a picture, which I refer to RE/1.

Observing social distancing, I then introduced myself showing my Westminster City Council identification card and authorisation to the security staff standing outside. At this time, I saw more people entering the premises to buy drinks while some were leaving the premises with drinks in their hands to stand outside.

I asked to speak to the duty manager and a couple of minutes later, a gentleman came out of the premises and introduced himself as Yavor (General Manager).

I then asked, are you the Designated Premises Supervisor? He replied: "No, it's Petra".

I asked, is Petra around now? He replied: "yes, he's behind the bar serving".

At this point, I asked to speak to the DPS. Yavor then went back into the premises and returned with Petra. I reintroduced myself showing my Westminster City Council identification card and authorisation. I then informed Petra and Yavor of the concerns highlighted during my observation which was in contravention of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020.



Subsequently, Petra, Yavor and the security tried dispersing the crowd but were unsuccessful. I then advised they stop serving drinks until the crowd disperse. Which they agreed. I informed them I would conduct a follow up visit to inspect the outside area.

At 19:36 hours, I reattended the location and most of the crowd had dispersed. I then took another picture which I present as RE/2.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Petra', written over a horizontal line.

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

# Appendix Three

Extracts of E mail correspondence,  
between Westminster City Council and  
Officers representing The Cow PH

**Message sent on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July; as mentioned at paragraphs 8 and 9 in statement of Glyn Franks**

For the attention of Hajrullah Gashi

the Designated Premises Supervisor of the above pub

I am investigating concerns regarding the management of the outside area of The Cow PH, since reopening on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

The complaints include the pavements being blocked by your customers; glasses, bottles and plastics being left outside, open air urination and general anti- social behaviour shown by your customers

I note also that a fight between your customers recently, resulted in injury and an arrest

It would be good to be able to meet you and discuss these issues, at some time convenient to both of us;

however, in the meantime I would appreciate your comments to the above.

I note that your Premises Licence; condition number 13, restricts the numbers of customers drinking outside, to thirty (30) in total;

how do you manage that number? Do you restrict? Do you have any security?

How are you managing the Social distance guidelines; inside, or outside your venue?

How do you manage the collection of empty vessels?

Condition number 17 requires you to sweep the outside area and store the debris safely;

how is this dealt with operationally?

I would welcome your comments and hope to be able to work with you, to enforce the conditions and uphold the Licensing Objectives; which is your responsibility.

Kind regards

**Glyn Franks**

Senior City Inspector

South East Team 1

Public Protection & Licensing

Dear Glyn,

Thank you for your email.

The day of the opening on the 4th of July was an exceptionally difficult day from management point of view for couple of reasons. Easing of the lockdown rules and opening of pubs & restaurants on a Saturday made management of crowds very difficult, but we made sure we took all precautions needed to keep our staff and customers safe. All beverages were served in plastic containers, extra staff were working at the venue on that night, specifically tasked with cleaning the outside area of the pub, pavement, and making sure everyone complied with social distancing rules.

A fight between two men didn't take place at our premisses nor directly in front of our venue, but our staff helped authorities in controlling the situation and in treating the injured man.

It would be good and easier to discuss these issues in person. We (the management) are available for a meeting any day Monday to Friday between 10 am and 4pm. We would cherish an opportunity to meet you at your earliest convenience and explain in detail how we're dealing with issues mentioned in your email operationally.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,



Assistant General Manager

**Relates to Paragraph 19 in the statement of Glyn Franks**

On 14 Aug 2020, at 09:48, Franks, Glyn: WCC <[gfranks@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:gfranks@westminster.gov.uk)> wrote:

Good Morning

It was good to meet with you all on Wednesday.  
Have you had a chance to consider your options?  
Do you need anything from me?

Regards  
Glyn

Dear Glyn,

Thank you for taking the time to meet us on Wednesday.  
I've spoken to Tom Conran, please accept his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting.

May I ask you to provide us with model conditions you mentioned during the meeting, we would like to look into how we as a business can systematically improve our communication and cooperation with Westminster City Council.

Kind Regards,



Assistant General Manager

No apology required from Tom; but thank you.

It was good to meet with you all.

If you do undertake a Minor Variation of the Premises Licence

[https://forms.westminster.gov.uk/Viewer-VicForms.asp?user=anon&Form=Minor%20variation%20to%20a%20premises%20licence%20or%20club%20certificate%20\(1.0\).wdf](https://forms.westminster.gov.uk/Viewer-VicForms.asp?user=anon&Form=Minor%20variation%20to%20a%20premises%20licence%20or%20club%20certificate%20(1.0).wdf)

I have attached a link to the list of the model conditions; this is an extensive list!

<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/licensing-act-2003-model-conditions>

Many of the matters therein you are already doing; however; it would give greater security to you and me if you were able to adopt some or all.

I would suggest that you consider the following conditions:-

- 01 and 02 re your CCTV
- 03 when you have more trained personnel
- 05 SIA staff at certain times of your choice
- 09 High viz jackets
- 14 Windows and doors closed perhaps 2200?
- 15 No admittance after 2300?
- 19 Tables and chairs outside unusable 2300
- 21 Notices to neighbours
- 24 Contact number
- 47 Age checks
- 49 Incident Log
- 71 Control of the outside area

Please contact me if you need further

Regards

Glyn Franks

**Refers to paragraph 33 in Statement of Glyn Franks**

On 7 Sep 2020, at 13:32, [REDACTED] wrote:

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir/Madam

I spent Saturday evening (5th) in the Bayswater area, visiting some friends. At around 10.30 pm we were heading to a venue and walking down Westbourne Park Road and Westbourne Park Villas.

During our trip, we past two late night establishments called the Cow , on Westbourne Park road, and the Westbourne at Westbourne park Villas. I was horrified at the scene around these two establishments. Not only were these bars packed to capacity, but the large crowd from each venue was spilled out onto the street, in such numbers are to block the entire pavement. I had to walk on the road to pass safely, with little evidence at either venue of capacity control or, indeed no sign of security. It is also highly unlikely that neither establishment had made the effort to record details of their patrons, due to the ridiculous numbers of people at each venue.

Im sorry to say, but it seems obvious that both venues have a complete lack of respect to either the current virus threat or to any other individuals who may become ill, whilst never having set foot in either . At a time when COVID-19 numbers are rising rapidly, it is hardly surprising when you see this kind of thoroughly reckless behaviour taking place. I have visited many well run venues recently, where they have taken the time and made the effort to ensure their patrons can enjoy an evening sensibly but also safely. Unfortunately, this sense seems severely lacking with the owners/management of these two venues.

Whilst it may be the case that THEY don't wish to enforce rules and guidelines designed to protect everyone's health and safety, you can, and , as with the police, have a duty to do so.

To say I am disgusted at this cavalier attitude, which with invariably result in the deaths of others as COVID again climbs, I am calling upon you to investigate and act to ensure that these venues are held to account , or at least made aware of their duties and obligations. I would also like to know when licensing officers last visited these premises and whether or not they checked or conducted any risk assessment on each venue , as it seems abundantly clear that whatever measures may have been in place ( or supposedly in place) have now been relaxed to such a degree that they are no longer in force.

I trust that you, as the licensing authority responsible for this disgraceful example of contempt for the public , shall take action to address this with the relevant proprietors.

I shall also be sending this communication to the borough commander .

Yours in disgust

[REDACTED]

**Relates to paragraph 21 in statement of Glyn Franks**

Message dated and timed 21.09.2020 at 12.39

Hello Wojtek,

I have already spoken to Yavor today with concern to the measures we have been taking to stay on top of COVID-19 regulations. It is vital for the safety of our customers, staff & business, as a whole, that we continue to do our utmost to stick closely to the current legislation. I have offered my considered suggestions & solutions in this regard & wish that the management & security team implement them precisely in order for us to trade correctly, as per the guidelines.

Thank you all for your continued support through these tricky times.

Kind regards,

Thomas Conran

**Relates to paragraph 26 of Glyn Franks**

**From:** The Cow [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 November 2020 12:07  
**To:** Franks, Glyn: WCC <[gfranks@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:gfranks@westminster.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: The Cow PH 89 Westbourne Park Road 16/06783/LIPDPS

Dear Glyn ,  
I hope this email finds you well.

May I request PDF copy of our licence. Would you be able to include in the licence other members of staff, that are in charge when Mr Hajrullah Gashi (DPS) is off duty?

Best Wishes,

**YAVOR PINEV**  
General Manager

On 21 Nov 2020, at 02:50, Franks, Glyn: WCC <[gfranks@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:gfranks@westminster.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear Yavor  
Please find the current Licence attached; this is taken from our records and does not have the certification from your original Solicitor; but will suffice for any authorised officer asking to see it.

Other members of staff to be in charge when Mr Harjullah Gashi is off duty is a question for yourselves;  
in fact this should have been completed already and reviewed by yourselves when necessary; it is known by the title of Section 57 notice

I have attached a link to explain the responsibility of the Premises Licence Holder; (the advice is from a private solicitor and not WCC but should be useful)

<https://www.popall.co.uk/expertise/enforcement/use-of-nomination-notice.aspx>

I hope this helps  
Kind regards  
Glyn Franks

Dear Glyn,

Thank you very much for the quick reply. Much appreciated .

Best Wishes,

**YAVOR PINEV**

**Relates to paragraph 29 in statement of Glyn Franks**

**From:** "Franks, Glyn: WCC" <[gfranks@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:gfranks@westminster.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Incident on the 19th of November  
**Date:** 3 December 2020 at 15:15:17 GMT  
**To:** The Cow [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** "Hayes, James: WCC" <[jhayes2@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:jhayes2@westminster.gov.uk)>

Good Afternoon.

I am aware that Police attended your venue on the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup> of November.

It would be useful to prove, or disprove the circumstances; if you retained images from your CCTV system.

Can I ask you to retain images from 1800 until 2000 on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Kind regards

**Glyn Franks**  
Senior City Inspector  
South East Team 1  
Public Protection & Licensing

**From:** The Cow  
**Subject:** Fwd: Incident on the 19th of November  
**Date:** 3 December 2020 at 16:25:12 GMT  
**To:** Thomas Flynn

Hello Tom,

Please find attached

regards

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 December 2020 09:40  
**To:** Hayes, James: WCC <[jhayes2@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:jhayes2@westminster.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Incident on the 19th of November

Dear Glyn

Thank you for your note earlier this week.

Unfortunately our CCTV system was being upgraded during our closure. We took the opportunity to update the system and therefore it was not operational during this period.

I can confirm as outlined in our correspondence on 29th November that all persons on-site at the time were either staffing the launch of our takeaway service or business associates present to discuss the reopening of our business on 2nd December 2020. See below a copy of our correspondence sent to [dutymanager@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:dutymanager@westminster.gov.uk)

*Dear Sir*



*I am writing to formally challenge the Fixed Penalty Notice — reference: 20/36316/COVFPN.*

*On 19th November you issued The Cow Saloon Bar & Dining Rooms with a Fixed Penalty Notice for the reason of carrying on a restricted business or providing a restricted service — **restrictions on service of food and drink for consumption on the premises**. This Notice should not have been issued and the contravention did not occur as stated in your correspondence.*

*I would like to draw your attention to the Government's guidelines as published at [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) for — **Restaurants pubs bars and takeaway services**:*

*hospitality venues such as cafes restaurants pubs bars and social clubs with the exception of providing food and drink for takeaway (before 10 pm; and not including alcohol) click-and-collect drive-through or delivery*

*All persons on-site at the time were either staffing the launch of our takeaway service or business associates present to discuss the reopening of our business on 2nd December 2020.*

*For these reasons, we look forward to receiving notification that the Fixed Penalty Notice has been cancelled, within 28 days.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*The Directors  
Tom Conran Restaurants t/a The Cow*

# Appendix Four

Images taken on the 30<sup>th</sup> August by  
Senior City Inspector Racheal Ejuetami



30 Aug 2020 18:42:38  
112 Westbourne Park Road  
Greater London  
England

RE/1



30 Aug 2020 19:36:38  
116 Westbourne Park Road  
Greater London  
England

RE/2

# Appendix Five

FPN Dated 19<sup>th</sup> of November

Appeal of FPN Dated 29<sup>th</sup> of November



**Date: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Public Protection & Licensing  
Westminster City Council  
15<sup>th</sup> Floor  
64 Victoria Street  
London  
SW1E 6QP

**The Cow PH  
Tom Conran Restaurants Ltd  
89 Westbourne Park Road  
London W2 5QH**

Case Ref: 20/36316/COVFPN

**Finsgate 5-7 Cranwood Street, London EC1V 9EE**

The Directors  
Tom Conran Restaurants t/a The Cow,

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No.4) Regulations 2020,  
as amended (SI. 2020: No. 1200)**

**Fixed Penalty Notice: Issued 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Date of offence: 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Location of offence: The Cow Public House, 89, Westbourne Park Road, W2**

Thank you for your representation received 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 09.58hrs via email regarding the above referenced fixed penalty notice.

Having reviewed the evidence provided by the Metropolitan Police Service and the Westminster City Council officers, both providing their evidence independently, and the MPS have supporting video evidence on their bodycam, I am satisfied that there was a breach under Regulation 15 (1) namely, a person responsible for carrying on a restricted business, or providing a restricted service, must (a) close any premises, or part of the premises, in which food or drink are provided for consumption on those premises, and (b) cease providing food or drink for consumption on its premises.

And therefore, in relation to a breach of Regulation 15(1) (Business or service listed in Part 1 of the Schedule, or is carried on from, or provided at, premises of a kind specified in Part 1 of the Schedule):

- Failed, without reasonable excuse, to close the premises, or part(s) of the premises, in which food or drink are provided for consumption on the premises; and

- Failed, without reasonable excuse, to cease providing food or drink for consumption on the premises. Food or drink being for consumption on premises, includes an area adjacent to the premises of the restricted business or restricted service where seating is made available for its customers (whether or not by the business or the provider of the service) or which its customers habitually use for consumption of food or drink served by the business or service is to be treated as part of the premises of that business or service.
  1. Alcohol had been provided at the premises and evidenced.
  2. Evidence that money had been paid.
  3. Not all persons present inside or outside the premises were staff members as you stated.

Therefore, having reviewed the mitigation you provided; I find there are no grounds for cancelling the above notice. There are no material defects in the notice, and I am satisfied that it was issued correctly.

The Fixed Penalty Notice must now be paid, and arrangements made for payment within 14 days of this letter to the amount of £1000, as this the specified amount under the Regulations for a first offence in respect of a business restriction offence. As stated in Part D of the served Fixed Penalty Notice this Notice remains in force even if you have raised a challenge.

The monetary penalty you must pay is: £1000  
Payment of the fixed penalty must be made within 28 days of the date of this notice. This was dated 20th November 2020. I have considered your representation and allowing 14 days to pay the Notice.

*The penalty must be paid to: Westminster City Council, City Hall, 64 Victoria Street, SW1E 6QP*

*Payment can be made by the following means:*

*Online: Payment can be made by debit or credit card at [www.westminster.gov.uk](http://www.westminster.gov.uk) using the following link:*

*<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/FPNS>*

*Select: Account Group: Fixed Penalty Notices*

*Account Type: Waste (Litter) FPN*

*Reference: 20/36316/COVFPN*

*Amount: £1000*

*Please press **SUBMIT** on completion of the transaction. You will receive a receipt of payment via email.*

*By phone: Payment can be made by debit or credit card over the phone by calling 020 7641 8914 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.*

Failure to pay fixed penalty may lead to criminal proceedings being commenced against you in respect of the offence set out in Part C of this Notice.

Continued contravention of a requirement in the Regulations, without reasonable excuse, is an offence punishable by a fine on summary conviction in a Magistrates Court.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul King".

**Paul King**  
**Team Manager West Team**  
**Public Protection & Licensing**

**29 November 2020**

Dear Sir

I am writing to formally challenge the Fixed Penalty Notice — reference: 20/36316/COVFPN.

On 19th November you issued The Cow Saloon Bar & Dining Rooms with a Fixed Penalty Notice for the reason of carrying on a restricted business or providing a restricted service — **restrictions on service of food and drink for consumption on the premises**. This Notice should not have been issued and the contravention did not occur as stated in your correspondence.

I would like to draw your attention to the Government's guidelines as published at [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) for — **Restaurants pubs bars and takeaway services**:

*hospitality venues such as cafes restaurants pubs bars and social clubs with the exception of providing food and drink for takeaway (before 10 pm; and not including alcohol) click-and-collect drive-through or delivery*

All persons on-site at the time were either staffing the launch of our takeaway service or business associates present to discuss the reopening of our business on 2nd December 2020.

For these reasons, we look forward to receiving notification that the Fixed Penalty Notice has been cancelled, within 28 days.

Yours sincerely,

The Directors  
Tom Conran Restaurants t/a The Cow





# City of Westminster

## Westminster City Council

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No.4) Regulations 2020,  
as amended<sup>1</sup> (SI. 2020: No. 1200)

### **FIXED PENALTY NOTICE**

20 November 2020

#### **Part A**

**To: Tom Conran Restaurants Limited**

**At: 89 Westbourne Park Road, London W2 5QH**

**Of: Finsgate 5-7 Cranwood Street, London EC1V 9EE**

**Trading as: The Cow**

This Fixed Penalty Notice is served under Regulation 21(1) of The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No4) Regulations 2020 (the Regulations).

The Regulations impose certain restrictions to protect against the risks to public health arising from coronavirus. Failure to comply with the requirements of the Regulations, without reasonable excuse, is a criminal offence.

I, **James Hayes**, designated as an authorised person for the purposes of the Regulations by Westminster City Council, have reasonable grounds for believing that you have committed a criminal offence under the Regulations, detailed in Part C below. I am issuing this Notice to offer you the opportunity to discharge liability to conviction for the offence by payment of a fixed penalty.

Westminster City Council may not take criminal proceedings against you in respect of the offence during the period of 28 days following the date of this Notice. Payment of the fixed penalty within that period means that you cannot be convicted in relation to the offence set out in Part C of this Notice.

#### **Part B. Amount of Penalty and period to pay**

The monetary penalty you must pay is: **£1000**

Payment of the fixed penalty must be made within 28 days of the date of this notice.

The penalty must be paid to: Westminster City Council, City Hall, 64 Victoria Street, SW1E 6QP

#### **Payment can be made by the following means:**

**Online:** Payment can be made by debit or credit card at [www.westminster.gov.uk](http://www.westminster.gov.uk) using the following link:

<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/FPNS>

Select:	Account Group:	Fixed Penalty Notices
	Account Type:	Waste (Litter) FPN
	Reference:	20/36316/COVFPN
	Amount:	£1000

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<sup>1</sup> Amended by 2020 No. 1242

Please press SUBMIT on completion of the transaction. You will receive a receipt of payment via email.

**By phone:** Payment can be made by debit or credit card over the phone by calling 020 7641 8914 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

### **Part C. Grounds for imposing the Penalty**

#### **Regulation contravened:**

#### **Restrictions on service of food and drink for consumption on the premises**

*Regulation 15 (1) A person responsible for carrying on a restricted business, or providing a restricted service, must (a) close any premises, or part of the premises, in which food or drink are provided for consumption on those premises, and (b) cease providing food or drink for consumption on its premises.*

#### **Particulars of the offence:**

*In relation to a breach of Regulation 15(1) (Business or service listed in Part 1 of the Schedule, or is carried on from, or provided at, premises of a kind specified in Part 1 of the Schedule):*

- *Failed, without reasonable excuse, to close the premises, or part(s) of the premises, in which food or drink are provided for consumption on the premises; and*
- *Failed, without reasonable excuse, to cease providing food or drink for consumption on the premises. Food or drink being for consumption on premises, includes an area adjacent to the premises of the restricted business or restricted service where seating is made available for its customers (whether or not by the business or the provider of the service) or which its customers habitually use for consumption of food or drink served by the business or service is to be treated as part of the premises of that business or service.*

On Thursday 19 November 2020 Council Officers were on duty when they observed people standing and sitting directly outside The Cow, 89 Westbourne Park Road, London W2 5QH. When returning to the premises to discuss these observations with the manager of the premises and investigate compliance with the Coronavirus regulations, police also arrived as they had received a separate complaint that the premises was open for business and trading. Two police teams attended the premises at 1850 hours. There were at least 10-15 people sitting outside the front in the seating area drinking and socialising. These seats are built in and split into one section each side of the door. All the seats were occupied and everyone was drinking.

Police entered the premises via the door to the right of the seating area. It was obvious the pub were open and trading and there was consumption of food or drink inside the premises. Inside in the bar area there were at least 7-10 customers standing at the bar. They were standing there with drinks that had been served to them. The drinks were in open top glasses with various amounts and levels missing which was consistent with people having drunk from them. They had been served from behind the bar. Stood behind the bar were at least 6-7 staff members working behind the bar and 9 in the pub in general.

A male came up to a police officer who is now known to be Mr Thomas Conran, who council records confirm is the licence holder for the premises licence in force at the premises. Mr Conran tried to state that all the people inside initially were staff. He eventually informed police that they were not. He then told police that this was his first day of trading under his new business plan.

This incident has been recorded on body worn video.

#### **Part D. Challenging this Fixed Penalty Notice**

If you consider that the Notice should not have been issued, you can make representations to Westminster City Council in writing outlining your reasons for challenging the Notice, within 14 days of the date on this Notice.

Your challenge will be processed in accordance with Westminster City Council's Complaint Procedure: <https://www.westminster.gov.uk/complaints>

Contact: Alternatively you can contact **Paul King**, Team Manager, at [dutymanager@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:dutymanager@westminster.gov.uk)

Alternatively, you may challenge this Notice by way of Judicial Review. Should you wish to pursue this option, you may wish to consult a lawyer to obtain independent legal advice.

**This Notice remains in force even if you have raised a challenge.**

**Should the local authority's review of your challenge determine that the Notice should be revoked, you will be notified in writing that the Notice has been revoked.**

#### **Part E. Consequences of non-payment/ continued non-compliance**

Failure to pay fixed penalty within 28 days may lead to criminal proceedings being commenced against you in respect of the offence set out in Part C of this Notice.

Continued contravention of a requirement in the Regulations, without reasonable excuse, is an offence punishable by a fine on summary conviction in a Magistrates Court.



Signed:

Date: 20 November 2020

Name in Capitals: James Hayes

Name and Address of Local Authority: Westminster City Council, City Hall, 64 Victoria Street, SW1E 6QP

Telephone: 02076413385

Email: [jhayes2@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:jhayes2@westminster.gov.uk)

**If you are not sure of your rights or the implications of this notice, you may want to seek independent legal advice**

## The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020

### FIXED PENALTY NOTICE (REVERSE)

#### NOTES on Part B. Amount of Penalty and period to pay

The Regulations specify the amount of the Fixed Penalty as follows:

- £1,000, if the fixed penalty notice is the first one issued to the person in respect of a business restriction offence;
- £2,000, if the fixed penalty notice is the second one issued to the person in respect of a business restriction offence;
- £4,000, if the fixed penalty notice is the third one issued to the person in respect of a business restriction offence;
- £10,000, if the fixed penalty notice is the fourth one, or any subsequent one, issued to the person in respect of a business restriction offence.

*Note: A “business restriction offence” means an offence under regulation 20(1)(a) of contravening a restriction imposed by regulation 15, 16 or 18, or an offence under regulation 20(1)(c) of failing to comply with a prohibition notice given under regulation 19(2).*

*For purposes of determining the level of fine in relation to a business restriction offence, the “relevant enactments” are the following:*

- (a) the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level) (Medium) (England) Regulations 2020, if the notice was issued to the person in respect of a business restriction offence as defined by regulation 6(12) of those Regulations;
- (b) the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level) (High) (England) Regulations 2020, if the notice was issued to the person in respect of a business restriction offence as defined by regulation 6(12) of those Regulations;
- (c) the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level) (Very High) (England) Regulations 2020, if the notice was issued to the person in respect of a business restriction offence as defined by regulation 6(12) of those Regulations;
- (d) the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) (England) Regulations 2020( ), if the notice was issued to the person in respect of an offence of contravening regulation 4A or 4B of those Regulations;
- (e) the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No. 3) Regulations 2020( ), if the notice was issued to the person in respect of a business restriction offence, as defined by regulation 14(7D) of those Regulations, committed on or after 14th October 2020;
- (f) the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Collection of Contact Details etc. and Related Requirements) Regulations 2020(as amended );
- (g) the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Obligations of Undertakings) (England) Regulations 2020(as amended).

## Appendix 6 Additional Submissions for the applicant

### Further History of The Cow PH

**22.07.2019** at 23.13 recorded on 19/28996/ENC45; local resident opposite

Landmarks: The Cow pub. Every day loud music after-hours. Customers spilling out on pavement/road with drinks Person Responsible: The Cow

**17.02.2019** at 23.41 recorded on 19/09633/ENC45; local resident, even numbers of WPR

Noise had stopped by 00.10 and customer cancelled the call; however he had stated

Landmarks: Pub is opposite "the westbourne" pub Business Responsible: The Cow pub & dining rooms Further Details: It's now 23:37 and music and people petting/shouting can be heard from as far as 10? Westbourne Park and beyond. I have to get up at 05:15 for work and this noise is causing me inability to sleep.

**18.12.2018** at 23.03 recorded on 18/40170/ENC45; local resident, odd numbers of WPR

The Cow pub is making noise now,

A noise team officer attended at 23.30 and noted the following:-

On arrival, could very loud music from 70 m from the source. noted that the windows of the 1st floor of the pub were open. the music could cause sleep disturbance in the complainant's home. spoke to the bar manager, Luti Skerja. He said it was a private function and they had a TEN. It was scheduled to finish at 1am. He got the organisers to reduce the volume of the music.

On the same evening at 23.52 and recorded on 18/40176/ENRE45, the same resident as above stated :-

Lady calling back saying that the noise team have attended to the noise at the Cow Pub. The caller states that the noise started again ten minutes after the noise team left.

The officer responded at 00.20 but got no answer from the customer.

**14.12.2018** at 00.07 and recorded on 18/39712/ENC45, resident opposite stated:-

Business Responsible: The cow pub Further Details: Disturbance on regular basis beyond normal opening hours. Pub guests always beyond the perimeter with drinks, being abusive to other public members and being loud beyond control.

The noise team officer was unable to contact the resident and did not attend

**14.12.2018** at 00.02 and recorded on 18/39710/ENC45, a different resident reported

Caller has reported a noise issue from the Cow pub at the named address , the caller has mentioned that there is a private party at the pub , the caller would like a call from the noise team

The officer receiving this call telephoned the pub at around 00.45 to advise of the complaint

**14.12.2018** at 09.33 recorded on 18/39732/ENC45, a local resident reported events from previous day at 23.30

Landmarks: The Cow Business Responsible: The Cow Further Details: Has happened before, but can't remember any exact previous dates, has been another time midweek before in the last few weeks. But very loud the night of Thursday 13th December, I live in a flat a few doors down. Music noise. Could hear every single word and bass very loud. Managed to get to sleep at some point so don't know what time it stopped, but way after 11 pm. Really affects me mid week, I normally go to bed at 10, although I know that 11 pm is the cut off. Weekends would not bother me.

**14/28445/ENAC 25.08 2017** loud music at 23.17 but customer stated it was quiet at 23.30

**13/40591/ENAC 18.12.2013** at 23.57 loud music and people spilling onto road; the officer attended at 01.49 and loud music was audible from outside; the manager stated they were operating until 2am and was advised to "keep the noise down"

**11/10460/ENAC 17.03.2011** loud music at 22.45 the officer attending found the pub to be very full inside and more than 100 blocking the pavement, a TEN was in place until 0100 however, the DPS agreed to close early. A Licensing officer subsequently met with the DPS who agreed about the noise and crowds, advice was given.

**96/20679/EN1 25.08 1996** at 21.20 Mr Tom Conran was served a Section 80 noise abatement notice resulting from loud music. Mr Conran had failed to act on advice of the officer attending

The above entries are a full; but not exhaustive list of the complaints received regarding noise from The Cow late at night.

This represents complaints from at least 8 different residents.

Compiled by Glyn Franks; from Council computer records on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2021

I now exhibit this document as GF/1



## WITNESS STATEMENT

(C.J. Act, 1967, s.9; M.C. Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, r.27.1 (1))

Statement of: Glyn Terence FranksAge if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation Senior City Inspector

Address and Telephone Number:

Westminster City Council  
 City Operations  
 Public Protection and Licensing  
 15th Floor  
 City Hall  
 64 Victoria St  
 London SW1E 6QP

This statement (consisting of 2 pages signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated: 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2021

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) I am employed by Westminster City Council, as a Senior City Inspector and I have held this position since July 2007. I am authorised to enter and inspect premises, make enquiries within these premises then to exercise the functions and powers as contained under the provisions of The Licensing Act 2003 and The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No.4) Regulations 2020 as amended (SI 2020: No 1200)
- 2) This statement relates to an application to a review of the premises Licence for The Cow PH at 89 Westbourne Park Road W2 5QH; 16/06783/LIPDPS refers. The Licence holder for the premises is shown as a Tom Conran Restaurants, they have held the Licence since before 2005.
- 3) This statement is made further to my statement dated the 30<sup>th</sup> of December 2020.
- 4) Subsequent to my submitting papers for the review; I have made a further search of Council computer records relating to complaints recorded against The Cow PH. These complaints go back as far as 1996; but I would suggest they have relevance in that the same Licence Holder has been involved since that time.
- 5) I have made a precis of these complaints which I now exhibit as GF/1.



WITNESS STATEMENT

(C.J. Act, 1967, s.9; M.C. Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, r.27.1 (1))

Continuation of statement of: Glyn Franks

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- 6) This word document gives details of eleven further complaints, received from eight different residents. Almost all of the complaints are made after a time 2300 hours and involve loud music.
- 7) Some of these complaints have been witnessed and supported by officers from Westminster Council and I have copied some text from these reports.
- 8) Please accept this statement and exhibit GF/1 as additional evidence to support the review.



Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_



## Annex B.1 - Environmental Health Service representation

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

MEMORANDUM

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**TO** Emanuela Meloyan  
**REFERENCE** 21/00981/LIREVP

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**FROM** EH Consultation Team  
**EH Reference** 21/006322/EHCT  
**BEING DEALT WITH BY** Maxwell Owusu Koduah  
**TELEPHONE** 07971920558  
**DATE** 24 February 2021

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### The Licensing Act 2003

#### The Cow, 89 Westbourne Park Road, London, W2 5QH

I refer to the application for review of the Premises Licence.

The review is being taken by the Public Protection and Licensing Department on the “*prevention of crime and disorder*”; “*public safety*” and the “*prevention of public nuisance*” licensing objectives due to the premises not promoting the licensing objectives. The desired outcome is to impose additional conditions to help promote the licensing objectives.

In addition to the complaints contained within the application, Environmental Health have checked the premises file and the table below shows complaint history over the last three years:

#### **Complaint history excluding those contained within application**

17.03.2019 @ 23:41	Its now 23:37 and there is music and people petting/shouting can be heard from as far as 104 Westbourne Park and beyond. I have to get up at 05:15 for work and this noise is causing me inability to sleep	Customer called to Cancel. Noted customer cancelled call en route to visit.
18.12.2018 @ 23:03	Noise disturbance	On arrival, could hear very loud music from 70 m from the source. noted that the windows of the 1st floor of the pub were open. the music could cause sleep disturbance in the complainant's home. spoke to the bar manager,

		Luti Skerja. He said it was a private function and and they had a TEN. It was scheduled to finish at 1am. He got the organisers to reduce the volume of the music. Tel. 02072215400.
18.12.2018 @ 23:52	Lady calling back saying that the noise team have attended to the noise at the Cow Pub. The caller states that the noise started again ten minutes after the noise team left	phoned cust, no answer, left a message on v/m. Already made a visit. see ref. 18/40170/ENC45
14.12.2018 @ 00:02	Noise disturbance from a private party at the pub, the caller would like a call from the noise team	Call to customer, would like us to drive past the noisy pub, but not visit him.  Did not have time to drive past the pub.  Customer requested i call the public house and explain we have received a noise complaint. Called public house, 020 7221 5400, spoke to a person at the pub and brought the recent noise to their attention.  No further contact from .
14.12.2018 @ 00:07	Disturbance on regular basis beyond normal opening hours. Pub guests always beyond the perimeter with drinks, being abusive to other public members and being loud beyond control	number not recognised.  NFA
13.12.2018 @ 23:30	Loud and disturbing music noise.	No number provided costumer emailed to the email provided

Environmental Health will be supporting the review application and additional information may be submitted at a later date.

Regards

**Maxwell Owusu Koduah**  
Environmental Health Officer

## Annex B1.1 – Environmental Health Service’s supporting documents

**Application reference:** 21/01087/LIPN

**Premises:** The Cow  
89 Westbourne Park Road  
London  
W2 5QH

24 March 2021

### Proposed Environmental Health Conditions in addition to those contained within the application

1. MC12  
No noise generated on the premises, or by its associated plant or equipment, shall emanate from the premises nor vibration be transmitted through the structure of the premises which gives rise to a nuisance.
2. MC57 amended to read  
Saved for persons who are seated in an area appropriately authorised for the use of tables and chairs on the highway and bona fidea, patrons permitted to temporarily leave and then re-enter the premises, e.g. to smoke, shall not be permitted to take drinks or glass containers with them
3. MC22  
After 23:00 hours, patrons permitted to temporarily leave and then re-enter the premises, e.g. to smoke, shall be limited to 6 persons at any one time.

## Annex B.2 - Metropolitan Police Service Representation



Date: 24/02/2021

PC David Morgan 4242AW  
Westminster Police Licensing Unit  
Metropolitan Police Service,  
15th Floor, City Hall,  
64 Victoria Street,  
London, SW1E 6QP  
e: dmorgan@westminster.gov.uk

Dear Sir,

**Police Representation Supporting the Premises Licence Review Application for The Cow Public House, 89 Westbourne Park Road, W2 5QH.**

This is to confirm that the Metropolitan Police Service support the Licence Review Application for the above premises which are being led by the Westminster City Council Inspectors for the following reasons:

- The premises has failed to promote the Licensing Objectives
- The premises have breached Coronavirus restrictions

I will provide a statement supporting this representation as soon as I can.

Kind regards,

David Morgan PC 4242AW  
Westminster Police Licensing Unit

## Annex B2.1 Metropolitan Police Service's Supporting Documents Incident Logs

Exhibit DJM/1 – All CAD's linked to The Cow PH, 89 Westbourne Park Road, W2 5QH

Call No:	CAD ref	Date	Time	Police Attendance	Incident
1	7663/20NOV20	20/11/20	21:26	Yes – Words of advice given	Member of the public (MOP) calls to state groups are gathering outside pub and drinking. Breach of Covid regulations. No attempts to move customers on.
2	5659/19NOV20	19/11/20	17:56	Yes – FPN issued by WCC	MOP calls Police to say that pub is open. Informant states that the pub should be closed.
3	5808/19NOV20	19/11/20	18:13	Yes	Same caller as 2 - MOP calling Police again to find out where they are.
4	5930/19NOV20	19/11/20	18:29	Yes	Same caller as 2 & 3 requesting an update from Police.
5	7199/12SEP20	12/09/20	20:27	No – Intelligence report created	MOP calls Police to say that The Cow PH and The Westbourne PH are packed well beyond Covid-19 guidelines and that there is no social distancing.
6	8387/11SEP20	11/09/20	22:29	No	MOP calls to say that 40 people are outside of the pub not social distancing.
7	22/08AUG20	08/08/20	00:01	Yes – Police dispersed the crowd. Airspace report created for Anti-social behaviour.	MOP calls to say there is a party in the street with approximately 100 people. Loud music is playing and people are drinking. Informant states that it's a daily event that starts in The Cow PH.
8	10132/07AUG20	07/08/20	23:56	Yes	Linked to same incident as call 7 – MOP calls Police to say that The Cow PH is closed but a group of people are having a party outside whilst finishing their drinks. Caller mentions a big sound system.

9	7749/10JUL20	10/07/20	20:43	No	MOP calls to say that there are approximately 40 people congregating outside the pub with no social distancing. Informant says the same thing happened on Saturday night.
10	6810/04JUL20	04/07/20	19:53	Yes – Resulted in one arrest for GBH	MOP calls to say that there are 200 -300 people standing in the road drinking. Cars are struggling to get past.
11	6836/04JUL20	04/07/20	19:57	Yes	MOP calls police stating that there is a very large crowd gathering outside the pub with no social distancing.
12	6865/04JUL20	04/07/20	20:00	Yes	Same caller as call 10 - Police are called to a big fight outside the pub between 15 men. One male is knocked out. Caller states that there are over 300 people.
13	6867/04JUL20	04/07/20	20:00	Yes	Witness calls the police stating that he is chasing the suspect for a GBH.
14	6984/04JUL20	04/07/20	20:11	Yes	MOP calls police to state that there has been a fight and that a male is bleeding heavily.
15	7009/04JUL20	04/07/20	20:14	Yes	Same caller as calls 10 & 12 – MOP calls to demand that pub is closed down.

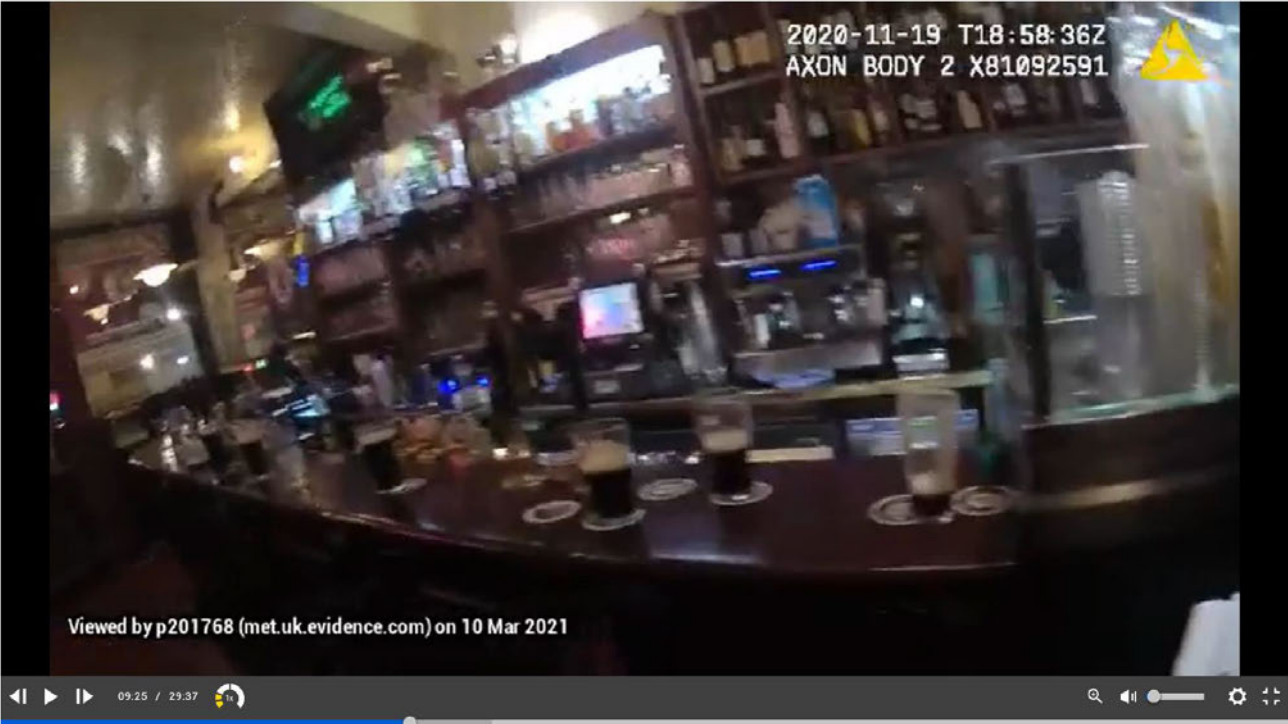
DJM/2 – Screen shot from PC Taylor’s BWV showing crowds outside the Cow PH.



DJM/3 - Screen shot from PC Peach’s BWV showing customer inside the Cow PH



DJM/4 – Screen shot of PC Peach’s BWV showing drinks at the bar within the Cow PH.





<h3 style="margin: 0;">WITNESS STATEMENT</h3>	
<b>Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B</b>	
URN	<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Statement of: David Morgan PC 4242AW	
Age if under 18: over 18 <span style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>(if over 18 insert 'over 18')</i></span> Occupation: Police Constable p201768	
This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.	
Witness Signature: ..... Date:26/02/21	

I am a serving Police Officer with nearly 21 years of service. Throughout my service, I have spent many years as a front-line response officer and in the last few months I have transferred over to work within the Westminster Police Licensing Team.

This statement is intended to provide evidence to support the premises licence review which has been submitted by the Westminster City Council Licensing Inspectors for The Cow Public House, 89 Westbourne Park Road, London, W2 5QH.

As well as this statement, I am also submitting a list of fifteen (15) Computer Aided Despatch reports (CAD's) and three (3) screen shots of Officers Body Worn Video (BWV).

Regarding the CAD's, I have searched between the dates of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 and I have only included the reports which directly relate to the premises itself. It should be mentioned that from the fifteen calls received by the police, they relate to a total of seven (7) separate incidents due the Police receiving multiple calls being for the same incidents. I exhibit this list as DJM/1.

Of these seven incidents, the Police dispatched uniformed officers to The Cow Public House four (4) times which placed unnecessary demands on Police resources and placed officers at risk to their health. As can be seen from the list, all the calls were generated by members of the public during the Covid-19 pandemic and a majority of the calls describe large crowds gathering outside the pub who were not adhering to social distancing and were causing excessive noise and disturbances.

Witness Signature: .....

Signature Witnessed by Signature: .....

Continuation of Statement of: David Morgan PC 4242AW

The six (6) calls received on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020, all relate to the large amount of people who were gathering outside of the pub who were not engaging in social distancing. This was the first day that pubs were allowed to open after lockdown and inevitably, the venue appears to have become overwhelmed with customers which resulted in large groups of people drinking on the street. During this time, Covid-19 restrictions still required people to be socially distanced and the 'rule of six' applied to people whilst outside. From the various callers, it appears that there was a lack of social distancing between the pubs customers who were drinking outside and not only did the pub appear to be unprepared for the amount of customers that attended, they also appear to have breached two of the conditions on their premises licence (16/06783/LIPDPS), namely;

Condition 12 – Consumption of alcohol outside the public house shall be restricted to the private forecourt to the front of the premises.

Condition 13 – The number of outside customers shall not exceed 30.

A few minutes after the calls relating the groups outside the pub, Police received two further calls regarding a large fight in the street which appeared to have involved two of the pub's customers. Whilst both customers were standing outside on the pavement, it was alleged that the suspect has spilt a drink onto a female bag and when challenged by the victim, the suspect has punched him in the face, knocking him back into the road, where he fell and hit his head. This resulted in the victim receiving hospital treatment for a head wound, and the suspect being arrested for Grievous Bodily Harm.

This incident is of concern to the Westminster Licensing Team as it took up a disproportionate amount of Police and NHS resources and may have been averted if the pubs management had adhered to both conditions 12 and 13 and controlled the crowd outside.

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Continuation of Statement of: David Morgan PC 4242AW  
This incident was recorded by one of the attending officers, PC Ben Taylor on his Body Worn Camera and it shows a large number of people blocking the pavement and road outside the pub whilst drinking. I have taken a screen shot of this and I exhibit it as DJM/2.

The other calls of note are those from the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020. On this date, the Police received three (3) calls from the same informant stating that there were people drinking inside the pub when it should have been takeaway's only. When police officers arrived, they found a number of customers inside the venue drinking at the bar.

At this time, Covid-19 restrictions only allowed the venue to be open for takeaway alcohol sales and therefore the management should not have permitted members of the public to drink alcohol inside the premises. By contravening the Covid-19 regulations, this incident, led to a Fixed Penalty Notice issued by Westminster Council. I have taken two screen shots from PC Peach's BWV as he was one of the first officers to attend the pub and I have exhibited these as follows; DJM/3 shows a group of customers inside the venue as the Police arrived and DJM/4 shows a number of alcoholic drinks that had been left at the bar after the Police had asked everyone to leave.

The various calls to Police involving the Cow Public House seem to indicate a failure of the venues management and it is disappointing to see that neither the Licensing Objectives nor the Covid-19 Restrictions were promoted or adhered to. This is of concern to the Police Licensing Team as we need to have confidence in the operators of all licensed premises, not only through this pandemic, but also in the future when the restrictions are lifted.

Due to this, the Metropolitan Police Service fully support the Westminster City Inspectors review of the premises licence.

Witness Signature: .....

Signature Witnessed by Signature:.....

## Annex B.3 - Interested Party Representations

Details of public representations relating to 20/11372/LIREVP

Comments received electronically via Public Access:

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 16 Feb 2021**

**Support**

16/02/2021 7:21 PM The Cow is very important to Bayswater, it is a local social hub that is principally used by residents as it is set away from main streets. That being said the Cow repeatedly broke lockdown rules, not only in those incidences listed in the report but in addition to that on most occasions that I walked past during the lockdown. I understand that lockdown was unbelievably hard for businesses and every business in Bayswater has my sympathy, but the Cow was the only local pub I was aware of consistently (and therefore intentionally) breaking lockdown.

Having been at the forefront, hearing from terrified elderly residents I find this despicable. I would hate to see the Cow go, but I can not endorse an application free from reprisals for a business that behaved so deplorably during such a dark hour.

Can I urge a creative solution, one that allows the Cow to still operate but with additional conditions (eg reduced opening hours or a delay before permitted opening) until the Cow can demonstrate it respects the health and safety of local residents.

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 23 Feb 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs

I frequent The Cow on Westbourne Grove from time to time and whilst a small pub, contributes greatly to the character of the area. And one of the few pubs left in the area.

Are we to now destroy anything and everything with fun or character or history and personality?

Maybe we can delight in seeing it turned into a Starbucks or something... with sanitised walls and fake art.

Can you at least have the common decency to allow people to recover socially from this pandemic before you turn our old haunts into ghost buildings and all the people into automatons????

Thank you  
[REDACTED]

**Received: 6 Mar 2021 by**

**Support**

To whom this may concern,

Reference: 21/00981/LIREVP

I am writing in regards to the review of a premises license for The Cow, 89 Westbourne Park Road, W2 5QH.

I would like to make a representation relating to the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

In the letter that was sent to us it stated that the timings for late night refreshments were Monday- Saturday: 23:00 to 00:30 and Sunday: 23:00- 00:00 which are not in line with the Sale by Retail of Alcohol which is Monday- Saturday: 10:00 to 00:00 and Sunday: 12:00- 23:30. I would also like to mention that the pub does go over the time limit.

The music causes lots of disruption to children and working people as they are very loud and noisy and the music goes on until late which makes it difficult for people to sleep. This affects young people going to school

due to the loud noise.

I also want to make a representation of Crime and disorder e.g. selling drugs just opposite the pub to pubs customers and our area's children. People gather around to sell drugs and are involved in fights. Our children and sick elderly people can't peacefully sleep and relax as a result of the noise.

I also would like to mention that I [REDACTED] and makes it very difficult to tolerate all this noise; it does not allow myself and other unwell tenants to live and sleep peacefully.

We would appreciate our concerns being heard and action being taken.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021**

**OBJECTION**

01/03/2021 4:44 PM I'm horrified to think that The Cow may not be part of the local landscape in the future. I've been drink and eating there since it opened, as have most of my friends. We are all local and it would be inconceivable that we'd no longer be able to frequent, enjoy and socialise at this wonderful pub as we have done for so many years! It simple **MUST** receive a renewal of its licence!

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 6 Mar 2021**

**OBJECTION**

06/03/2021 12:06 PM I have always found The Cow Public House to be well run, with great staff and excellent food. I feel this venue is an asset to the community. It would be a total sha to lose such a vibrant hub within Westminster.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 3 Mar 2021**

**OBJECTION**

03/03/2021 12:55 PM I support the licence application. I lived in the area for 10 years and come back frequently. It's truly an asset to the local area.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 3 Mar 2021**

**OBJECTION**

03/03/2021 1:50 PM Dear whomever this may concern,

There are many reasons to love London, but for me one of the main reasons is The Cow pub. [REDACTED] In those years we have spent countless times there together and i make sure to go **AT LEAST** once each time i am in London. My family go there (in normal circumstances) a few times a week to meet friends and to have family dinners. It is a down to earth, inspirational, home feeling, amazing place that is seriously hard to find nowadays. And it feels absolutely horrendous for anyone to ever take a place like this away. Lets please not get rid of things that has a soul and meaning. Seriously hope the countless people who love this place, manage to have their voices heard.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 6 Mar 2021**

**OBJECTION**

06/03/2021 11:31 AM I write as someone who has visited The Cow many times over the years and always found it to be a well run and decent establishment serving the local community. This is a small independent business which like many others has had a very tough year and I urge you to consider the effects on the staff if the licence is revoked.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021**

**OBJECTION**

26/02/2021 7:30 PM HI - I have been going to this utterly amazing and deservedly much adored pub since I was 20. I grew up in the area and The Cow has always been a place to feel at home and be amongst other locals. It's an extraordinary place for the diversity of people - in terms of background, ethnicity and age - it attracts and how relaxed and friendly people are with each other. This is not normal for most pubs, where seldomly do you talk to the couple on the table next to you or to the group of friends outside. We go to The Cow at least once / twice a month - sometimes more and back in the day every week. I have never ever experienced any kind of social unrest or felt unsafe in anyway - quite the contrary. Not only is the pub extraordinary for the joy it brings out in people - it has also been a trailblazer in the food it serves. There is nowhere like The Cow anywhere in the world - and I have travelled extensively. It is a gift to London and emblematic of everything that makes this city great! Please please please - it's your duty - to make sure that me and mine can return to one of my favourite places on the planet once the lockdown rules change. It is unique, unsurpassed and so genuinely loved by all who congregate there. I know of at least 5 couples who met there and continue to be happily married. That's what The Cow does - pure love!

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021**

**OBJECTION**

01/03/2021 1:28 PM REF number: 21/00981/LIREVP

To whom it may concern,

I write to you in relation to The Cow Public House of 89 Westbourne Park Rd, London W2 5QH and the proposed premises licence review.

The Cow is quite simply a local institution and in a time where there seems to be little to look forward to it is places like this where we can go to meet friends, make new friends, and unwind that provides us with something to look forward to.

The Cow is not any other pub. It has been a local focal point for people of West London for 26+ years and I can honestly say I have never witnessed crime, disorder, public nuisance, or any safety issues in, on or around the premises.

Whatever issues you may have had with the pub in relation to its covid compliance (and, from reading the file on the planning portal, there seem to be valid answers to all your concerns), it should not be used as a backdoor route to close down The Cow. The thought of which is absolutely heartbreaking.

There will not be many pubs which survive the lockdown and Westminster have a moral, social and economic obligation to ensure that those that can manage to do so are not closed for other nonsensical reasons.

Kind Regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021**

**OBJECTION**

09/03/2021 8:46 PM I have lived in the area for 20 years and have visited the Cow Public House on and off for most of that period both for a drink or food or both.

The staff are excellent and courteous and the regular customers polite and interesting.

I was very sorry to learn about the review application. Whilst I appreciate that steps should be taken - by employing security etc. - to seek to ensure customers do not cause a nuisance or spill out onto the road - I consider that the revocation of the Cow's licence would be disproportionate.

I have never witnessed any trouble at the Cow and have also been asked politely not to stand on the pavement at busy times and it appears to me that the staff take their licencing obligations seriously.

This is a very difficult time for many sections of the community and businesses including the hospitality sector. Increasing numbers of pubs are closing removing a very important local community asset and leading to greater unemployment.

Like many local people I was looking forward to returning to the Cow to meet the staff and local customers again.

The Cow is a great local community asset and I consider that a revocation of its licence would be detrimental to the local area. It would also mean that some valued staff at the Cow would no longer be employed at a time when we should be doing what we can to encourage employment and the return of some joy in these troubled times.

● [REDACTED]  
**Received: 28 Feb 2021**

**OBJECTION**

28/02/2021 9:17 PM To whom it may concern,

I strongly support that the Cow continues to be granted a license. I have read the comments in the case and [REDACTED] who would often walk passed The Cow during Lockdown did not see anything that I felt did not adhere to the laws at the time. While operating as a takeaway service, I purchased food on a few occasions and did not see anyone standing around outside. Further, as a [REDACTED] who until recently lived on his own, I have long found the Cow a hub of our community. There are few places as welcoming for locals to pop in for a quiet pint and perhaps a chat, and even fewer left in this part of London. The Cow closing is unthinkable and would tear out another part of our fading local community at a time when we should be doing all we can to support the hospitality industry.

Yours Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 28 Feb 2021**

**OBJECTION**

28/02/2021 8:08 AM [REDACTED] and it is the best pub in LONDON. Food and drinks were excellent.

It would be a HUGE shame for Notting Hill to lose this valuable asset.

I can say hand on heart this is an excellent example with very decent managers and customers.

I would be very happy to stand up and be public about my support if needed.  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021**

**OBJECTION**

01/03/2021 12:55 PM Dear Sir/Madam

Ref: Rejection to removing licensing at Cow Pub at 86 Westbourne Park Road (21/00981/LIREVP)

I am writing to show my support for the Cow Pub, its owners, staff and patrons. The Cow is a huge part of the Notting Hill community and an excellent, highly regarded part of our area and has been for many years. Moreover the Cow Pub has been an established part of Notting Hill for many years and adds tremendous value to our immediate community and wider tourism business. The Cow offers excellent food, a sense of community, providing employment for local and great staff.

*I have been going to the Cow for over 20 years and i have never so much as experienced "nuisance, crime and disorder" in my entire time of frequenting one of the most loved pubs in Notting Hill.*

*I am strongly objecting to the the application to revoke The Cows licence. During this time we need to support the hospitality industry, protect jobs and stand together to nurture, protect and support the Cow Pub at 86 Westbourne Park Road.*

*Yours faithfully,*  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021**  
**OBJECTION**

*01/03/2021 4:45 PM Dear Sir/Madam,*

*This message is in support of The Cow and the continuing of its licence in order to trade. It is a fantastic pub with great food, great staff and great clientele. It's a popular institution of the Notting Hill/Westbourne Grove area and, particularly in this current climate, should be saved at all costs.*

*I read the email complaint made against it and I think, given the current paranoia about Covid 19, had that person walked past the pub at any other time they would have viewed the scene as a wonderful, sociable and life affirming. It would be a very short sighted move on the part of the council to revoke this licence. I have been going to The Cow for many years, as I previously lived in the area. I have never experienced crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting there.  
Best regards.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 4 Mar 2021**  
**OBJECTION**

*04/03/2021 1:02 PM Hello,*

*I am writing in support of The Cow pub and to say how disappointed I am to hear their license is under review.*

[REDACTED]  
*The Cow is now one of the very few remaining local establishments with any character. It is a meeting point for our community and the food is excellent. There are already too few entertainment venues left in the immediate vicinity.*

*I do not wish to live in a district that simply becomes a bland dormitory for the City.*

*Furthermore, I have never encountered anything other than a friendly, hospitable and considerate atmosphere at the pub.*

*Please think again*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 2 Feb 2021**  
**OBJECTION**

*02/03/2021 1:51 PM To who it may concern, I object to the review of the licence of The Cow.*

*I have known and frequented The Cow regularly since 2010. I have been visiting it on average three times every month despite [REDACTED]. After having to move out of my house after 11 years it was clear to me to move as closely as possible to The Cow, and I finally moved into [REDACTED]*

[REDACTED]  
*The Cow has always connected people from all backgrounds, ages and types and has been a true asset to the community. It combines original pub culture that is getting increasingly rare in gentrified areas with top-notch food. Losing The Cow would be a huge disappointment to me personally and a severe loss to the entire Notting Hill/Bayswater area.*



*I have always experienced the staff at The Cow to be courteous and abide by all rules. Be that closing times or to keep any noise down when revellers sit outside.*

*During the special circumstances of COVID-19 and the restrictions I have been observing the staff going over and beyond enforcing the rules and making sure everyone is staying safe. In many dozens of visits throughout the last few years, I have not once encountered any disorder, violence, crime or public nuisance/noise. This includes the period during which pubs were opened alas with restrictions.*

*I urge you to not take this much-loved gem away from locals and visitors alike. I for one would lose my main reason which I moved into the Westminster parts of Notting Hill for and I would surely move out of Westminster back into RBKC during my next move which will involve buying a property.*

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 10 Mar 2021**

**OBJECTION**

*10/03/2021 2:02 PM The Cow has been a great hub, for all locals and for plenty of visitors from further away, how would come to enjoy great atmosphere, good food, friendly staff and overall the lovely feel factor. It would be shame if that would become history only.*

*My big support for a favourite spot for big older crowd, as not many similar jewels around.*

*Hope I will be able to gain more good moments and memories in the Cow, not just talking about it as a past. Please allow for that to happen*

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021**

**OBJECTION**

*01/03/2021 2:02 PM I am writing to show my support for the Cow Pub, its owners, staff and patrons. The Cow is a huge part of the Notting Hill community and an excellent, highly regarded part of our area and has been for many years. Moreover, the Cow Pub has been an establish part of Notting Hill for many years and adds tremendous value to our immediate community and wider tourism business. The Cow offers excellent food, a sense of community, providing employment for local and fantastic staff.*

*I have been going to the Cow for over 20 years and i have never so much as experienced "nuisance, crime and disorder" in my entire time of frequenting one of the most loved pubs in Notting Hill. The Cow is very well know for their friendly attitude and welcoming vibe, I would go as far to say - its like walking into your own lounge for some delicious dinner and glass of wine, chats to the staff and locals.*

*I am strongly objecting to the the application to revoke The Cows licence. During this time we need to support the hospitality industry, protect jobs and stand together to nurture, protect and support the Cow Pub at 86 Westbourne Park Road.*

Yours faithfully,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 7 Mar 2021**

**OBJECTION**

*07/03/2021 1:25 PM Dear Westminster City Council,*

*The cow has been around my whole life and has been a jolly meeting place for my family and friends for as long as they remember. A place of nothing but cheer and great food with friendly staff and creative decoration. The Cow is one of the last remaining Gems of Notting Hill, and without it, Notting Hill would have fallen to gentrification. The Cow is like no other in the neighborhood, it is unique, 80% regulars ( something almost impossible to achieve in this day and age) and consistent. Consistent being always incredible dishes at the same 10/10 standard with inventive and exiting specials everyday created by the loving and invested chefs and owner at the Cow. It is this that attracted the assortment of regulars, hard working and creative, who come here*

for their after work drink and catch up with friends from the day the doors opened and even the bar men who have been there the whole 25 years. To a lot of people The Cow is a huge part of their life and gives them a sense of belonging in this ever changing community. It is deep rooted at everything great about Notting Hill and the community cannot be parted with it. The Cow has never ever been a place of crime and disorder but one of happiness and joy. Me and my family have never felt anything but safe in the doors of the cow. Please keep our community whole and save The Cow.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 5 Mar 2021**

**OBJECTION**

05/03/2021 11:29 AM please keep the cow open [REDACTED] and have never come across any problems with the cow. it is an institution which also attracts visitors from outside the area. it is a friendly local serving delicious food and beer. the local community enjoys the cow, please don't take it away from us!

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021**

**OBJECTION**

01/03/2021 11:47 AM Dear Sir or Madame

[REDACTED] for more than 20 years and have been a patron of the Cow over this time. For years [REDACTED]

The Cow is a well run pub offering fine dining upstairs and a more casual and friendly environment at the entrance level. The place is well run, staff are mindful of the safety of patrons and passers by, and the food is delicious.

The Cow is a part of the fabric of the neighbourhood. It would be a tragic loss if for any reason the business was encumbered by any new restrictions or if its license were constrained. It is a great place and it must stay as it is.

I read with interest the email complaint of [REDACTED]. I too have come upon areas that were too crowded to pass in the difficult months of the Pandemic. I have walked in the street, crossed the street, turned back. It is inconvenient, but it is what we must all do for our health in a dynamic city like London. I have walked in the street to avoid the overcrowded pavement to safely pass the Post Office, a baker, a florist and a pharmacy. Not once did I think it would help the situation to ask that these establishments be closed. While I am sympathetic to [REDACTED] having experienced this issue myself, [REDACTED] seems to me to be rather self centered and perhaps a bit self righteous. We are all doing our best, the burdens and challenges on the hospitality sector are as great as they have ever been, and it would be nice to return to our favourite pubs when it is safe again. I respectfully ask the licensing board allow the Cow to remain just as it is: one of London's great pubs for dining, gathering with old friends, and meeting new ones.

With kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021**

**OBJECTION**

01/03/2021 4:29 PM The Cow, 89 Westbourne Park Road - 21/00981/LIREVP

I am writing with regard to the application at the above address for a Review of a Premises License Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 at The Cow public house I would like to add my support for the application, the license should be maintained and the pub preserved.

[REDACTED] and have used the Cow pub and dining room regularly since it opened over 20 years ago, meeting friends and neighbours there. The pub is a true community asset and some of the main staff have worked there for over 20 years. It is a unique free-house which truly serves the community and should be preserved. I have never experienced any disturbance from the pub or the customers and [REDACTED]. Given the difficult trading environment in the last 12 months the staff should not risk losing their jobs over the loss of the license and the community should not lose a treasured asset and a fabulous amenity.

I am a local business owner and have my offices on [REDACTED] my staff and neighbouring businesses use the Cow pub frequently for lunches, dinners and meetings. There is tremendous support for this pub.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 27 Feb 2021**

**OBJECTION**

27/02/2021 5:40 PM I KNOW THE COW LONDON WELL. IT IS A LOVELY VENUE IN LONDON AND WHILST VISITING THIS VENUE HAVE NEVER WITNESSED ANY VIOLENCE, CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR, OR ANY NUISANCE WHATSOEVER. THIS TYPE OF WONDERFUL VENUE SHOULD BE SUPPORTED ESPECIALLY IN TIMES LIKE THIS OBJECTION TO THE VENUE IN MY OPINION IS TOTALLY WRONGLY CITED AND WITHOUT FOUNDATION. THEREFORE THE COW MUST BE GIVEN A NEW LICENCE.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021**

**OBJECTION**

01/03/2021 9:30 AM Mrs Hicks,

I am hereby voicing my concern over the proposed review of the Premises Licence held by The Cow at 89 Westbourne Park Road.

[REDACTED] I have frequented the Cow for many years now. The Cow brings a significant amount of character to a part of London which is becoming increasingly gentrified, with its local roots being consistently eroded.

I am strongly in favour of the Cow being allowed to continue to operate with its current license. I have never experienced crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting the Cow, which I have done more than once a week for the past ten years or so.

This COVID-19 period has been taxing on the hospitality industry, with little to no support from the government or local council. The constant changing of the rules, and lack of clear guidance are more to blame for issues than the venues who have been incredibly hard hit.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 7 Mar 2021**

**OBJECTION**

07/03/2021 9:01 PM To Whom it may concern,

I'd like to express my support for The Cow to remain open based on the following reasonings:

[REDACTED] from The Cow for the past 6 years and therefore have visited many times with friends, family and neighbours.

In my experience The Cow is ultimately a warm, inviting and safe environment within the community in which to meet and socialise over dinner and /or drinks with family and friends. I can't remember an individual experience or time when I have been at The Cow and witnessed or experienced something untoward or unpleasant. And in saying that I feel it relevant to note that if other people have had such an experience, then as much as that isn't acceptable for them, it shouldn't be one or two occasions that override so many other positive ones. It is not a common occurrence from my experience; and I frequent The Cow often enough to believe that I therefore have a valid opinion to state that it is not a dangerous or negative establishment, I am here to state that I strongly believe it is in fact the opposite.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021**

**OBJECTION**

08/03/2021 9:35 AM Dear Sir/Madam,

*I am writing in response to the news that The Cow's license is up for review. I have been going to The Cow for the past twenty years, from when I was [REDACTED] and on a regular basis ( at least once a week) since moving out of the borough.*

*The staff and management are always professional, friendly and welcoming and I have never found a place where it is so easy to meet and engage with such a diverse and vibrant group of people. As a west London artist I have not only used The Cow as a place to socialise but also to network and have informal business meetings.*

*I feel The Cow serves an essential role within the community and really hope you will allow it to continue to do so.*

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 28 Feb 2021**

**OBJECTION**

28/02/2021 6:43 PM To whom it may concern,

[REDACTED] and visit The Cow pub on many an occasion for it's very good food and friendly atmosphere.

*I always found it to be civilised with an interesting cross section of locals along with people who have travelled from other parts of London specifically to enjoy the special mix of great food, music and people. At no point over my 20 years of frequenting this pub have I ever felt threatened or have viewed the customers as being unruly or with criminal intent.*

*The Cow should be celebrated, not vilified. The management and staff are all courteous, efficient and go out of their way to be helpful. I have lived in Somerset for the last five years now and one of the places I make sure to visit on my trips to London is The Cow for it's warm welcome and it is still one of the most relaxed places I can catch up with friends.*

*I would be devastated to hear this wonderful establishment had lost it's licence.*

Yours faithfully, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Feb 2021**

**OBJECTION**

01/03/2021 10:01 AM Dear Sir/Madam,

*I was disappointed to hear that there is currently a review into the licensing of The Cow public house on Westbourne Park Road. As a local resident, I am appealing to you to ensure that their license is renewed/upheld as this pub is an integral component of this vibrant corner of Notting Hill.*

*Following a truly challenging year that has significantly impacted the hospitality sector, it deeply saddens me that The Cow's wonderful team are now faced with the scenario they find themselves in. So many businesses in this sector will simply not reopen and our communities will be the poorer for it.*

*Put simply, The Cow is special and it would be a huge loss to the neighbourhood should it be forced to close.*

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 3 Mar 2021**

**OBJECTION**

03/03/2021 12:20 AM I object to this review of license.

[REDACTED] and the cow is my second home. I have no complaints whatsoever only good words for the amazing people who run and visit the cow daily  
Please keep the cow

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 2 Mar 2021**  
**OBJECTION**

02/03/2021 5:10 PM Please do not remove The Cow's licence. One of my favourite pubs in London with many fond memories. In my view the pub is an important part of Notting Hill's character.  
Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 2 Mar 2021**  
**OBJECTION**

02/03/2021 6:33 PM I have been coming to The Cow in excess of 20 years and have never experienced bad behaviour on the premises. I did not visit The Cow during 2020 in the periods of national lockdown or restriction as I was shielding under government guidelines.

I have read the documents, including the recommendations on modifications to the licence proposed if the Licensing authority agrees to the continuing licence. They seem like reasonable requirements to protect local residents from excessive noise and disruption. I would assume that the incidents described were likely due to the Notting Hill Weekend (always disruptive in the area) and the restrictions on pub opening hours during Covid restriction, where pub goers no doubt felt frustrated.

In my view the Cow has been a brilliantly run pub and is one of my favourites - I walk from my home to drink there regularly. It would be travesty to remove the current licence based on these few incidents. It should be easy to restrict the number of drinkers just outside the pub by use of security personnel. This would, of course, be an additional cost to the licensee and would, perhaps, make a less welcoming entrance, but I totally support The owners and staff in their continuing management of the pub.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 5 Mar 2021**  
**OBJECTION**

05/03/2021 11:29 AM I've been going to 'The Cow' since it opened in 1995. It is a perfect example of a neighbourhood pub providing top class dining and beverages. Most customers are regulars and most are on a first name basis with each other and with the staff.

Not once in the near 30 years I've been visiting have I ever witnessed even a hint of any trouble there; 'The Cow' just doesn't seem to attract that type of person, none of us would go there if it did.

I would be personally very upset, and I feel it would be an enormous loss to the wider community and all its constituents, if its operation were to be restricted in any way.  
The Cow is the finest contemporary update I know of a rapidly disappearing neighbourhood tradition: The Community Public House.

Things are hard enough as it is for all of us right now under the current extraordinary pandemic circumstances, not least the Hospitality Industry. If the need is there for these unprecedented circumstances to be taken into account, please do so. The Cow has provided great service to the community for so many years.

Thank you so much for your consideration in this matter.

Yours faithfully, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 7 Mar 2021**  
**OBJECTION**

07/03/2021 10:29 AM *The Cow is one of the very few remaining pubs in Notting Hill that has a soul and feels truly local, unique and is full of character and charm. The food is delicious and the people who work there are so friendly and welcoming. Losing the cow would be devastating to for the local community.*

**Received: 8 Mar 2021**  
**OBJECTION**

08/03/2021 12:29 PM *I think is it amazing how the license of this premises is under review.*

*As a public house, it does nothing but serve the people who go there.*

*The most welcoming and warm atmosphere, no one is made to feel out of place. It is a true bastion of the community, which in todays commercial world is very rare...*

*The place and the people are full of life and character giving its own unique charisma every time you pass through the doors.*

*Since I have been going there I have built many relationships, some great friends, as well as a hub of creative people who have helped my own business flourish.*

*Let alone the quality of product and service that is on offer. The food and drink is ALWAYS from the best sources and cooked/served with love and attention. Something we should champion in this modern time of 'fast food' culture...*

*This place is nothing short of magical, a gem of our time, it has grown through its people. Something we should cherish not restrict at the difficult time!*

**Received: 26 Mar 2021**  
**OBJECTION**

26/02/2021 3:49 PM *To whom it may concern,*

*I've been fortunate to spend many great afternoons and evenings in the Cow, where my roommate used to be a waitress and where we would often visit together. I know from my roommate that the staff and management at the Cow are incredibly kind and generous to their own staff, customers and the community. They are an important part of the local area. Since March of last year, I have been looking forward to re-visiting the Cow when it is safe to do so.*

*As I said earlier, I have spent a lot of time at the Cow and also lived very close by for a couple of years and never once have I experienced any crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues. In fact, the opposite is true that it is a safe and welcoming place in the local community.*

*Kind regards,*

**Received: 6 Mar 2021**  
**OBJECTION**

06/03/2021 11:18 PM *Please allow this pub to remind open! I love it!*

**Received: 7 Mar 2021**  
**OBJECTION**

07/03/2021 11:15 PM *Please don't shut down this wonderful old pub.*

*I think it would be a real tragedy.  
I can't understand why a council would want to do this?  
I think this needs a review and some press coverage to find out who is behind this and what their motivation is.  
The is so odd when pubs are struggling to survive.  
Hopefully the campaign and press coverage will help*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 2 Mar 2021**

**OBJECTION**

*02/03/2021 6:54 PM The Cos has been serving locals and non locals for years and is a fantastic part of the community.*

*The staff are polite, supportive, respectful and above all great at what they do.*

*Removing this from the community would be massively disrespectful and inappropriate. The Cow is a fantastic pub , one of the best in London and deserves to thrive after the pandemic.*

*I therefore object to the proposal to review its operating licence as I'm sure many others who have enjoyed this public house greatly over the years and continue to will do too.*

*Kind regards*  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021**

**OBJECTION**

*26/02/2021 8:52 PM Dear Mrs Hick,*

*I am writing to voice my concern over the proposed review of the Premises Licence held by The Cow at 89 Westbourne Park Road.*

[REDACTED]  
*I would consider it a travesty should this licence be revoked and am strongly in favour of the premises continuing to operate under the terms of its existing licence.*

*The Cow brings much needed character to an area which is increasingly at risk of losing its identity, with many local stores, cafes and restaurants having closed over the recent years. Without The Cow, this fascinating pocket of West London will lose a community hub and will be all the poorer for it.*

*I have made many connections with neighbours at The Cow over the years, and have not once experienced crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting, nor indeed whilst passing by, which I have done several times per day for over 10 years.*

*Whilst I recognise that it is, quite rightly, a busy and popular establishment, I strongly believe that this should not be held against them when assessing this review.*

*Your sincerely,*  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 2 Mar 2021**

**OBJECTION**

*02/03/2021 10:37 AM Best pub in London. Our 'go to' pub as a family, our 'go to' pub with friends and family visiting from abroad or from anywhere. Visitors abroad love it because it epitomises all that is wonderful about London pubs. It is safe, it is friendly, always welcoming, the food is beyond wonderful and apparently the Guinness is too! In June 2019 our daughter was married at [REDACTED] and there was no doubt in her mind where she wanted to celebrate afterwards. Friends, family, bridesmaids all enjoyed the most magical*

day and evening at The Cow, now etched in our memories as one of the best days ever. Please do not let this wonderful London institution fade into the history books. We need it now more than ever. There are so many chains all over London and The Cow stands alone as unique for serving brilliant and outstanding food as well as being a traditional pub.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 2 Mar 2021**  
**OBJECTION**

02/03/2021 1:41 PM Keep the Cow Pub alive! This review of a Premises Licence should not stop this historic public house from being closed down.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 2 Mar 2021**  
**OBJECTION**

02/03/2021 5:39 PM I have been going to the Cow pub irregularly for nearly 20 years, mid-week lunches, a quick drink and a bite to eat with friends or longer evenings spent meeting new friends and eating and drinking more. The Cow is the very definition of convivial, non exclusive and open to all and for as long as i have known it has been a refuge from the humdrum of normal working life for many many hundreds of people from all walks of life. It would be a travesty of justice for this unique place of social integration and exceptional hospitality to be a permanent loss to the MANY for the sake of what i can see from reading the documents to be the fleeting discomfort of the very FEW. save the cow. Please.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 2 Mar 2021**  
**OBJECTION**

02/03/2021 9:13 PM We cannot continue to lose vital recreational places like the cow which give such character to our city.  
I have never witnessed any untoward behaviour in the establishment on any of my visits.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 3 Mar 2021**  
**OBJECTION**

03/03/2021 7:43 PM A great safe and friendly pub deserving of its license. Places like this have a role in being at the heart of the community!

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 7 Mar 2021**  
**OBJECTION**

07/03/2021 9:32 PM

I am writing to you today to voice my opinion regarding the threat to The Cow pub's licence and to beg you to reconsider your position.

As a long-standing patron of The Cow, I can vouch for the fact that not only have I never witnessed any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues when in attendance, but rather the opposite. The Cow is a safe haven, one of the true last bastions of what can be said to remain of a local community. It is an establishment wherein locals of all ages and backgrounds can meet, everyone knowing each other's names, customers and bar staff alike. It is an integral part of the neighbourhood itself, without which the entire area would be drastically impoverished. The service it provides is far-reaching and vital, and I fear the true implications of its absence would only be visible in the after-effects of its closure, the many regulars who are elderly or who live alone and have relied on the existence of The Cow for regular companionship suddenly finding themselves lonely and bereft.

The closure of The Cow would not be a loss for Westminster alone, but for London as a whole, our pubs disappearing at an alarming and saddening rate, often replaced by soulless luxury apartments or estate agents that fail to offer the local community anything of what was previously there.

In the interest of the preservation of our beautiful London pubs, I beg you again to reconsider the creation of another black hole in the landscape of our home, and prevent the tragic consequences of such an action.



[REDACTED]  
**Received: 5 Mar 2021**  
**OBJECTION**

05/03/2021 8:31 AM Dear Sir/Madam

[REDACTED] and regular patron of The Cow for over 20-years I am astounded the licence of such a quality and longstanding asset to the area has been brought in to question. The local area has changed immeasurably but The Cow has remained a quality hospitality asset to the area and always attracted a diverse customer base underscoring its importance to the community. There are very limited examples across London of quality pubs/restaurants that have such a consistent track record and they should be applauded and supported by local authorities and customers. Every event Carnival, St Patricks etc is always given such effort. There is always 'life' there surely of critical importance to communities as we emerge out of the current crisis. Without such assets now affluent areas of London will further become vacuous with no diversity or amenity ie solely high value residential.

I have never experienced crime of disorder, public nuisance or safety issues at The Cow. To the contrary always knowing that there were people and staff in what is a dark area when walking home provides safety.

I trust the focus can be the benefits of such community assets as the world changes not the vilification of them.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 6 Mar 2021**  
**OBJECTION**

06/03/2021 12:10 PM I understand that you are reviewing the license for the cow to operate as a licensed premises

I must say that I fundamentally object to your view and I would urge to renew their license

the Cow is a fabulous institution

a simple concept , brilliantly executed

a wonderful neighbourhood pub, with brilliant simple fresh food

a place where locals can go for a pint, mingle peacefully with celebrities and tourists can get the a piece of London they have always dreamed off

I have been going to the Cow since it opened, as has my father

we have had so many happy evenings there, whether just enjoying a pint or the wonderful fish soup

I have never had any trouble there, nor did it even cross my mind

in which other city in the world do you think David Beckham can pop in and have a pint with his mother, without anyone bothering anyone

The Cow had that magic

one the world's coolest pubs, where celebrities and the local dustman alike were made to film welcome that was the secret to its success. A genuine local with universal values

I urge you to renew its license

best regards  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 7 Mar 2021**  
**OBJECTION**

07/03/2021 8:41 AM I am writing to object to the withdrawal at the The Cow's license. We lived in Notting Hill from 1997 until 2014. They were such happy years and the Cow was, and is one of the great institutions of the area. And old fashioned and traditional pub and restaurant that served the local community. It never played loud music nor did it encourage the kind of raucous behaviour that would warrant its closure. It is these kinds of institutions we should be trying to save rather than close. I implore you to help save this great place. Thank you.

[REDACTED]  
**Received:**  
**OBJECTION**

10/03/2021 11:36 PM I fully support a traditional, historic, community pub of which our COMMUNITY benefits

*hugely.*

*We just not let a few busy bodies lead to the closing of a joyous venue that makes our community happy and healthy,*

*West London is fast becoming faceless enough with stupidly high rates causing established and IMPORTANT community stores and markets to have to up sticks!*

*I do not wish to live in a London that is soulless and I'm sure I speak for many, many others!*

*Be smart, PLEASE! Especially after the crippling effects of the virus already thwarting our happy lives.*

*Sincerely,*

**Received:  
OBJECTION**

08/03/2021 9:51 PM Westminster Council,

*I'm writing in relation to licensing review 21/00981LIREV. - THE COW.*

*Firstly, I understand the review has been undertaken in response to a series of incidents relating to compliance with COVID restrictions. Since the onset of COVID I have only visited The Cow on one occasion, during an appropriate period where there was a partial lifting of restrictions. I would like to stress that from my experience the staff were fully compliant with all restrictions and were diligent in enforcing the restrictions. There was diligent monitoring of entry to the premises and staff were diligent in taking details for the purposes of test and trace.*

*In addition to my experience above, I would like to make the following comments in support of The Cow and its contribution. I believe The Cow to be a unique venue. It is a venue that fosters a rare sense of community in a highly urbanised city. The Cow brings together individuals from various walks of life in a sociable and inclusive environment. Petro and the team are welcoming and do their utmost to maintain a safe and enjoyable environment. I have never experienced any anti-social behaviour across years of visiting The Cow. I would go so far as to say that there is no finer establishment in London and this stems from the inclusive sense of community at The Cow.*

*I would be happy to discuss any of the above comments if helpful.  
Many thanks,*

**Received:  
OBJECTION**

*05/03/2021 3:03 PM We are a 60 year old couple who have enjoyed many visits to The Cow over the years; there has always been order and decorum amongst the clientele and it has a committed neighbourhood awareness and vibe. The location is perfect for that establishment and that establishment is perfect for that location. We strongly support The Cow being able to continue to trade at its high standards.*

**Received: 1 Mar 2021  
OBJECTION**

01/03/2021 1:26 PM Dear Sir/Madam

Ref: Rejection to removing licensing at Cow Pub at 86 Westbourne Park Road (21/00981/LIREVP)

*I am writing to show my support for the Cow Pub, its owners, staff and patrons. The Cow is a huge part of the Notting Hill community and an excellent, highly regarded part of our area and has been for many years. Moreover, the Cow Pub has been an establish part of Notting Hill for many years and adds tremendous value to our immediate community and wider tourism business. The Cow offers excellent food, a sense of community, providing employment for local and fantastic staff.*

*I have been going to the Cow for over 20 years and i have never so much as experienced "nuisance, crime and disorder" in my entire time of frequenting one of the most loved pubs in Notting Hill. The Cow is very well know for their friendly attitude and welcoming vibe, I would go as far to say - its like walking into your own lounge for some delicious dinner and glass of wine, chats to the staff and locals.*

*I am strongly objecting to the the application to revoke The Cows licence. During this time we need to support the hospitality industry, protect jobs and stand together to nurture, protect and support the Cow Pub at 86 Westbourne Park Road.*

*Yours faithfully,*

Received: 3 Mar 2021  
**OBJECTION**

*03/03/2021 11:16 AM As a long-time local resident and customer, I write to offer my support for the Cow Saloon Bar & Dining rooms as an outstanding institution of the locale.*

*During a time when the hospitality sector has been taking the brunt of the pandemic it is vital that a charismatic business such as the Cow continues to be a unique beacon of excellence and an asset to the area; the awards winning Cow is also a popular tourist destination favourably noted in many guides to the London and a favourite hostelry to nearby residents - it is 'our local'.*

*I have never heard any negative feedback with regard to this enterprising establishment in relation to crime or safety, therefore I am very surprised that Westminster City Council is proposing a review of The Cow's Premises Licence - it would be egregious if it were to be revoked on account of its enviable popularity*

Received:  
**OBJECTION**

*08/03/2021 8:06 AM 21/00981/LIREVP Objection against Review of a Premises Licence*

*Dear Licensing,*

*I write you in reference to reference number 21/00981/LIREVP for The Cow located at 89 Westbourne Park Road London W2 5QH.*

*Having regularly supported this venue for over 15 years, not once have I witnessed any ASB, public nuisance, or otherwise. On the contrary, The Cow is a pillar of the neighbourhood and is one of the reasons why I live within its vicinity.*

*The Cow is a much needed resource for locals to meet and socialise. It is Westminster Council's responsibility to ensure this Asset of Community Value is protected as it fosters and supports community inclusion.*

*Thank you.*

Received: 2 Mar 2021  
**OBJECTION**

*02/03/2021 10:31 PM I grew up going to The Cow and without pubs like this London ceases to be London and Notting Hill ceases to be Notting Hill. Why live in Notting Hill if you take away what is Notting Hill. London is a living city for living. Don t make it place of empty streets and lacking of life. Or all the money that makes Westminster so rich will leave.*

Received: 3 Mar 2021  
**OBJECTION**

*03/03/2021 10:49 AM I strongly support The Cow in retaining its current Licence. It has been a vital part of our community for many years and look forward to it remaining so.*

*During these times Westminster council should be going out of it way to support these independent establishments to survive.*

*I very much look forward to having dinner and lunch in the Cow when it reopens shortly !!!*

[REDACTED]  
Received: 1 Mar 2021

**OBJECTION**

01/03/2021 5:51 PM [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

*I have visited The Cow many times. It is a well run pub.*

*The Cow is a popular successful pub in an area of London noted for vibrancy. This is not the Cotswolds and newcomers moving in should not trump the interests of others socialising and enjoying lawful entertainment.*

*At The Cow I have experienced talkative people, good humoured and mature. Noisy? A bit. Rowdy? Not in comparison to the block parties that flourish where I live . Objectionable? Never. Violent? Never. Threatening? Never.*

*And i have witnessed the management nip potential trouble makers in the bud at least once. The notion that the management doesnt care is baseless.*

*They employ qualified door staff who are effective at keeping noise levels acceptable.*

*I draw attention to the Mayor of London's agent of change initiative and his policy protecting venues from arbitrary suppression and closure. 35% of Londons venues have been lost since 2007. The well-run Cow is an important part of west london cultural infrastructure. Its a popular pub that presents music sometimes. Of course it makes noise! But it is profoundly social, not anti-social and neither does it neglect its duty to prevent public nuisance.*

*The nuisance lies in unreasonable complaint and antagonism from those who should have thought before they bought.*

*Please see*

*[london.gov.uk/what-we-do/arts-and-culture/music/saving-londons-music-venues](https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/arts-and-culture/music/saving-londons-music-venues)*

*For full report on gentrification driven cultural damage.*

[REDACTED]  
Received:

**OBJECTION**

*10/03/2021 6:57 PM First of all, to be clear, this comment is in strong support of the Cow maintaining its licence in all regards. I have also reviewed the various reports of isolated incidents and complaints and can categorically say that these do not point to some systemic mismanagement of the licence holder. Furthermore, some of these complaints (e.g. loud music and drinking until 1-2AM) are simply untrue. I have been a frequent customer at the Cow for more than 15 years and the staff has always handled closing hours, crowding and disturbances with great efficiency and professionalism. Surely, the unusual and extremely challenging circumstances around Covid restrictions are a reasonable explanation for some of the recent and isolated incidences at the Cow. Yes, there have been days with bigger than usual crowds but how is a business to manage these sudden influxes of customers as Covid restrictions are sometimes relaxed and sometimes tightened? I have observed a clever and ingenious adoption of all rules at the Cow during 2020 (e.g. reservation system, takeaway menu, drinks in plastic containers etc.) that should deserve praise from the Council rather than a licence review. For local residents the Cow is a valuable asset that showcases the diversity and character of the local community. The consistency in which the pub has been managed, and the quality of the food and beverage offering, is unparalleled not just in the neighbourhood but in London. It's a place where locals, visitors as well as their families can get together in a vibrant and safe environment. I would strongly encourage WCC to support the Cow in continuing to delight the community in these dark times. The Cow needs to stay.*

• [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Received: 26 Mar 2021

**OBJECTION**

26/02/2021 5:19 PM Dear Sirs,

*I am greatly sadden to see this objection to the wonderful Cow. I have attended these premises a number of times in recent years. Every time I have attended I have a pleasant time, they have NEVER seemed to signify any sort of crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues.....*

*It is such a shame to see that one person, traveling around london, during a pandemic, feels the need to criticise a venue that adds so much to the local area...*

*During Covid, hospitality has been thrown into turmoil, rules changing every week, businesses folding every week, people loosing their jobs, for you to try to penalise a local hero of a venue is grossly unfair.*

Best, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 4 Mar 2021**

**OBJECTION**

04/03/2021 3:10 PM # 21/00981LIREV. - THE COW.

*The Cow is a Centre point for the affluent and aspirational community in Westbourne Park and Notting Hill. It's a friendly, vibrant, and smart-casual establishment with a delicious food menu and an abundance of loyal customers. There's nothing negative whatsoever about this venue, and it's beyond me why the local authority wouldn't want to support this establishment in continuing its presence in the community. The Cow has my full support in its licence application and I would urge the council not to cancel this positive landmark.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

My writing represents the licensing review for reference number: 21/00981/LIREVP

[REDACTED] *in the year 2019, with admiration for all things British and visiting pubs are one of many heritage cultural activities embraced when moving to this beautiful country. Living in England, seeking a pub you love is a requirement and everybody finds their place (and drink).*

*I met a wonderful gentleman who introduced me to The Cow Saloon Bar & Dining Rooms, and the moment I walked through the doors and drew the red curtains, my eyes were sparkling, and I was transported to another world; a space radiating friendliness, warmth, history, culture, art and family. I fell in love with The Cow and found it difficult to comprehend how this charming gastro pub was non-existent in my former life and I was reminded that it's never too late to discover something, even if it's been around for 26 years.*

*Communication about The Cow's licence review was heart-breaking to hear, the prospect of an establishment I discovered in the last two years ceasing trade. Here I am, writing to you, for you to understand how important The Cow is to me, for others before me and for those after me. You must understand, The Cow has a presence in the history of British pub culture; it was the fourth gastropub formed in 1995 when pubs began evolving, developing a new breed of pubs, gastropubs. The Cow has successfully traded over the past 26 years. What can be dramatic enough to forbid a historical institution to end its time when this establishment provides more good than bad? We need to think about the bigger picture.*

*After a challenging year and news of business closures especially felt in the hospitality sector, it is time to question where our heart and soul lies in re-building society. It isn't threats of reviewing licences from old situations, instead it should be an open conversation to understand circumstances better, taking all matters into consideration and finding solutions in moving forward together, not abrupt endings from one side.*

*For all the times I've visited The Cow, I have never experienced crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues; these are words which do not affiliate with The Cow. There has only ever been laughter, safety, history, art, inspirational conversations, delicious food and most importantly Irish Whiskey.*

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter in support of The Cow.

Kind regards [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern

*I am a regular customer at the Cow and believe that it is an important community hub . ....  
Having been a regular customer for at least 20 years I have only witnessed good natured and respectful  
behaviour outside and never have I seen the traffic stopped as suggested apart from last summer when the  
street was closed for roadworks ....*

*It seems that there is only one incident reported here and I would be very surprised if any pub in London did not  
have similar..... I have NEVER been aware of 1 and 2 am shenanigans as mentioned and certainly never  
noticed any flouting of licensing laws*

*I am very sad that such an institution that has added colour and character to Notting Hills unique patina is  
having to defend itself against a few narrow minded opinions .... Tom Conrans establishments have helped  
shape Notting hill for many years and I am sure added value to the complainants business / property / life*

Yours Faithfully, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Reference: 21/00981/LIREVP

Regards: Review of Premises Licence for The Cow public house

*I have known The Cow since its opening, and the surrounding area since childhood. The Cow has greatly  
improved the area which previously had been very 'run down'. I write as a long-term customer and local  
resident, and as a former restaurant reviewer/food writer for The Times, Telegraph and other national titles.*

*I have particularly enjoyed family gatherings there with children and elderly friends/family (some of whom are no  
longer with us). The very high quality and importance of The Cow's service in this capacity - over many years -  
may have been overlooked by the council. I hope not.*

*I have certainly not experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or any issues of safety concern whilst at  
The Cow.*

*Please take the above into account with regards to any review of licensing concerning The Cow.*

Kate Stronach

• [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

*I am writing to express my support for The Cow of Westbourne Grove amid their licencing review.*

*The Cow, simply put, is a fine establishment. It is at the very core of the community, and one that is treasured  
by me and many of my friends locally and throughout London. Over the years it has become a very special  
place to me and holds many happy memories. It's one of the few historic pubs in the area that has a charm like  
no other and serves the most delicious seafood.*

*It is not only the food, but the general buzz of the place. Everyone is extremely welcoming, especially the staff. I  
walk past The Cow returning home, and feel much safer knowing that the pub is there.*

*I understand there are claims of violence and drugs being used at the pub. I have never seen either of these and count myself a regular. At a time where local pubs are being threatened by COVID-19, I think you should find a way to maintain and keep this local business going.*

*It would be a huge loss to the area if the licence were to be revoked.*

Yours sincerely [REDACTED].

• [REDACTED] - Received: 8 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

Hallo,

[REDACTED]

*I have been visiting The Cow in NH, London many times. Always such a pleasure and everything in perfect order.*

*Both the hygiene, the environment, guests behaving well and I have always felt safe.*

*The Cow is and has always been a must-visit and a first priority for me, when visiting London!!!*

*I have invited other Danish and UK guests to join and all of my guests have enjoyed and been so impressed by the lovely place.*

*The Cow is really a special place, even if the size of the venue is limited, you always feel safe and welcome and nothing at stake because of the size. The staff are managing everything in such a responsible way!*

*I have never experienced any discomfort related to crime, disorder, public nuisance, hygienic or safety issues.*

*It is my sincere hope and heartfelt wish that The Cow will be in NH forever!!! It is a unique place!!!!*

*If any questions I'll be happy to elaborate or be available for answering any questions!*

Very best wishes, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
Received: 8 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster

*The Cow is an institution and the residents of Notting Hill love it.*

*Save the Cow please!*

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Received: 8 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

To the Westminster Council licensing office,

*I am writing in regards to the review of the Cow's premises licence.*

*It saddens me to hear the the Council has made the decision to review the licence, especially on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and prevention of crime and disorder.*

*Having been a local resident and frequent visitor of the Cow for over 13 years, I can confirm that I have never experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting the venue.*

*The Cow is a place to meet old friends, make new friends, enjoy wonderful food and soak up the ambiance. Whether it be an afternoon beer with a Mate, dinner with my in-laws when visiting from Australia or a date night with my Wife, the Cow is the perfect local pub that has the soul and character that unfortunately is all too often being lost from our neighbourhood.*

*I certainly hope during these challenging times, that Westminster Council makes the right choice to support its local residents and local businesses by renewing the Cow's premise licence.*

Regards,

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Reference 21/00981/LIREVP

To Whom it May Concern,

[REDACTED]. I have lived in many areas of London and also abroad but have been going to The Cow since it first opened. It has come to my attention that Westminster Council is reviewing the license for The Cow on Westbourne Park Road.

This establishment is considered by myself and a great many others as a haven of culture and civility. Warmly welcoming and egalitarian. Beloved by locals and visitors. Over the years I have mingled with stars of stage and screen, artists bankers, doctors, filmmakers, musicians, estate agents, poets, professional athletes and myriad others. Famous people feel as relaxed and at ease as the locals. This pub has an international reputation for its excellent food and atmosphere.

Wonderful long term staff, so professional and friendly.

The Cow is to me a safe space. I have never even felt a bad vibe in there let alone any sort of nuisance or danger or criminal activity. In fact once I felt that I was being followed on a dark winters night and hurried in there for safety. As a woman I feel safe and at ease to go and have a meal or a drink by myself and read my book and know I won't be bothered.

Please do not jeopardise this important part of our community.

Yours sincerely

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

re. The Cow reference number: 21/00981/LIREVP

[REDACTED] it is a wonderful local. Originally being from Ireland it is a wonderful home from home to meet friends at and enjoy the local area. It has a wonderful atmosphere, I have not experienced any crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting. The Cow has cheerfully and successfully enriched culture and connection to Westbourne Park's community for 26 years, striving for the best. It is a wonderful local meeting place providing a vital service in combating loneliness and isolation, creating the opportunity for people to connect and embrace their community.

LONG LIVE THE COW

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

In light of some recent news that Westminster City Council have issued a review of The Cow's Premises Licence (The Cow, 89 Westbourne Park Road, London, W2 5QH), I write with unequivocal, emphatic support of this wonderful local establishment.

The Cow's our local, and many in our wide circumference have been going since the late 90s: we consider the



pub to be an important asset to the community (and actually to London).  
It's considered glowingly amongst the food critic cognoscenti in the UK. Allegra McEvedy, for example - broadcaster and one of the founders of the healthy fast-food restaurant group Leon - got an early start from (and was head chef at) the Cow, and many others have similarly gone on from there to triumph in much-admired, noteworthy establishments.

The Cow's actually quite unique amongst London pubs: nobody really likes the phrase "gastropub", but it was one of the first pre-eminent pubs of this kind. It's sustained this consistent quality with a first-rate formula of a seafood-based pub menu in the ground floor area with a more gourmet, culinary approach in the first floor formal dining area.

...With an elegantly eclectic, vintage Irish aesthetic, the pub also serves what many consider to be one the best pints of Guinness in London.

There's a reason that this cozy pub is highly popular with locals, some (discreet & discerning) celebrities from the area and food lovers from across London: it's an unpretentious, old-fashioned establishment where nobody will bother you, with a cheerful, creative, occasionally intellectual, fun and thoughtful clientele.

There's few pubs in West London that some might think twice before entering: The Cow isn't one of them. It's an open-handed, well-beloved Notting Hill / Westminster institution, and an integral part of the local culture.

I would highly recommend this establishment; furthermore I can unreservedly guarantee that I've never encountered any crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting: on the contrary, with the warm local community that uses the pub, customers invariably feel safe there.

Locals (and visiting friends from the shires) will invariably meet up at The Cow and instantly feel at home. It's a unique and exemplary establishment that stands for community, good food and drink and originality; moreover this authenticity is actually brought into sharp relief compared to other more formulaic chains or arguably less-interesting pubs in West London.

It's a gem of a pub, and it deserves to shine.

Your faithfully,

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern ; 8/3/21  
Re ; The Cow Public House , 89 Westbourne Park Road , London W2 5QH.

I have also been a patron of the The Cow for nearly 25 years (not long after it opened in its' current guise). I believe there is currently a review being undertaken on the Cow's liquor license on the grounds of Nuisance and Public disorder.  
I would to take this opportunity to voice my support of The Cow and it's Managers , Petra Gashi and Luti Skerja , who have been running the Bar for most of the 25 years that I have been going there and who have been exemplary in maintaining the good reputation and governance that the Pub enjoys within the neighborhood. The neighborhood has changed dramatically in the past 20 years and for those of us who have lived in the area during this time , not all of these changes have been good or even helpful.  
The recent gentrification of Notting Hill has driven a lot of people out of the area , priced out normal folk coming into it and has, in their place , brought a combination of absentee residents and uber wealthy people who in general , stick to themselves and whom would not be , it's fair to say , part of the community.  
Whilst all of this transformation was going on , The Cow remained true to it's local clientele.  
It didn't sell out like other local hostiliarys had done , it continued to be a hub for the community , celebrating all of the relevant 'National' days for it's diaspora of locals when their time of the year came around.  
The average age in that bar is 50 I would say (I am late 50's myself ) and most people know each other at least on a nodding acquaintance level.

I have never once seen a fight develop in the bar in all my time frequenting the bar. On times that I saw matters potentially going in that direction , the swift actions of the pre-mentioned management team , always abated the situation and that is a skill and one that is most appreciated by the bars patrons.

Having managed large Night clubs in 3 countries over the past 30 years would enable me to recognize such a skill.

I am also aware of an incident that occurred outside the bar over the summer where there was an altercation on the street.

I came upon the end of that matter while I was driving to work in Camden.

I observed the crowd of people who were involved, they were all in their 20's from what I could see. I had never ever seen any one of them before, not even in the area , certainly not in the Cow , although I was not in the bar on that day myself.

They also appeared to be drinking their own liquor and I had observed plastic bags with spirits and mixers drinks in them from what I could see , near to where they were standing.

I feel it is necessary to point this out , perhaps I should have said this before to someone.

I am not being over dramatic here , but what with the 'gentrification' point I made earlier , and despite the fact that I do love where I live , if there was no Cow , the last bastion of normality in the area for like minded people to meet , I would sell up and move elsewhere.

Please feel free to contact me if there is any clarification you require on any of the above.

Sincerely yours, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir's

I'm writing in regards to the recent review of the license of the Cow pub imploring you not to take away a central part of mine and so many people lives . I have no doubt their have been over sites, rules and boundaries pushed but this cannot reflect the hugely

Postive impact it has on the Nottinghill community as meeting point, celebration, but most of all a side of home . It was the first person I went to when my son was not. A year ago to meet my friends. Where I have raked through death, life, hard facts and tough decisions .

It is rare to have a group of staff that have worked for such a long time at one place - surly this shows you the strength of character of the place . Pubs don't have barman for 20 years - the cow has two . More over it is a draw it is a world famous bit of originality for Notting hill . Sensational food with real people abs character .

Please don't take away the last bit of home we have left in an increasingly segregated London .

Thank you and very kind regards .

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To Whom it May Concern,

It is with great worry that I write to you upon hearing the news of the possibility that The Cow may close. With so much continous change, espeically with coronavirus, it is now more than ever that I look to an old establishment, a cornerstone of the neighborhood, for hope and joy in months to come.

The Cow brings together people that look for something real, not marketing, a sense of taste aligned with humbleness and cool. Please allow something clear to tune into amongst all this noise that we experience.

It is only with the fondest memories that `i think about the Cow. I have never exeperienced any nuisance or felt unsafe in this one and only London establishment.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Hi there,

Hope you're well.

*I wanted to write to you in the hopes that you will renew the premises license for the cow.*

*We work round the corner and it has always been the main place where we will get together as colleagues to socialise.*

*The food is amazing and the staff are lovely. It would be such a shame to not have it anymore, I have only ever experienced good things and have never witnessed any disruption, crime or excessive noise.*

*Thank you for your consideration.*

**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by OBJECTION**

TO WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

To whom it may concern

*I am writing to you concerning The Cow in Westbourne Park Road.*

*I have been a customer of The Cow for well over two decades and I am a huge fan of this establishment*

*I genuinely believe that the Cow is a great and essential asset to the neighbourhood. I remember the site before Tom Conran took over the premises as [REDACTED]. It was unwelcoming and gloomy. I remember thinking how brave Tom Conran was to take over the site. I thought it was doomed to fail.*

*Tom Conran had the vision and courage to transform the drab old pub into the fantastic establishment it continues to be today.*

*As a single woman then, [REDACTED], I welcomed the friendly environment he created there. I finally had a local pub where I could meet my friends and feel safe. The entire mood of that part of the road changed, it finally became a part of the neighbourhood one could enjoy and socialise in.*

*The food has been consistently excellent. I have enjoyed many an evening upstairs and downstairs eating their delicious seafood.*

*I have never experienced crime or disorder at The Cow. The Cow has always been my safe and happy local. After the hideous year we have all struggled through due to Covid it is absolutely essential that establishments such as The Cow should be allowed to continue trading. The local Community and neighbourhood needs it now more than ever as a safe place to socialise.*

Yours Sincerely, [REDACTED]

**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

*I am writing this letter in order to convey my opinion of this wonderful establishment that I have been frequenting for the majority of my adult life.*

*It is an essential part of the community where I have made and cemented many a friendship, it is a place where you are always warmly welcomed when in need of spiritual and mental uplifting. I religiously go here every year on my birthday and order a whole crab (the food is amazing).*

*Never have I once in the last 20 years of my life have, I ever experienced or witnessed any disorder, crime, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow.*

*If this establishment were to cease to exist it would be devastating for many a patron and the community.*

*Thank you for your time and consideration.*

*Please save The Cow, Kind regards, [REDACTED]*

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To Whom It May Concern,

*I have been going to The Cow since 1995 when it first opened as was a resident in the neighbouring street. Since then, have moved to another area but still have been going regularly for 25 years. The reason for this is the constantly spectacular food, impeccable service and the locals that frequent.*

*The Cow is an invaluable asset to the community, with patrons that visit locally and from countries far and wide. Very few places exist, in the area, where likeminded souls can meet, eat well and drink in a safe, well maintained environment with tremendously considerate and efficient staff.*

*I have not experienced crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow.*

*I whole heartedly support The Cow and will be extremely disappointed if an immoral decision was made to close it.*

Regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To Whom It May Concern,

*I do not live in London but The Cow in 89 WESTBOURNE PARK ROAD LONDON W2 5QH is home to me. Never ever have I experienced any sort of violence, crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow. On the contrary, my friends and I always feel very safe and welcomed. My sister and brother in law are close neighbors and regulars and The Cow is my favorite pub in London; I love going there, sitting outside while enjoying a pint and the seafood platter and friends coming by. The Cow makes the neighbourhood special and I couldn't imagine it not being there. Punters are locals, neighbours and visitors and there is always someone to chat to.*

*I celebrated my birthday on the first floor and not only was it delicious, the service was excellent and family and friends had a great time.*

*I can't wait to come back to London as soon as possible and go directly there. Before Corona this would have been at least 5 times a year with multiple visits to The Cow during each visit. I really miss it and would be very sad if it would disappear.*

*Please, do not close The Cow.*

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To All Whom It May Concern

*The Cow W2 occupies a special place in the local neighbourhood and also of course in the hearts of its diverse and eclectic clientele.*

*It is rightly as legendary for its hospitality as it is for its Guinness and oysters.*

*I was at the opening of this Saloon Bar and had no idea it would become such a part of the local area. Those who drink and dine at The Cow are of the widest demographic and I have never encountered anything less than a welcoming and hospitable atmosphere.*

*The staff at The Cow manage a well-stocked and well-appointed house. Because of The Cow's popularity, it is often busy but the staff and the patrons all conduct themselves courteously. I regard The Cow as a safe environment - a safe haven you might say for all and I have never once been hassled or encountered any*

trouble of any kind at all. It is a tolerant and understanding bar where everyone can come and strike up conversation easily and enjoy and celebrate the custom, hospitality and food for which The Cow is rightly renowned.

Social environments and amenity are very important and increasingly essential and I believe The Cow is a very important element of that in West London.

Long may The Cow continue to serve the local area and be a focal point for the community. I trust the Council will look favourably on this esteemed establishment.

With best wishes, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear sirs,

[REDACTED]. I have been going to the Cow since 2017 and it is always the pub I take visitors to (family & friends) when they're down as it's got such a fantastic menu and character about the place. The upstairs dining room is really special and the whole place is quite a rarity.

The excellent food (really is superb) in such an unpretentious setting is quite a marvel. I've personally not encountered any nuisance or rowdy behaviour when I've been there. It's got a buzz about it, but I've always seen it as a bit of an old man's type pub, which is why it's quite safe to take people like family to as nothing really wild is going to happen, it's not going to be loud or too drunken and if any thing the upstairs dining room is pretty classy.

The reason I'm writing to you is because it's such a unique venue, with such fantastic history, aura and character it would be a genuine loss to the area to lose a pub like that. There's so many bland pubs these days, to find a gem like this is worth keeping hold of. And the food really is something else!! I can't bear the thought of not eating there again.

I am aware the licence is up for review, and I hope this statement is considered in your decision.

Yours faithfully,

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

I have lived in Notting Hill for 12 years now, and I was deeply saddened by the news that the council was reviewing The Cow's Premise licence. [REDACTED], and have never witnessed public nuisance/crime/disorder related to the Cow.

I have been taking my family there for Sunday roasts for many years, and been a patron for even more. Why? Because the food is the best of any pub in Notting Hill, and it's one of the few pubs not overrun by drunken tourists; a true "locals" pub if you will.

The Cow is an institution - to close it down would be to destroy some of the very fabric of what makes Notting Hill so desirable.

On a personal note, I find the fact this review is even taking place, after such a hard year, is actually quite distasteful. Now is a time for the community to come together and unite, not destroy livelihoods.

I implore you to keep The Cow open. Its the first pub I will be going to when this lockdown ends.

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam

21/00981/LIREVP

*I would like to add my support to The Cow and ask you to allow them to thrive in the future and not be penalised for events during the extraordinary year of COVID*

*I've been going to The Cow for the 25 years of its existence [REDACTED] and always enjoy my time there*

*It is a real asset to the wider area with great beer - I prefer draught real ale - and excellent food; all are welcome and it's a very mixed crowd. Importantly no-one is treated differently there, each customer is valued*

*I first went in aged 40, I'm now 65: I have never in that time experienced any crime, disorder or nuisance, in fact the opposite with customers and staff being open and friendly and definitely non-threatening*

*When open during Covid the staff wore masks, disinfected tables after use and I never felt unsafe there. When the place got busier in the evenings there was security on the door and only people who had pre-booked got in*

*I would ask, especially now that we can see the light at the end of the COVID tunnel, that The Cow keeps its premises license and is allowed to thrive in the future*

All the best, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

*I was totally heartbroken today to read that The Cow's licence is under review for reasons to do with crime and disorder, public nuisance and safety [REDACTED], and has schlepped there many times [REDACTED], I have absolutely never experienced or seen anything close to that. The fact that I and many others make lengthy round trips to The Cow, is testament to its value not just to the local community but all of London.*

*It's a pub that welcomes everyone with a convivial atmosphere and friendly smile, whether you're popping in for a swift Guinness or sitting down to share plates of oysters and chicken kiev with friends. It's the cosiest pub in winter and the dreamiest people-watching spot in summer. It's the kind of pub you can walk into and feel totally at-ease, in a part of London that can be intimidating or feel exclusionary. It's not a place where I've ever seen bad behaviour or felt unsafe, and as a local it wasn't the source of crowd or noise nuisance.*

*Pubs like The Cow are a dying breed. Please, please, please don't revoke their licence.*

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

Hello,

*I was surprised and saddened to learn of a complaint against The Cow.*

*The Cow simply a great community pub. Beautiful food, a homely feel and good friends.*

*I've never observed any bad behaviour. It is a place we regularly go with our friends and their young children. An indication of the trust we have in this institution of London.*

*It would be a truly shameful act to close The Cow.*

Kind regards,

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs,

I understand that you have issued a review of The Cow's premises licence. I am writing, as a patron of The Cow and member of the local community, to let you know of the great import The Cow has in the local area - as a place of convivial conversation, great food and drink, enjoyed by local residents. The Cow was one of the first bars I visited when I moved to the area many years ago and has remained a true favourite among my friends. It is one of the few places left in London that has a genuine group of 'locals' for which it caters and as a result is much loved by us all. One of the things at the top of many of our lists when we return from lockdown, is the hope that we can enjoy a meal together at this establishment.

I would kindly request that you bear this in mind when conducting your review. I would also state, for the avoidance of doubt, that I have never in any of my visits to The Cow, been witness to any threat to public safety, any sign of nuisance or crime.

Kind regards,

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

The above referenced issue has been brought to my notice recently, and I would like to file my objection to these wholly outrageous reasons behind this review.

My name is [REDACTED]. I know The Cow very well, I frequent this pub at least 3 times a week, for either lunch or dinner. Sometimes, both. I also visit The Cow to simply meet up with friends and enjoy some refreshing drinks and civilised conversation in an amazingly well run establishment. It is a local pub, serving the needs of the local people. Some of whom, like myself have been visiting this pub for decades. They serve some incredibly well prepared, delicious foods and drinks. During my many years of frequenting this establishment, I have NEVER ever seen or heard any rowdy, abusive, violent, aggressive or any anti social behaviour from any of the clientele. The people who frequent this establishment do so, for meeting friends or simply to relax in some peace and quiet surroundings. They go there for a quiet drink, good food and to be in good company. That's it.

The Cow does not let in, or serve persons who are drunk or disorderly. The management of The Cow has a simple policy which has been the reason behind their success: DO NOT TOLERATE any antisocial behaviour or, and let in/serve people of dubious character. The Cow serves good food and good refreshing beverages in a nice, clean civilised environment, conducive for good conversations touching on all subjects, ranging from the arts to sport and beyond. It is a place where we all feel safe and free to enjoy some light entertainment, and good laughter. Never offensive to anyone.

It is a very well managed family bar and restaurant. It is run daily by a team of very experienced and highly professional people, very polite and courteous members of staff who have been running this pub for at least the last 20 years!! I repeat; I HAVE NEVER EVER SEEN OR HEARD ANYONE BEHAVING IN A ROWDY, AGGRESSIVE, DISORDERLY AND VIOLENT BEHAVIOUR AT THE COW. I DO NOT RECOGNISE ANY OF THESE POINTS OR REASONS OF THE OBJECTORS. Leaves one wondering, who and what is really behind this, and why would anyone want to object to the Renewal of the Premises Licence. What is the true reason behind this? Makes no sense to me, and probably to every regular of the Cow.

I understand this review has been brought about by some people, either in the neighbourhood or from afar. They have complained that the regulars at The Cow are rowdy, violent and a public nuisance. This is wholly UNTRUE and FALSE. They have other reasons to make these unfounded, groundless accusations of bad behaviour from the regulars of The COW. I can only conclude that whoever these people are, they have never

ever been to The Cow...or perhaps, they were denied service and barred from the pub. I can't think of any reason behind these outrageous claims of bad behaviour and violence. All rubbish, imagined and fabricated. Not a grain of truth in them.

Hope I have given you a true picture here of this exceptionally wonderful gem of a world famous establishment, and what it stands for; Family friendly, serving most delicious food, good beverages in nice clean surroundings and served by very polite helpful staff. What's there to not like? I see nothing wrong with it. All good.

I hope my testimonial here will help you in coming to the right decision. To grant the Licence.

Thank you, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

The Cow pub had been at the heart of this community for years. When my dad ([REDACTED]), [REDACTED], had a stroke which affected his speech and communication, the people at The Cow were so kind to him. It became a place he could go and feel comfortable going despite finding it very difficult to speak. It became a base for him to rebuild his confidence and has been key to his recovery.

It has survived many changes to the local community, where sky high rents have pushed out other businesses. It's important to treasure these local entities - otherwise the area will be hollowed out, devoid of any history and culture.

I have never seen anything illegal, unsafe or disorderly when I have been at The Cow. I urge you to reconsider.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to express my concern that you are considering withdrawing or suspending the licence at The Cow PH on Westbourne Park Rd.

There has been some publicity surrounding this and I am sure that despite the occasional comment you will receive complaining about this pub, the vast majority will be sent to express support of the staff, managers and owner, who together provide an irreplaceable service to the community.

I have been a customer for many, many years (although sadly much less in the past twelve months as a result of restrictions on us as patrons and of course on licences premises in general.) I have never witnessed criminal disorder, public nuisance or safety issues and have nothing but admiration for the amazing job they do for us as customers.

There are so few places of real character left these days. So few places that care as much about the quality of the offering they provide, and so few places that make their customers' needs the prime motive for their work. Any suspension or withdrawal of their licence would be a terrible thing, and I hope it will not happen.

Sincerely yours, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to object to the withdrawal of the license at the Cow Pub & Dining Rooms...

I worked for the landlord, Tom Conran for a number of years and oversaw the management of the establishment which is run to the highest of standards. Please reconsider this London landmark's license as I do hope it can trade for the next 25 years. It provides employment to many, most of whom have been loyal to Tom for many many years. The customers are law abiding citizens enjoying good food and wine.

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**



To whom it may concern,

I have frequented The Cow since it opened and enjoyed socialising with a varied mix of patrons. Having spent more time than most at The Cow over the past 25 years, I can say that I have never experienced any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety hazard whatsoever. Which is probably quite rare for some London pubs... this point alone makes The Cow a unique and special place, clearly loved and respected by its patrons, that collectively ensure a convivial atmosphere.

The staff are professional, animated, friendly and welcoming, its a home-from-home for many.

The pub serves very high standard food & beverage, which to some extent defines what a good pub is, which is certainly a credit to the Portobello, Westbourne, Paddington area.

The Cow is a valuable social resource for the area, in every sense. I've had meetings, done work and used the Wi-fi, met clients, made friends and celebrated birthdays there. It is a place where people meet from all walks of life, which is particularly important for a community as culturally diverse as West London. It also serves all London residents, visitors and tourists as an authentic destination British pub.

It's rapidly becoming an institution if it isn't already, probably eligible for a preservation order or grant of some sort, amid mass pub closures across Britain. Please don't let it become another Tesco Metro, as have so many.

It would be an absolute travesty if you were to revoke their license.

Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

I'm alarmed to hear that there is currently a review of The Cow's Premises Licence.

Good god, why would you do such a thing? What cretinous arse has complained? Someone unaccustomed to The Cow's perfectly poured Guinness, clearly.

I gather the licence review has been sought on the grounds of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder. I have never witnessed, nor heard about anecdotally, of any issues of this nature inside or outside of these premises.

Pubs and restaurants like The Cow across the nation are facing an unprecedented battle for survival right now, and it's extremely important that the good ones - of which The Cow must surely be counted - make it out of the pandemic unscathed. When the virus is no longer a threat, we need places where communities (and visitors) can return. The Cow had an incredible buzz before, one of the friendliest and most characterful inns in the capital, and the hope of that continuing is what's getting us through the day. That and The Cow's ambrosial pairing of stout and oysters. So please don't take it away.

Oh, and do stop knocking down lovely terraces and historic mansion blocks to make way for yet more shallow-spirited yuppie flats.

Yours faithfully, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED],  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council

I have been going to the Cow for 20 years for food and drink, before I meet my wife, then with my wife to be and now with our daughter who's 10 for lunch sometimes (pre lockdown).

We go during the week but generally over the weekend and I have always seen and felt that the Cow was a friendly local pub and Restaurant.



for people of all walks and stripes to gather under one roof.

Having been there dozens of times I can confirm I've never experienced crime, disorder or safety issues.

I was nearby last year when there was an incident with someone entering the Cow last year threatening violence but would strongly call out the general responsiveness of the staff and the importance of working with entities like the Cow instead of ending their license if there have been any complaints around noise from the public.

Its loss would have a devastating impact on the local community and candidly diminish interest in people like me choosing to continue [REDACTED] where there are relatively few places nearby.

I'm available should you have any questions or I can clarify any further.

With kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 3 Mar 2021 by Neighbour  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wanted to answer a few questions in relation to The Cow pub and ref # 21/00981/LIREVP.

My name is [REDACTED]. I have moved to London knowing no-one and the Cow has given me a home, support network and many friends within the community. I am a New York Qualified Attorney. I now work in Software Sales and [REDACTED]

Why do you believe The Cow is an asset?

My name is [REDACTED]. I moved to London and did not know a single person. The Cow is the glue that holds the neighborhood in W2 together. It is a melting pot of the community. Petro Gashi, Luti and his team make everyone incredibly welcome when you walk in the bar. They have become family and the Cow makes me feel like I am still in [REDACTED], rather than London. It does not matter if I stop by for a coffee, lunch, dinner or some drinks you are greeted with a warm smile and a big hug by staff and fellow patrons. The Cow has created a community within the City of London and Westminster and Notting Hill needs more places like the Cow. One of the many acts of kindness that have occurred from the Cow, was when I moved here Petro actively got me engaged with the other locals. I'm Irish from Belfast and previously lived in NY and LA. Petro also introduced me to my current landlord and is part of the glue that holds the community together. Petro and his team also make a huge effort any time my parents come, visitors come into the bar/restaurant or a local stops by. I was really disappointed by the standard of hospitality in London until I started visiting the Cow and had experienced a meal in the company of Petro and his team. The atmosphere at the Cow is truly uniquely people act as neighbors and support each other. It is a family and local community atmosphere in a huge City.

Therefore, the COW IS THE GLUE THAT HOLDS OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER. I've never seen any trouble or bad behaviour in the Cow and I live right behind the pub and walk past the pub frequently. Therefore, I am mystified why they are having any issues with the license.

What does The Cow mean to you?

As explained above, the cow is the glue that holds our local community together. I've met friends that I call my family here. It is my local support network and a place where people new to the neighborhood or that have lived in the neighborhood all their lives come to support each other, look after each other and enjoy each other's company. I have also experienced the greatest welcome and support here when I moved to London, needed to find a place to live and I was welcomed with open arms into the community. The Cow means everything to me and I am mystified why they are experiencing any difficulties with their licensing.

What are all the great things about The Cow does Westminster Council need to hear from you?

As explained above, The Cow is the vocal point of the community. It brings people together, fosters friendships, community spirit and everything that is good in Westminster. We are lucky to have a place that acts as the glue of our society and that fosters community spirit, belonging and love and respect for neighbors. We need more places like the Cow in the City of London.

*During Covid, I was really impressed with the safety standards in place. The staff are always clean, attentive and caring for all patrons. People remained seated and there was greater respect for patrons here than in other restaurants in London because you know other patrons and you feel like you have a duty to behave responsibly and protect your neighbor.*

*Importantly, can you confirm that you have not experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow?*

*During Covid, I was really impressed with the safety standards in place. The staff are always clean, attentive and caring for all patrons. People remained seated and there was greater respect for patrons here than in other restaurants in London because you know other patrons and you feel like you have a duty to behave responsibly and protect your neighbor.*

*I have never witnessed any crime or disorder at the Cow. I have always felt welcome, safe and comfortable. The amazing staff should get credit for this.*

*Thank you very much for your time.*

*Kind Regards,*

[REDACTED]

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**Received: 3 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

*I would like to support this establishment as an important place of community interest and feel they should be able to continue to have a license:*

*The Cow has been an important place of socialising, for over twenty five years since I have lived in and around Notting Hill. It provides employment and friendships.*

*I have never heard or seen any safety issues, public disorder of any kind.*

*I don't know where these objections have come from as it's simply not true. And actually a lot of people rely on The Cow for social interaction*

*I hope this is helpful to allowing this establishment to keep trading*

*Many thanks*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 3 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*The Cow is a fabulous restaurant, with great staff, food, wine & a long standing community of loyal customers. I have dined there many times over the years, with much love for the ethos behind what the place stands for - good, British, quality food, drink alongside a great atmosphere. It is always a pleasant experience, day or night & I have never experienced any signs of crime, noise problems or disruption to the local neighbours. In fact, for some years, I lived on the adjacent road, Talbot Road, myself and the neighbours loved being able to walk to The Cow. It was never felt to be a hindrance or disturbance to us - a place of sanctuary and joy!*

*I request that Westminster council review their current decision to refuse a licence to this establishment. It has such history and a place in the hearts of its customers, that it would be a great loss to us. In an already struggling industry, I would expect local councils & government to support local businesses, rather than shut them down.*

*Regards,*

[REDACTED]

*A loyal but worried Cow customer*

**Received: 3 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

Good morning,

I write with respect to the review issued by Westminster City Council regarding The Cow's Premise Licence (reference: 21/00981/LIREVP).

The Cow is an asset to the community: it manages to combine good service & quality food, whilst also not being pretentious. It's important that spaces feel open and accessible to people from all walks of life - [REDACTED]; we both feel equally welcome in the establishment and enjoy the offering. The prospect of The Cow being shut down, and inevitably being replaced by more flats and/or some form of chain, is a bleak one and I do think would damage the neighbourhood. Perhaps the key question is whether Westminster City Council wants to create neighbourhoods devoid of all character and community spirit, or not. I would hope that it's the latter.

I can confirm that I have not experience crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting the premises.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 3 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

I am writing in support of The Cow's campaign to have the application of revocation of its licence rejected.

In my opinion this application smacks of opportunism on the part of neighbours or developers. My experience is of another favourite pub where the surrounding neighbours had bought their houses cheap, because near a pub, and then tried to get it closed down - they failed. This is a ploy similar to outsiders buying a village house and then trying to get the ringing of church bells banned. Until the pandemic property prices in the area had hugely increased, but a clear pattern emerged of properties being bought for investment and either left empty or bought by persons with no experience of or interest in the amenities of their surrounding area. Many restaurants have had to close. Don't let it be The Cow!

The Cow is one of those places where a woman can go on her own, enjoy a great meal quietly and without any expectation of noise, riot or being bothered. I've been there several times with my goddaughter and her mother, and with other friends. The food has been superb, the beer good. Some drinkers appeared to be regulars, but there was no drunkenness or shouting. We had a very pleasant time.

This area of Westbourne Park Road can be a bit of a desert in the evening and I would hate to see that yet another food and drink venue had had to close. Such an application takes no consideration of the place of a pub in the wider community and communities are what Councils such as Westminster are supposed to be defending. And, when the pandemic is over, we will all need places where we can at last meet friends.

Yours,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 3 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Good morning,

I was both surprised and sad to hear the news that Westminster council is reviewing the Cow's premises licence.

Firstly, it is important to highlight that as a regular customer and someone who lives [REDACTED], I have never witnessed any crime or disorder, public nuisance or safety issues.

Second, the Cow plays a very important role in the local community and in the local hospitality scene. Ensuring

*a diverse mix of venues should be a high priority for Westminster council if it wants its borough to continue to be a desirable place to live. What's more, the Cow is unique in its ability to bring diverse types of people together in a friendly setting.*

*I very much hope the council does not take this matter any further*

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 3 Mar 2021 by Neighbour  
OBJECTION**

Dear WCC,

*As a Westminster resident and having advised you previously on matters pertaining to licensing, I'd like to express my support for The Cow.*

[REDACTED] *it is a go-to venue for me, both with friends and business contacts whom I often insist on bringing 'out west' from the City and West End for informal meetings. Colleagues from other countries whom I have brought there have always remarked on the atmosphere, how welcoming and 'local' it is.*

*It is a fabulous place and not just for catching up with friends: I have met many new people in The Cow as it is the sort of place that allows for that free exchange and interaction with others. Something that is becoming more rare these days (even prior to CV19). While meeting some eccentrics and a lot of diversity, I, nor any of my male or female friends have ever felt ill at ease there; the pub is a welcome and friendly melting pot, unlike some other establishments in the area that cater for the same 'type' of person.*

*It is a genuine community hub; residents and non-residents alike are grateful to have it.*

*Many thanks for taking my opinion into account.*

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 3 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam

Ref: 21/00981/LIREVP

*I am writing in connection with the review of The Cow's Premises Licence.*

*I have been a regular visitor to The Cow since it opened which I believe is more than 25 years ago and it is my favourite pub in London. The customers are always interesting and friendly, a mixture of local people from the community and devotees from further afield.*

*In all those years I have never witnessed a single incident of rude or aggressive behaviour. On the contrary, I have often gone there for a quick drink on my own and enjoyed a friendly chat with a total stranger.*

*The staff they have recruited are equally friendly. They serve excellent food and I use The Cow as a place to eat as well as a place to drink. I particularly recommend the Cow Fish Stew.*

*It is therefore completely baffling to me that anyone would seriously be reviewing their licence on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder. It is a haven of civility.*

*Please dismiss this review and allow The Cow to continue to play a valuable, positive part in the social fabric of the local community.*

*At a time when local pubs are disappearing and being replaced by anonymous large chains where customers*

are treated as faceless consumers we need to preserve pubs which have a true identity and local clientele.

I humbly ask you to preserve the licence of The Cow.

Kind regards

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**Received: 3 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

To Whom it May concern

I have been coming to The Cow since the late 90ies have a ██████████  
██████████. I sincerely hope you will reconsider and extend the licence to The Cow. It is one of the few local institutions and visited by everyone from bankers to builders. I work in the fashion industry and there are also many industry people and you will always see people you know from the neighbourhood and those that have moved out often still meet there. I have never seen the clientele behaving badly, it is just like all of the pubs in Notting Hill where occasionally you may have one night were someone over drinks but this happens anywhere in the world. I have not seen drunk or disorderly people there and know people who frequent The Cow are respectful and leave quietly. Also I know it is also on the tourist map an authentic pub in Notting Hill for those who seek out real places and want to avoid tourist traps.

Please can you not shut them down it will be a HUGE loss to the area and so many of the good places will probably have to shut due to long covid closures. We should cherish and keep the pubs that are popular and probably can survive this lockdown going. You should be supporting and not threatening to shut them down. They are also an amazing restaurant with gold standard food.

I look forward to hearing back and everyone I speak to about this is upset but not everyone has time to write to you.

Many thanks, ██████████

• ██████████  
**Received: 3 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I have lived in the area since 1968 and I have frequented the Cow since it opened in the 90's.

It is an asset to the community. The staff are highly professional and the clientele are polite and warm.

It couldn't be a more respectful environment.

I have never witnessed or heard of any public disturbance or any crime at The Cow and it would be an absolute tragedy if it were to be closed.

Sincerely

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**Received: 3 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Reference 21/00981/LIREVP

I lived in the area for many years and now whenever I'm in London, which is very frequently, make a point of visiting The Cow. It is the West London pub to which I most often take visitors.

*It is therefore shocking to read that this local institution is now subject to a licence review. I can only imagine that any complaints have come from new arrivals to the area who are unaware of its iconic standing and reputation.*

*The Cow is an exceptional pub not only in local but also in national terms. Both for its atmosphere and the quality of its food it is outstanding and for it to lose its licence would be a disastrous for the local scene.*

*Yours sincerely,*

**Received: 3 Mar 2021 by Neighbour  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*I am writing to you for myself and on behalf of a large circle of friends and family who over the past 20 years have been getting together at The Cow. Over all those years I have never experienced any disruptive or even criminal behaviour. The Cow is an institution of our Notting Hill community and a strong element of its identity. Everyone knows and loves The Cow. I have many friends who live right next or even above The Cow who also love it and never had any problems with them.*

*Closing The Cow would only contribute to the homogenisation of this city and would mean a true loss to all of us in this neighbourhood and London in general. All the staff at The Cow are like family, are friendly and kind and respectful people who have helped us create so many happy memories.*

*The face of this part of London would be truly changed if The Cow were to disappear one of the few establishments left that have been there forever and where you have a truly personal and authentic experience. We all chose to live in Notting Hill because of its village feel the personal and friendly atmosphere. The Cow plays a big part in creating this atmosphere and losing it would be devastating.*

*Whoever claims that The Cow is disruptive to the community must have some personal grudge that is not translated to the larger population who all love this establishment.*

*Kind regards,*

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am a recovering alcoholic and celebrating 11 years on the 10th of this month However I have been enjoying and appreciating the cow since my move to London in 2016 Although I don't drink alcohol I do appreciate And value The Cow.*

*I often meet there my colleagues and friends It would be a real vacuum and loss if we lost The cow.*

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am extremely saddened and disappointed to hear that The Cow is in danger of closing permanently, simply put there are not many diverse public houses left in central London.*

*Believe me, I have searched far & wide across London to identify the leading pubs which offer a safe and warm environment where well-kept ales and delicious food can be enjoyed in an actual pub, not some gastro pub filled with stereotypical middle class Londoners or some dive of an establishment where you feel uncomfortable or worse unsafe. The Cow is a melting pot of individuals who all come together in a respectable manner to enjoy a drink with friends or colleagues.*

*I have conducted business lunches there with clients visiting from the Middle East, regularly met my best friend from school, spoiled my wife with Friday evening meal out and even wet my daughters head with local friends and all at the pub that day.*

*The pub has always had a warm and welcoming environment and I have never witnessed any disorder or anti-social behaviour which is quite incredible for central London. I strongly advise you re-visit this and try to understand what the Cow means to the local community and everyone who visits.*

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**



## **OBJECTION**

*I am writing this letter to request that you help The Cow (Notting Hill) 21/00981. Rather than take it away. Since I've been going there for 15 years in sporadic succession I have never had an issue, complaint or seen any trouble. They operation is always ran professionally and the guests of The Cow are always courteous and polite.*

*It would be a great shame to see anything happen to this place especially given the hard times we have all fallen on.*

*So if you could kindly open your arms and show compassion to this wonderful institute that would be better than taking it away.*

*I do hope this letter will be considered, read and understood and I hope to have helped support a 25 year old business see another 25 years at least.*

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**

## **OBJECTION**

*I'm writing regarding The Cow public house in my local area and which I have frequented, until St Patrick's Day 2 years ago.*

*A couple in the bar joined my male friend and I and spent a while talking to us , I wasn't really watching what they were doing as the bar was very busy. However, I stepped outside to get air and woke up in St Mary's Hospital as my drinks had been spiked.*

*I have never been back and unless the proprietor changes I have no plans to return. Management is poor and the event should have been ticketed to monitor the attendees and ensure drugs are kept away, as much as is possible.*

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**

## **OBJECTION**

*Growing up on [REDACTED], I have been a regular customer of The Cow for as long as I can remember. It's run by the most wonderful people (rivalled only by the people who frequent it!), a lynchpin of the community, and I'm certain I'm not the only one who can't imagine West London without it.*

*I spent a large part of my twenties working for Tom Conran at his now closed restaurants LUCKY SEVEN and CRAZY HOMIES, the best part of eight years, in fact. I found him to be an excellent proprietor and an absolute pleasure to work for. Before that, I had visited Lucky Seven once a week since it opened when I was seven years old and to say I was devastated when it closed down would be an understatement. We cannot lose another one of his establishments.*

*When I moved from [REDACTED], The Cow would be where I'd head after a hard day at work - so certain would I be to find friendly faces on both sides of the bar. When I met my soon-to-be husband, there was no question where our first date would take place and we've spent anniversaries there ever since. When our 100 person wedding looked uncertain due to the pandemic, I booked the private dining room at The Cow instead.*

*Even now that I live in East London, The Cow is still where I want to go to commiserate sad news, to celebrate good news, and to mark everything in between. With the area I grew up in (and hope very much to return and raise my own children in) at risk of changing so dramatically beyond recognition, we need to hold on to the places that form its identity, now more than ever.*

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**

## **OBJECTION**

*I write with reference to the upcoming licence review of The Cow.*

*The Cow is undoubtedly an extraordinary and essential community asset.*

*I have visited the cow on a weekly basis since it opened and have never once know of any disturbance or untoward activities or excessive noise from or by the premises.*

*The Cow is an essential focal point of the community. It is a well run and friendly welcoming neighbourhood pub with both friendly staff and patrons.*

*I fully support its licence renewal at any upcoming review.*

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*SAVE The COW Westminster City Council's licensing review*

*This is a very special place, so convivial and with such good food, served with good grace and by such loyal workers over 25 years.*

*Unrivalled hospitality - this pub has a very special place in our hearts and deserves to survive the next 25 years, especially after these harrowing times.*

*Please renew the licence of one of the very best pubs in the world.*

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*I write with regards to The Cow at 89 Westbourne Park Road - ref 21/00981/LIREVP.*

*The Cow is an essential destination, one that encompasses the spirit of West London. It is inclusive and thick with cheer, a place for indulgence and laughter, humility and tears - a melting pot of character and charm. People from all backgrounds sit side by side slurping down Guinness and oysters at one with each patron and staff member. It is truly an ode to togetherness with no judgement passed and just a pure appreciation for good times. The Cow does not encourage anything but joy and any suggestion that it perpetuates malice or disorder is utterly untrue. Patrons are purely merry upon a visit to this great institution.*

*I personally have visited The Cow regularly for three years and am shocked to have to write this letter. The Cow is a neighbourhood staple that rejoices in difference, providing a common ground for the patchwork of cultures, ethnicities and nationalities that West London is proud to be home to.*

*I have never experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety concerns whilst visiting The Cow. Given that I work with the Metropolitan Police, I have a duty to both note and prevent such behaviours.*

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*As a former local resident in [REDACTED] I write to express my strong support for The Cow as a hugely valuable local institution.*

*I have spent many happy times at the Cow in particular enjoying its superb food and wonderful hospitality. My father-in-law, who lives in Melbourne still tells me about the wonderful local pub he enjoyed visiting when he stayed with us in 2018.*

*I used to walk past the Cow nearly every day during my two years living in W11 - not once did I experience any crime or other nuisance.*

*Proper pubs are a really important part of our local communities, especially at times like these. They bring people together, and help to foster a togetherness that can be too easily lost.*

*I urge you to do all you can to ensure the Cow is able to continue serving local people - and visitors from all over the world - for many decades to come.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Please save the the Cow, 89 Westbourne Park Road, London, W2 5QH. It is an institution and the local area is enriched by it.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am writing in dismay at the reasons for the review of The Cow's Premises Licence . Address: 89 Westbourne Park Road, London. W2 5QH Ref. number 21/00981/LIREVP.*

*I have visited, and enjoyed my experience visiting The Cow on many occasions. The Cow is unique, like no other public house I can think of.*

*The Cow is famous ! An asset to London and all those who visit it. No visit to that part of London is complete without stopping in at The Cow.*

*The Cow is the best example of Irish food and hospitality in London. It is part of the heritage of the area.*

*It would be a crime to lose this pub as it is establishments like these that make up the fabric of the people of London.*

*London is made of of different people and cultures from around the world as you know and they should be reflected in the establishments in London.*

*On NO occasion visiting The Cow have I experienced any crime or witnessed any disorder. I have never experienced anyone behaving in a way that is a public nuisance or experienced any safety issues.*

*I implore you not to revoke their licence. You would lose a real unique gem.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*My family have been regular patrons of The Cow and enjoy birthday dinners and special occasions there. We are writing this email in support of the establishment keeping its licence.  
Please reconsider*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*As a close neighbour of the Cow and a regular visitor, I am writing to say that it is vitally important for me and for the wider neighbourhood for the Cow to retain its licence to operate as a key local resource.*

*In a neighbourhood that has its fair share of community and crime issues, the Cow has always served as a haven of peace and tranquillity, welcoming people from all walks of life to mix freely and happily over a beer. It has been there in its current form pretty much since I first arrived in the neighbourhood, and I would feel a gaping hole if it was no longer there. The pub has managed to remain extremely popular both with a loyal group of local patrons and a stream of visitors from further afield, and it has managed this in an area where such success stories are few and far between. There is always an excellent atmosphere, both inside and on the intimate benches outside, and over a great number of visits over twenty years or more I have never witnessed any crime, disorder or other unpleasantness.*

*So please do not think of doing anything to imperil this important local institution -- if anything you should be looking at ways to reduce rates on premises like these to allow them to survive in these difficult times.*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

[REDACTED] and for many years have used the The Cow Pub and dining rooms.

*The establishment is totally an institution which is very good for the area, it is well run it is always kept in pristine condition exceptionally clean with efficient and friendly staff.*

*It has an established following over the years from the older generation to the younger more professional type who are always polite and friendly, I have myself taken clients and friends to The Cow know for its wonderful food and selection of craft beers.*

*I have never ever experienced any violence or disorder and I do certainly not connect this business with any crime what so ever.*

*It would be a crime to take away this 'family' business away from the community many of which use this pub in a family way. The Cow provides a service to the local people and a friendly place where people can eat have a drink and enjoy the comfort of a friendly safe environment.*

*Please do think carefully it would be very sad for the local community to close The Cow, it would leave a big hole that just would not be replaced.*

*So many property's are being turned into offices taking away the character of the area so less and less business's like The Cow exist which are really important for the people, this is for the community!!*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*I'm writing to express my support for the Cow. I've always lived in that part of London - for a long time [REDACTED] when it was literally my local. We've recently purchased a new house [REDACTED] and as residents it's long been a concern of ours that we're losing the pubs that make the community come together. I understand that The Cow's licence is being reviewed.*

*The Cow is absolutely one of the best pubs in the area - very friendly, safe for everyone and with great food and lots of regulars. The community absolutely needs to have these places in order for the area to retain its individuality and character. The Cow is so popular precisely because of the commitment and sense of fun of the people who run it - it represents the best of the area in terms of its welcoming, family-friendly cosy vibe along with the excellent food. It would be a huge and damaging loss for the area and it's residents were The Cow to close. I would respectfully ask that you take this into account when undertaking your review.*

*Many thanks for your time.*

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*I am writing to express my support for The Cow. I live in Notting Hill and The Cow has been one of my most frequently visited pubs.*

*I have never experienced anything unpleasant there. On the contrary, as a young woman, it is one of rare pubs that I actually feel safe.*

*It is a great local pub that we would like to continue visiting after the lockdown.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*I am writing a representation in support of The Cow pub. For many years it has been my local and I frequent it with my friends and family often. It has the most wonderful atmosphere and the staff there are absolutely incredible.*

*The Cow is the heart of the community and it would be an absolute travesty to see it shut down.*

*Finally, the hospitality industry has seen the most challenging of times recently. Please do not add to the sadness and hardship by closing one of the most wonderful institutions that my friends, family and the community have ever set foot in. We need these places more than ever.*

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Firstly, may I start by saying that I'm not one for sending letters about things seemingly as trivial (in the grand scheme of humanity and the planet's plight) as a pub closing but on this occasion I feel compelled.*

*Not because I'll benefit in any way, but because I have done [REDACTED] and am more likely to see an actual cow over the garden fence than visit W2 anytime soon.*

*The Cow isn't just any old pub, trust me, I've tried and tested what must be a decent percentage of London's watering holes and frankly, nothing comes close. Sure, the Guinness is good and the food tasty but they're somewhat of a supporting role. The Cow for me has been a place of escape from loneliness, a refuge from the ever changing face and trends of the hospitality industry and somewhere that's offered some sense of stability during life's turbulent times.*

*If I walked in tomorrow nobody would recognise me, but I would them, and I'd be greeted and served as if I was one of the more gregarious regulars. I've never known a pub, bar or restaurant to have bar tending stalwarts who work as if it was an actual family staffed business. Rather than try and climb some corporate ladder many of them have chosen their careers and have stuck at it. Which I can only image means that the management are sound leaders because we all know, hospitality doesn't pay well.*

*If I walked in tomorrow the huge photograph collage on the wall by the toilets would remind me that I'd been visiting The Cow for decades, not years and that perhaps if I'd made different life choices I'd have my photo alongside those of people enjoying life and building something great together.*

*If I walked in tomorrow I'd feel 100% safe. I've never heard so much as a cross word, let alone a shoulder barge. Which seem par for the course at most drinking establishments. And because I'd most likely be turning up on my own and the venue being on the small side of cosy, I'd have to ask a stranger to share a corner of their table. Sure, this is all the rage these days but The Cow has always felt like a communal space. Nobody owns an area for an allotted time, they all seem to appreciate that it's a privilege to be able to enjoy a relic of the past - a public house.*

*If I walked out tomorrow I would expect to feel safe also. In the immediate vicinity at least, as someone would look out for other patrons. And one of the reasons I would choose The Cow over watering holes much closer to where I was living at the time was because I'd never seen any trouble, so I find it a little odd that there seem to have been enough complaints to warrant investigation into reissuing a licence. Sure, who wants to live near a pub? I know I don't. But the flat's opposite were built decades after The Cow had been trading. And those new to the area might have an expectation for silent serenity by virtue of paying absence property prices but it's a city. But a city needs community boltholes like a pub or corner shop. Fancy cafés and here-one-minute-gone-the-next eateries are no substitute. When The Cow opened the area was rough. Up and coming in estate agent speak. Yellow 'serious incident' boards were a frequent sight on the pavements and tall tales of gangsters, yardies and crime were part of daily conversation for locals. The Cow was and still is a safe haven from urban misdemeanour.*

*I can't walk into The Cow tomorrow but having written just a few of my thoughts down it's occurred to me quite how much I miss London. Not 99% of it that's for sure. The Cow would be near the top of my list of places to visit when I return for a weekend and makes up a good portion of that vital 1%. The pub in my village closed down and was turned into a home for a just one family and as a result there's no community here and I've no idea who my new neighbours are or what's going on outside of the monthly parish newsletter. Truth is, for many reasons, here doesn't feel like home and I'd consider driving four hours to blow the froth off a couple in the corner of The Cow for a reminder of what familiarity and a welcoming environment can do for the soul.*

*So please consider the individuals and wider community when making your decision, not just a few negative voices. And please think about those who have toiled to give this place such a unique feel.*

*I do hope that on May 16th I can at least think about walking into The Cow tomorrow.*

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**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am writing to protest most strongly about the suggestion that THE COW should not have its licence renewed. What evidence is there that this pub creates a disturbance? The Westbourne opposite is just as successful and has a large terrace outside which in good weather often spills out onto the pavement. Isn't this what pubs are known for - lively, PEACEFUL social gathering?*

*I have not experienced any sense of threat or criminal activity when in or around the Cow. There are some high end shops around the corner and they are not disturbed. The suggestion that there is a threat to public safety or there has been a nuisance to the public in any way is complete news to many friends in the area.*

*Where exactly does this complaint emanate from?*

*At any rate, we are all looking forward to the re-opening of this establishment along with other amenities at this end of Chepstow Road and Westbourne Park Road. The retail and restaurants in this location need all the help they can get from Westminster Council...*

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am writing this letter to express how much the cow means to me, especially now that it has been taken away from our neighborhood because of the pandemic. I can't even imagine how much they must have suffered, and if anyone deserves to reopen after this lockdown, it is the cow. The reasons being first of all is that they are an institution. Ludi the bartender and owner wears his heart on his sleeve and it shows. His warmth and care shines throughout the pub. He is so friendly that I became friends with him over the years, as I am a regular. One of the main reasons I go is because of the food. It is simple, fresh, and delicious. It is the only pub I know with a menu based around whelks and shellfish. I am a chef and nutritionist myself and I appreciate good clean healthy food which most pubs never offer. And I love how there is a dish for everyone. It is also the best place in west london for burns supper with delicious haggis... I have so many happy memories in my local pub, and I only pray I can make some more. I have never had anything bad happen to me here, have always felt safe, and have made many new friends over the years just chatting out front to all the friendly locals. It will be the first place I go after this lockdown ends, god willing!*

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**Received: 3 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

*To the Westminster City Council,*

*I understand that the license for The Cow is under review. As a local resident, I strongly support maintaining licensing at The Cow. This excellent pub and restaurant is a real and positive contributor to the welfare, character and well-being of the neighbourhood.*

*For it to lose its license would be a tragedy, particularly when we are facing the loss of many of our local pubs, restaurants and independent high street shops due to Covid.*

*The Cow has long served the area with high quality fare, delivered with a pleasingly distinctive personality. I have gone many times, often with out of town guests, and never been disappointed.*

*Additionally, I have always found The Cow to be well run, with no tolerance of misbehaviour, unlike some of the other pubs between Notting Hill and Paddington.*

*While I understand that you may need to respond to a specific complaint, I see no justification in suspending the license of this outstanding institution that contributes so much to our neighbourhood.*

*Please feel free to contact me if any further input would be helpful.*

*Your sincerely,*

Received: 3 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council

I was alarmed to hear that the license was under review for The Cow pub in Westbourne Park. I have recently moved out of London but this is still my go to place that I crave, it is full of old charm the with a great variety of customers from all different backgrounds, age groups and always friendly, I have been going regularly ( weekly) for over 12 years and have never seen any bad behaviour either inside or out.. I take my family (and they love it ) and have introduced friends and work associates from Uk and abroad there because of its amazing food and vibrant but chilled atmosphere. I am passionate about this place it is one of the few places left in London that you are guaranteed good food at a great price and I even feel comfortable to eat there on my own .. if you have never been go so that you can love this place too.

Kindest regards

Received: 3 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

Hi there,

I am writing to you in regards to the review of the licensing of The Cow.

Ref 21/00981/LIREVP

The Cow is a great community asset to the area, it is my favourite pub in the whole of London and is a way to connect local people to each other.  
The Cow is a vital support network, going there feels like going to visit family. This is especially important in these times of disconnect and technology. I have looked forward to visiting The Cow all through this lockdown, to feel happy and relaxed again after an extremely hard year. This pub gives me life.  
I have never witnessed any disorder, crime or nuisance when visiting The Cow, and I have visited a lot! I feel extremely safe there, and very well taken care of in every way. The staff respect every patron and its surrounding neighbours.  
The pub staff are amazing, and the place is safely and well run. It is the best. Please do not take their license away!  
The Cow is valued, loved and respected, and it is important for peoples mental health to have a safe social place to visit when we all are able to again, which The Cow is. Safe, comforting, and valued, The Cow is loved.

Thank you,  
local resident.

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To Whom it may concern, (more specifically: to whoever may be making a rash decision about the future of The Cow public house in Westbourne Grove),

I have spent may a soul-affirming afternoon/evening in this wonderful establishment, feeling like I could sink into the furniture and be scooped into the fabric of it's welcome. An Irish girl who arrived in the UK with no connections almost twenty years ago, I've felt like an outsider in many parts of this city - never here.

I have met Londoners from all walks of life at The Cow, shared stories and bonded over the delicious food and excellent pints of Guinness on offer, (the latter being a rarity in London).

The Cow is a local with heart, class and true grit. A place where I have never experienced crime, disorder, public nuisances or safety issues.

I implore you to Save The Cow.

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir or Madam

I write to you with regards to The Cow Pub in Notting Hill. 21/00981/LIREVP

I understand that it may be faced with closure. I feel this is a huge shame as it's a massive asset to Notting Hill and to London.

The Cow is special, its unique charm and atmosphere, great food and welcoming staff make it a landmark for locals and visitors. It is an increasingly rare venue in our modern world of chain pubs.

On the many occasions that I have visited the pub, there has never been any violence and disturbance. It is a safe place.

Please reconsider any proposals to close it. It is one of my favourite venues and I hope it can survive and continue for many more years to come.

Britain and London need pubs like this one. It's our DNA and culture - let's not remove them.

Thank you, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I write in reference to the recent decision to review the the premises license for The Cow of Westbourne Park Road, London with the intention of preventing public nuisance, crime and disorder and increasing public safety.

The intention of my letter is to refute claims The Cow causes any negative affect on the local area and instead, quite the contrary, contributes to a sense of community and brings joy to all those who frequent this establishment.

A long standing institution, The Cow is a part of the local history and in turn has helped shape the culture of the surrounding area, which notably includes another drinking venue whose license I notice you are not calling into question.

During the many times I have visited The Cow I have not once encountered any behaviour which would, or even could, be categorised as crime and/or disorder, nor indeed causing a nuisance to the public or endangering their safety.

In fact during the pandemic, and the fortuitous times in which we were able to visit, the safety standards for both staff and patrons demonstrated and upheld by The Cow and its employees were exemplary and, in direct contradiction to the notion public safety is endangered by this business being open, created a profound sense of security.

I implore you to consider the points I have raised whilst conducting your review, if not for me as a devoted customer, but for the small business owners who, I think you might agree, have been through quite enough throughout the past twelve months. Please do not add to their plight.

Best wishes, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I understand that Westminster Council is due to review The Cow's licence and I am writing to add my support for its renewal.

Over the 20+ years I have known The Cow I have never experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or any



safety issues, which I understand are the reasons given for the review.

I feel strongly that the premises is a positive force for the neighbourhood and find it strange and sad that Westminster Council is considering taking away its licence. To do that would result in a big loss for the community.

If the Council forces the closure of a pub that offers some of the very best hospitality in London it would be a tragedy.

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Hello,

I am writing to express my feelings on hearing that The Cow pub in Westbourne Park is under threat. The pub is much loved and extremely valued by so many people in the local community and I believe it would be a great loss to the area if it were to no longer be able to trade.

I hope so much that you reconsider and that it is able to remain open, serving the community in bringing people together.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing to express my shock and concern about the possible suggested closure of the Cow pub and I would like to register my very deep felt support for it to retain its license and remain open .

I have been frequenting the pub since it opened when I was still young and I have continued to go there ever since , for food and fun , to be with friends and to make new friends too . It is a wonderful pub and a truly cross generational community, my daughter is now also a devoted customer and has been ever since she was allowed out on her own , because I always felt that it was a safe place for a teenager to be and also because she was familiar with it from many weekend family lunches there .

I have never witnessed any trouble of any kind there and even at its busiest times it has managed to retain the feeling and atmosphere of a party where everyone is having a good time together .

It is a rare thing these days to find such warmth and good fellowship , and in the light of so many of our precious pubs closing , I feel it is so very important to protect this lovely place .

It is a huge asset to the community serving many single regulars for whom I'm sure it is a very important link to others and where young and old can enjoy good affordable food ( with a range of snacks for the young or less well off ) and good times together . Please , please allow it to continue doing so .

Many thanks  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -  
Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

I just wanted to write a short note as I heard the news that The Cow pub license is under review. This was incredibly worrying news to hear and I hope that the support for the Cow will show how it is an establishment which should stay in the area. As someone who has spent many years in the Westbourne Grove area and seen the area change- losing some favourite establishments along the way, it feels like for The Cow to potentially go, we will lose a true icon of the area. The Cow is the embodiment of Westbourne Grove's character, it is a always friendly pub, with quiriness and charm. It is a place for meeting friends, and having delicious food and drinks. Not a place of crime, disorder and public nuisance. The area it sits will lose a big asset and have a big gaping hole so I really hope you will allow the premises to keep running and serving happy customers.

Very best, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am writing to express support for The Cow pub.*

[REDACTED] and in my time this has been a wonderful institution which is great for the neighbourhood. The pub has played a vital role in our personal social life and a broader role maintaining our community. The open nature of the staff and clientele represents the best of what Notting Hill and London has to offer.

*In all my visits I have never experienced crime, nuisance or trouble. I wouldn't have even known about this if it weren't for word of mouth within this close knit community. We've all been at home away from pubs so it feels super dishonest to shut them down during COVID.*

*Please don't take this pub from us. We have lost so much this year - it's time to build, not take away.*

*Many thanks*

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] ,

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*The Cow is a fine pub and restaurant. It has been a place my family has been going to since I can remember, I have nothing but good to say about the place and the people who's park there. and have never witnessed any wrong doing.*

*I believe the establishment should be given its license so that it can produce its too quality food and service to the area of west London*

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*I was made aware today that The Cow is having its licence reviewed. This is an outrage. Has the hospitality industry not suffered enough in the last 12 months. That you would put up for review a genuine institution of Notting Hill social life. One of the thing getting a large number of people through these endless lockdowns is the thought of visiting our favourite community pub in the summer. As anyone who has ever been to The Cow you shouldn't understand that like all the best hospitality venues it is far more than just an pub and dining room. It has a strong community surrounding it. It is a rare gem of genuine hosting in a world overfilled with knock-off franchises. It also serves throughout the community as a place for people from all backgrounds to mix. The idea of it disappearing quite literally enraged me - how dare you. I'm very sure I'm not the only one as this has dominated ever social channel that I use. I've never in a decade of frequenting The Cow ever had a bad experience there or seen anything that would cause you to review their licence. Certainly no "crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety" issues. The loss of the The Cow will irreparably damage the soul of Notting Hill. It would be an unjustified removal of a treasured asset to hundred of people. None of this even touches on the absurdity of removing the licence of a business that has managed to struggle through this pandemic just before we reach the end of this nightmare. What possible justification is there to destroy a thriving business that the local community LOVE*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*I understand the Cow's licence is up for review.*

*I have been a customer of the Cow over the past twenty years.*

*I could tell many stories that started or ended there through various seasons and events.*

*Its fund raising event for the Grenfell Tower victims was an important part of helping rebuild the community. During all Notting Hill Carnivals it would be my safe harbour meeting point. During Football or Rugby matches I would very happily join in. It is the pub I had my first date with the person who would become my wife. It is the pub where we had many family get-together and catch up time with friends. I could list many other events that meant a lot to me. But at the moment Its Fish Stew is my go to comfort food and during lockdown thanks to its takeaway menu it is yet again. I do however look forward to the pub to reopen fully when it is safe to do so. Over the Twenty years I have never experienced any issues with respect to crime safety or disorder. And regardless of time of day or week I wouldn't raise any questions or concern on that matter of that venue.*

*If anything it feels more like an extension of my home where I can meet family and friends happily and in a safe environment.*

*With this, I truly hope that you will allow "The Cow" to keep its doors open to its current stellar crew of managers and staff .*

Ref no: 21/00981/LIREVP

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

*I am writing to tell you that I used [REDACTED]. I only have positive things to say about the management and have never experienced any issues with crime or public nuisance. Quite the opposite, I believe that the Cow is a positive influence in the area and is a West London institution.*

Best,  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council

*It has been brought to my attention that The Cow's at 89 Westbourne Park Road is currently under review for its Premises Licence. This is the saddest of news.*

*For 26 years this establishment has provided the best food and company in London. So many pubs and bars in London have transformed into heaving hubs focusing mainly on cramming in drinker after drinker.*

*The Cow is something really quite different. The focus is on food, conversation, friends and family, something which many many establishments seem to forget and just focus in selling as many pints they can and then letting that all spill out on to the streets and surrounding neighbourhood.*

*This pub is all about family, friends, community and to have something so special ripped out of the heart of such a community will be a huge loss for all, not just locally but all across London.*

Kind regards  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Re: The Cow Pub 21/00981/LIREVP

PLEASE SAVE THE COW PUB

*It is a cultural & social asset*

*It is held deeply in my heart*

*It's welcoming, friendly & has delicious food, especially the chicken kiev which is my favourite.*

*I have always felt safe there.*

Kind Regards, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Council,

*Just few quick words to say that The Cow is a landmark of our neighbour life, the meeting spot for many and many people that live and brief this neighbourhood.*

*I have so many memories linked to that pub and none of them has any connotation of safety issues, public nuisance or crime.*

*We all strongly believe The Cow should not be shut down and I truly hope I will be able to keep having my Sunday lunch in that amazing pub.*

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Madam/Sir,

21/00981/LIREVP

*I am writing as a big fan and loyal client of the COW on Westbourne Grove and am very upset to hear their licence is under review.*

*The bar and restaurant is a completely unique place and has a great reputation among locals as well as international visitors. I bring all my friends from abroad to this venue as it is unlike any other in London. Plus it serves wonderful things like prawns in a pint and Guinness in a fabulous setting.*

*It is beyond comprehension that this long-standing establishment could ever be a public nuisance or causes any problem at all and I urge you not to pursue the review.*

*We love the COW and have never experienced any disorder, crime or felt unsafe anywhere around it. Nor do I know anyone else who has had a bad experience- so I can't understand who is objecting - there must be an overwhelming majority of people who don't object and positively support this brilliant place.*

*Wouldn't it a shame to lose this iconic spot without reason? We need these quirky places to continue and I can't wait for it to re-open.*

*Please register my unequivocal support for The Cow.*

Thank you

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

To begin to name reasons as to why The Cow is an asset to not only the neighborhood, but to London itself is like asking a Brit why they enjoy heading to the pub. A space of community, joy and laughter, the Cow is an institution unlike no other. I've brought my family, boyfriends, friends, dog and anyone who willing over to the Cow. Each happier than the last to have discovered such as a space. As we begin to anticipate our summer post-covid, I, and like many others, are excited to find comfort and happiness in social spaces. It would be a great loss to West London if the Cow would not re-open its doors to accommodate the many that are so ready to head back.

From afternoon oysters to dinners in their dining room, the Cow is so much more than just a pub or a restaurant. Open minded creatives, old and young enjoying a pint, Sunday 80's disco parties, the memories and anecdotes that have come from my time spent at the Cow are heartwarming moments. In all my trips to the Cow, not once have I felt unsafe, worried or cautious. Something that, as a woman, is hard to find in a city such as London. In a neighborhood that has already seen so many spaces shut down in the last 5 years, it would be a devastating loss for the community. While the Cow is a hustling and bustling space (as a good pub should be), it has never, not once, caused a nuisance or acted out of law. Having lived in the area for over 6 years, walking past the Cow and the surrounding areas, whether to head home or to take the bus, I have always felt safe.

It is very disheartening that such a place should fall victim to prohibitional stances such as this one, when it has gone above and beyond for its community.

With our city struggling, this should be the last of your concerns. The Cow is a space filled love, happiness oozing from its every corners.

I still remember my first experience at the Cow vividly: I had just moved into the neighborhood, it was the last remaining days of warmth in London and I was in search of a cool beer. I left my flat, walked not even 500 meters before stumbling across a crowd of people, laughing. I made my way in and in the crowd I spot a family friend I had not seen in over ten years. What a place, I thought to myself, chucking away at oysters and catching up with my friend. I've been going back consistently since, each time amazed at the friendliness of the staff, the above average food for the below average price.

As I said, London has just gone through an unparallel year, and with everyone eager and ready to return to normality, it would be devastating to find that a wrongful action such as this one was taken.

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

REF number: 21/00981/LIREVP

To whom it may concern,

I write to you to put on record that The Cow Public House of 89 Westbourne Park Rd, London W2 5QH is, to me, an institution

It's a place to meet friends, make new friends, and will always be a local establishment that opens its doors and makes everyone welcome. In addition, it's a fabulous place to eat and drink and widely recognised for its quality of service

I understand that you are currently reviewing The Cow's premises licence and I hope that the outcome of this is one which keeps The Cow open to business so that it can continue to serve the local community to the high standards that it always has

I can confirm whole heartedly that I have never witnessed crime, disorder, public nuisance, or any safety issues in, on or around the premises

If you have any questions or comments please respond

Thank you

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

Firstly I would like to say The Cow is, in my view, the best public house in London. I have been coming to The Cow for most of my adult years, and feel it to be like family.

Over the years and still to this day, it attracts interesting, educated and creative people alike and gives all people a place to feel at home and safe - surrounded by familiar, friendly faces and characters.

It is an asset to the community because it gives people a place to be together, it creates community. I can't imagine, and wouldn't want to, West London without it. I travel a lot and it is one place I think about and look forward to coming back to, seeing everyone and for a pint of guinness and delicious food - especially the famous fish stew.

I have never in all my years of spending many hours at a time at The Cow, seen or experienced any crime or disorder. Only unity and laughter- essential to a community's well being right?

Please do not close The Cow. It is the heart and soul of west London.

Yours sincerely  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Good afternoon,

I hereby submit my stern opposition to the review of The Cow's license. Having frequented this public house for the last 20 years, I can attest to its importance, both as a social hub for the Notting Hill area but also as a true institution of West London. This independent bar and dining room is indeed a true asset to the community; acting as an oasis of calm amongst the series of corporate chains and ever depleting establishments that once peppered the Portobello Road area.

The Cow has to be held up as perfect example of the quintessential, British gathering place. Its true value lies in its consistency and the wonderful people that work in and run the pub. I raise this important point as I can say, hand on heart, that over the two decades which I have had the pleasure to spend time at 89 Westbourne Park Road, I have not once experienced any crime, safety related issue or incident that might be construed as a public nuisance. In fact, quite the opposite. This is a bar where an individual may quite happily spend many happy hours sat alone or, as tends to be the case, join a fellow group of patrons and soon call them friends. The employees- be it front or back of house, are most welcoming and convivial. They are respectful of their neighbours and know when to ask a guest to lessen their exuberance, following an evening's frivolity.

There are seldom places left that offer up the unique spirit that one can experience at The Cow. We cannot put a price on the ability of a destination that allows complete strangers to mingle with such ease. You can witness a melting pot of cultural integration that spans age, culture, religion and creed. There are no pretensions at The Cow, only inclusion and happy times for all. This is a place that even the most introvert can enjoy social interaction - an essential quality as our country moves past the COVID crisis.

To me, The Cow means great service and diverse locals that bring colour and vibrancy to any visit. Throughout the year Tom and his team create special events that bring people together to engage, share and converse. The Cow has a host of friends that visit regularly and feel more socially engaged and content; this leads to greater trust in other members of their community. Without this local pub the area will have significantly smaller social networks and feel less engaged with, and trusting of, the local community.

The Cow is all about quality- that extends to their produce and standards. Be it Valentines Day, St. David's Day, St. Patrick's day, Carnival or Christmas- the Cow is the centre of the Westbourne Park Road community. To consider revoking their premises license would be both criminal and morally wrong with far reaching consequences for the area.

Best regards, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]



*For me, it is a flagship for the great british pub. Serving british classics such as chicken kiev, seafood stew, british oysters, Guinness and British Ales. It is a magnet for lovers of good food, drink and conversation. I see no sense in accusing it of drawing crime to a neighbourhood. In fact, on one occasion I left my mobile phone on a chair on a busy day. I went to the bar an hour later and not only had someone handed in the phone to the bar - the friendly bar staff was charging the phone. This is a stark reminder of the quality of the employees and of the visitors of this establishment. You are far safer inside the Cow than you are outside its doors.*

*If you would label a place such as this as anything other than a jewel of the neighbourhood, then you would be mistaken.*

*For the love of our community, please do not wrongly wield your power to remove their license. This beloved institution has been around for many years, and deserves to remain for many more years to come.*

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

*I was deeply disturbed to learn that Westminster City Council has issued a review of The Cow Saloon Bar & Dining Rooms (the "Cow") Premises Licence. I am led to believe that the review has been sought on the grounds of public nuisance, public safety, the prevention of crime and disorder.*

*The Cow is a fine food destination. It is a leading star in the development of the Gastro Pub trend in the UK. I have been a loyal patron of the Cow since I first moved to Westminster in October 1999. I have had the joy of many birthday parties in the Cow; both mine and those of my loved ones. Through these many years of have met and grown important relationships with friends and family, all patrons of the Cow.*

*A loss of the Cow's license will be a loss to Notting Hill. This establishment has been honored with the great and the good - footballers, movie stars, authors, directors, and other creative types. People flock to the Cow for its unique take on British culture. It has been full for 25 years. Don't destroy 25 years of fine British Food and Drink.*

*It is the light that quietly spills out on to the street side that has taken an otherwise downtrodden segment of Notting Hill and turned it in to a meeting spot for many walks of life. By creating a quiet well lit corner of the street the Cow prevents crime and public nuisance. Buildings on both sides of the Cow are empty at nighttime.*

*My cohort of people, people in their 50's, have been enjoying the Cow for almost half our lives. We are respectful of the neighbors, many of who are my close friends. With those neighbors I have watched their children grow in the neighborhood. Some of those children, when they come of age are then hired as staff at the Cow. This is a wholesome family atmosphere that MUST be maintained.*

*Please do not challenge the continued existence of the Cow. It is a central pillar to the lives of many in my community.*

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by OBJECTION**

Hi Westminster Council,

*I am writing to support the licence application for the Cow Pub. The Cow isn't just a pub; it is a place where people make lifelong friendships and support one another. It is one of the main things that we love about this area. We have made so many of our friends here and going there to meet them there is one of the best things about living in London. The food is also probably the best in the area! Not a lot of pubs can say that... We can also confirm that we have never experienced any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues. In fact, we would say the absolute opposite; just a lot of friendly, kind people! Please realise how important this place is for us in the local area and allow the Cow Pub to keep their licence. Thank you in advance for considering our email too.*

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by OBJECTION**



*The Cow has been a fantastic pub and restaurant, social meeting place for over a quarter of a century and its license should be renewed. It is an important part of the local community in which i live.*

*Sincerely*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*Dear Westminster City Council,*

[REDACTED] *and thoroughly enjoy the multi faceted community, which is a rich tapestry of all walks of life.*

*It is my firm view that The Cow has been a major contributor to this communal identity over its successful 26 year history.*

*It brings an energy and personality to our little corner of Notting Hill like no other and I speak on behalf of our community when I say that removing it from the scene would leave a gaping hole.*

*The poor Cow has, like the rest of the hospitality sector, experienced a rough twelve months. The owners and staff have proven to be innovative and resilient in overcoming the numerous challenges presented by the pandemic and I think it is very unreasonable to now thrust upon them the worrying prospect that their Premises Licence is under review. I think it is unfair and unjustified. At this tough time we should be coming together, to reward dynamism and resilience for our small businesses. Not battering them with red tape and reviews.*

*Perhaps there are a few disgruntled neighbours, and everyone is entitled to voice their opinion. But I am sure that they would be the minority and that the vast majority of the community enjoys having The Cow around.*

*The cow is a tremendous asset for the community because it provides a cultural centre that caters to all types and sizes. It throws its arms wide open to everyone in London.*

*I frequently find myself engrossed in a warm and interesting conversation with a stranger whilst I am enjoying a fish stew or a chicken Kiev. The people that it attracts are interesting, warm and loving. They are not rough criminals or violent vigilantes. They are progressive individuals. It means a great deal to me, to have the option to visit the cow and strike up a conversation with a stranger and just want to meet some new people.*

*By removing this from our community, we would be removing a safe house for organic socialising and fun.*

*Please consider your actions carefully. If we remove these small businesses from our lives, they may never return and could be replaced with another chain that benefits far flung shareholders.*

*Kind regards,*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*Dear Sirs,*

*I am writing to you about The Cow, on Westbourne Park road, in light of the recent announcement that you are to review The Cow's premises Licence.*

*This is one of London's truly special and unique pubs, with its Irish connections and unusual menu of fresh seafood to go along with the Guinness. I love the decoration and ambience, it's always very relaxed but upbeat and jovial. The Cow is the sort of place you could go to alone and not feel lonely, you could be 23 and or 83, it's just a friendly un-threatening space, these places are important in a community and have a valuable place.*

*In the 10 or so years I have been visiting The Cow, I have never once seen someone so drunk they are being kicked out, or falling all over the place, or getting into a fight. There no smashed glass outside, or staggering hordes at closing time, it just isn't that sort of place.*

*It goes without saying that I wholeheartedly believe that this place is very special, and should be allowed to continue to operate and act as a haven for members of the community to relax.*

*With best regards,*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir/Madam,*

*The idea that this iconic and wonderfully popular pub is cause of nuisance and should have its license withdrawn is an utter nonsense.*

*I defy your offices to find a friendlier, less troublesome, more socially and age mixed and better-dressed crowd anywhere in London.*

*Notting Hill has changed greatly over the 30 years I've lived in and around it. This pub is one of the few spots that still offers a warm and lively (without being boisterous) atmosphere and that still plays host all walks of residential life.*

*Upon any visit you light be ordering at the bar alongside young and old from the estate, we'll known musicians or premier league footballers. The food is excellent and reasonably priced, the staff warm but characterful.*

*Where else can you drink Guinness sitting next to David Beckham or Tom cruise, have a chat with a plasterer from the estate while a Rasta chef prepares you oysters while playing incredible roots reggae?*

*I rarely get involved in these 'save' campaigns - in many cases when pubs get sold off or developed it tends to be from lack of local support/patronage. Nothing could be further from the truth with The Cow. I've never seen any trouble at The Cow over the 25 years I've been a regular there and I'll gladly stand up and be counted as an avid supporter and petition whomever I need to.*

*London needs more spots like The Cow not less.*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*To whom this may concern*

*My husband and I [REDACTED] want to express our concern that the council is considering withdrawing the license of the pub/restaurant called "The Cow". It is a neighbourhood institution that we have many fond memories of and in the nearly 20 years that we have lived in the area we have not once experienced any issues with antisocial behaviour etc at or around The Cow's premises.*

*In fact, we believe the council's time would be better spent tackling the increase in brutal muggings, burglaries and drug abuse around St Stephens church, Westbourne Gardens and Kildare Gardens rather than going after a pub that has contributed to the colourful and joyful vibe of the neighbourhood.*

*Kind Regards*

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*Dear sir/madam*

[REDACTED]  
*I have seen so many vibrant corners of our community die that the area is not recognizable anymore.*

*The prevention of noise and nuisance excuse is getting ridiculous, Powis Square and the surrounding streets are so silent at night that is is scary.*

*It is much more dangerous a solitary place that one where there are people.*

*All pubs and centres of aggregation are gone. There is no one in the streets. And no, that is not since Covid begun.*

*People don't socialise anymore and this is the worse thing for a community.*

*This is when things start to go wrong.*

*We used to say goodmorning to everyone and leave the doors unlocked at night. Now people come and go for the high rent. Shops open and close for the same reason. Things change so often, the identity of Notting Hill is getting lost. We know that all is an excuse for developers to build flats. But who is going to go into these flats? Bankers who will be able to afford rent, but don't contribute to the community? Rich investors who will keep the flats empty? People buying their second home in London just to have a place while living elsewhere? We need the artists to stay. The teachers, the youth workers, people who work at the market, people who do things here!*

*Pubs are one of the main places where people get to know their neighbours*

*We need pubs. we need young people making some noise.*

*This is not a cemetery, it is one of the most culturally richest places of the world.*

*A rich and old culture including music. We need places to socialise and to listen to music, to meet people to make more music.*

*Sorry for the unstructured email, but it does come from my heart*

*Reference, propose to close the Cow see below*

21/00981/LIREVP

Kind regards

[REDACTED]  
• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/ Madame

Ref 21/00981/ LIREVP

*I am writing to express my concern that Westminster Council is trying to revoke a license for a pub (The Cow) at the heart of the community. I frequent this establishment regularly and have always found it safe and friendly. I am disappointed that Westminster would take such action against a local independent business that is a pillar and support network for so many people from all walks of life. It's fills me with doubt that the council is fit to make decisions and these actions show it has little understanding of the community and local businesses. Pubs are a vital part of society and the represent a very special part of the unique English identity.*

*I hope that you will now see and understand this infringement.*

Kind regards

[REDACTED]  
• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster council officer,

*I understand these premises are being reviewed & so I feel strongly enough to write this confirmation & letter of support & love for a local restaurant that I've been frequenting for half of my life! Neighbourhood restaurants such as The Cow are such an important part of my life & others, The Cow has been the venue that has held birthdays sunday lunches anniversaries & pop ins. The place is wonderful & a home from home as all good neighbourhood restaurants should be.*

*I have never in the 25 years of frequenting the place seen or heard or been witness to any untoward or illegal behaviour. My family & I have never felt unsafe at The Cow. None of us have ever experienced public disorder or public safety issues or witnessed crime or disorder at these premises. If we had, I assure you as law abiding citizens, we never would have returned.*

*Yours sincerely*

Received: 24 Feb 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

*The Cow pub is the most wonderful community pub. Open to all. Top quality in all ways with care and attention to detail that is very rare.*

*before the Cow's present owners and it was a virtual no go pub with extreme problems.*

*When the Cow opened it was a lift to the area in all ways. Although I have since moved from the area it has always been a pleasure to go there when I can with my friends and that has been often.*

*I have never seen any form disturbance in any way. It is an amazing establishment. It should be preserved and celebrated.*

*I think any threat to its existence would be idiotic and would cause major displeasure and concern to local residents and all who have enjoyed being there.*

*Yours faithfully*

Received: 24 Feb 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs,

*It has come to my attention that a review of the Cow's license is being sought on grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.*

*and regularly visit The Cow for both drinks and their excellent food. Not once have I come across any sort of disorder or any behaviour that would give grounds to such a review.*

*The Cow is an instrumental cultural institution in the area and it would be an utter shame to put its 26 year history at risk.*

*There is definitely a crime problem in Notting Hill: in fact, our house has been burgled twice in the last 18 months. I suggest that the government's efforts should be put to work to make Notting Hill safer from such crimes as opposed to putting at risk the places that make Notting Hill a place worth living in. The Cow is an asset to the community that should be preserved. The area requires more high quality pubs such as this one, especially coming out of a pandemic.*

*Kind regards,*

Received: 24 Feb 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

*As a resident for 20 years, the Cow represents one of the last bastions of Notting Hill's charm.*

*It brings with it a diversity that cannot be met anywhere else. Albanian tradespeople drink with Jamaican musicians, Norwegian chiropractors and American hedge fund managers. This is what makes Notting Hill*

special.

*Please do not deprive us of this institution. Such an act is irreversible and would be the last nail in the coffin following the demise in recent years of dozens of iconic establishments.*

*Also there has not been:*

*Any public nuisance created at any time I have been present, nor have I heard of anything -any safety issues - any crime or disorder*

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*As a London resident I'd just like to reach out and support The Cow as having a great impact on the community*

*I was very surprised to hear questions of 'crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issue' as in dozens of visits I have never seen or even heard of anything like this inside or outside. A very safe and well run establishment.*

*Thank you for your time*

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir, I have frequented The Cow for many years and found it to be well maintained and operated. It offers splendid food and a great pub atmosphere. I have seen it with just a few customers and very crowded and busy, and I have never witnessed any trouble either inside or outside the premises. The Cow is a valuable asset to the community. I hope you will allow the good folks there to continue their fine work. Many thanks and best wishes,*

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To Westminster Council*

*I am sending this email re. The Cow at 89 Westbourne Park Road.*

*As one of the earliest gastropubs in London, it has become a West London institution and for good reason - The Cow serves great local food and drinks in a charming and friendly atmosphere, no wonder it has such a loyal fan base. It is a place I take non-UK friends to show them real London at its best, as well as the obvious place to meet up with friends nearby.*

*I am a fairly local resident, and The Cow is one of the few pubs/restaurants that I would be very happy to visit on my own, as the staff are lovely and very welcoming, so I always feel completely safe, relaxed and at home there. Not something I would say about many places in the area.*

*The Cow is now such an integral part of the Notting Hill community; it really is an iconic gastropub.  
With best wishes*

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Westminster Council,*

*I am writing to you to say that the Cow is so important to the neighbourhood as a place to gather with friends and family. Please do not shut it down. I have only had good experiences there and never anything bad!*

*Please do keep this place open as it represents so much for the neighbourhood!*

*Very best wishes,*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To Whom It May Concern*

*You simply cannot look to review the licence of The Cow public House.*

*It has been an asset to the neighbourhood since I can remember. I love the friendly staff, the homely atmosphere and the delicious food - it's a pub that I have travelled to for many years. No matter where I was living it's been an enormous part of the fabric in West London and must, must continue to thrive.*

*I have never experienced any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues when visiting, only ever enjoyed a fabulous evening with friends. The Cow is a treasure and iconic part of Notting Hill/Portobello and the surrounding areas and truly must be kept.*

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*The Cow is the heart and soul of the community. By closing it, you are denying many thousands of people a place that they call home. This includes their amazing staff.*

*I have been going to The Cow for over 20 years and have never experienced any issues. And I can wholeheartedly say that Cow is a hub that brings everyone together harmoniously.*

*I never felt threatened or unsafe going to The Cow, on the opposite side, it provides a sense of community where people help each other.*

*This is a shocking act, coming from the same system which is highly promoting outdoor social gatherings.*

*With this, I truly hope that you will reconsider and allow "The Cow" to keep its doors open.*

*Ref no: 21/00981/LIREVP*

*Kind regards*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir,*

*I am writing with regard to the Review of the Premise's license for the Cow.*

• [REDACTED] *the Cow since 2013.*

*I am currently on a short term work assignment living temporarily in the USA, but as I consider the things that make the Westbourne Grove HOME for me, The Cow is the most important centre of the community, and asset to the local area. It is a truly authentic and pleasant part of the fabric of the Westbourne Grove area and a real attraction for me to return home.*

*The Cow is the place I went to after many of the most important moments in my life - for a drink with friends after [REDACTED], for a birthday party in the upstairs room, or to celebrate St Patrick's day.*

*I have visited The Cow many times both the restaurant and the bar, and always had a pleasant, safe and enjoyable experience. I also regularly walked past the cow heading to the tube station and never noted any disorder or loud noise.*

*Yours Sincerely,*

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern*

*The hospitality sector is on its' knees. Bars, pubs restaurants and cafes have been forced to stay closed and many have gone out of business.*

*The Cow is a well-loved institution in the Westbourne area. It has been part of the community for as long as I can remember - I have certainly been going there for over twenty years. In all of this time, I have never experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues while visiting The Cow. On the contrary, I have only experienced a safe, welcoming and friendly environment. It is a wonderful venue.*

*Yours faithfully*

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

21/00981/LIREVP

*Dear Council,*

*I am emailing to ask that you allow the Cow to continue. The Cow is an integral part of our community, it is a safe place for so many to go and see familiar faces and know they will be loved and welcome. This is rare. I worked at The Cow and visit The Cow as a customer and I have never experienced any crime or safety issues.*

*I really hope that you allow The Cow to continue to create this safe and happy space for our community.*

*Many thanks,*

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To Whom It May Concern:*

*The Cow is an asset to the local community of Notting Hill and is one of THE go to places that people travel from all over the world to come and visit. It is cosy and warm, provides a real taste of the British Isles - both in atmosphere as well as food. The team are incredible and represent a broad and diverse community - a real tribute to the management team. As someone who has lived [REDACTED] I think it is a shame that so much time is now going to have to be spent and wasted by The Cow and its customers having to now prove that they should be allowed to continue with their licence.*

*The Cow to me means a safe space to go to - I have gone in there in the past when I was being harrassed on the streets by other people and told the staff and they stepped in to ensure that I was not followed in.....as a single woman in London this is so important. In addition I have been in other places in the world where I have called on the "community" of The Cow to help -,and they have stepped up.....*

*The Cow for Westminster Council provides a huge income financially and in building a community - bringing so*

*much to the borough and tourist money from abroad.*

*I have NEVER experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow - in fact on the contrary - the management and staff have ALWAYS been very*

*I hope that your put the issue of "licensing" to bed very quickly and as soon as the government allows the reopening of pubs and restaurants.....you support The Cow as an essential need for our community.*

*Best wishes*

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**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir/Madam,*

*I am writing in reference to the current review of The Cow pub's premises license.*

*I'm sure that Westminster council has received many letters expressing outrage regarding the removal of pubs, they are a dwindling presence in our city. The Cow however is not a usual pub, it is not a fading bar ready to be replaced by a Starbucks, but the absolute centre and beating heart of our community. It is a well run establishment with high quality food, and an invaluable addition to our community.*

*Never have I experienced any kind of safety issues or disorder at The Cow. The staff are hardworking people, many of whom have been there for decades and maintain absolutely professional standards.*

*The food and service at the cow are exquisite, it's restaurant is one of the best in Notting Hill and cannot be replicated. The Cow is a place that, once lost can never be recreated. It is the kind of place that your council should fight to preserve, rather than to threaten.*

*If your review is conducted properly you will discover that The Cow is one of the few authentic, kind, and professional places in the area that draws in business, employment and community in a way that no other establishment could. I believe that the Cow deserves commendation for the way that it is run, and perhaps even an apology for this review - especially at such a time.*

*My friends and family live in the area because we enjoy establishments like The Cow, we do not want to live on streets lined with Joe and the Juice and Costa Coffee.*

*Regards,*

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• ██████████  
**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*I am writing in order to convey my absolute and heartfelt support for the wonderful business and lynchpin in the local community that is the Cow. In a world of banal, soulless chain bars, the cow is a genuine meeting place for all of the area's weird and wonderful patrons. It's a great place to drink, eat, meet and make friends. It is impeccably run by experienced staff and I have been there on 10s (well over 50) occasions without ever seeing a hint of criminal activity. On busy nights it is sensibly managed by added security staff but the general culture of the pub is enough to exclude any criminal or aggressive behaviour.*

*Any pursuit of action against this pub would be woefully misplaced. There are many, many sites throughout the City of Westminster that are more likely candidates for such a process.*

*Yours faithfully ██████████ (local resident)*

• ██████████ -  
**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by**



## **OBJECTION**

*Please don't close the Cow pub in London - much loved and brilliant authe establishment. Can't make places like that once they are gone*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir / Madam,

[REDACTED] pub has always been The Cow.

*Please don't take it away from us. We love it and we need it.*

*They introduced me to Guinness and Shrimps, Chelsea chants, self deprecating humor and the unique mix of culture that we find around here.*

*I've celebrated everything there, from birthdays to the last world cup. It's where I took the woman who is now to be my wife for our first drink and her mother for our first dinner together.*

*It's the first place I choose to comfort a friend in need, to see my pals or meet new ones.*

*It's my second home. Please let it live. We need it more than ever.*

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

To Whom it May Concern:  
Westminster City Council

Licensing Department  
Reference: 21/00981/LIREVP

Venue:  
The Cow Saloon Bar & Dining Rooms  
89 Westbourne Park Road  
Notting Hill, London, W2

Dear Sirs

*It has been brought to my attention that The Cow's Premises License has been put under review on spurious grounds of public nuisance and public safety.*

*I am writing to object to the review and find the fact that it is even being questioned totally unjustified.*

*I have been a resident of the area for over two decades, and can only speak highly of the establishment on so many levels.*

*The Cow is a social hub of the Notting Hill community, and has a long established reputation for being a professional and friendly venue that is enjoyed by residents, whilst also appealing to a wider clientele due to it's renowned reputation.*

*It's owner, Thomas Conran, has created a saloon bar that oozes personality and celebrates the areas rich cultural heritage; and the Dining Rooms have added a culinary experience living up to the famous Conran restaurant name.*

*To even suggest that The Cow is a nuisance or a public safety issue is utterly wrong and a defamatory allegation to a very well regarded and respected asset of the community. In over two decades I have never experienced any public disorder or bad behaviour at the venue whatsoever.*

*The Cow is not a generic pub or a faceless restaurant chain - it is a pillar of the west London community and I*



*I'd like to confirm that I have absolutely no affiliation with the Cow business. I've never met a single person who owns it, works there etc. I am simply a customer who has seen whats happening and I'm sharing my opinion.*

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• ██████████ -  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*Great pub, very disappointed to hear its closing. I live in the neighbourhood and have often frequented the cow to enjoy its excellent shellfish at a good price, not to mention the charming place itself. I can't understand how it could be closing due to public nuisance and disorder as I haven't witnessed anything of the like. Would be great to hear it remaining open and continuing to add to the diversity and good atmosphere in Notting hill*

Regards  
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• ██████████ -  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*The Cow, Westbourne Park Road  
To Who It May Concern,*

*I am writing to express my deep concern that Westminster Council could revoke the licence of The Cow, leading to the pub closing its doors.*

*Frankly, this would be a disaster. I've been a patron of the The Cow ever since it opened and having grown up in the neighbourhood, I have visited it many, many times.*

*Not only is it a wonderful place to meet friends, kick back and enjoy excellent food and drink (if you haven't had the fish stew you're missing out!) it has always had a wonderful, warm and friendly atmosphere. Never in my 100+ visits have I witnessed any crime, disorder or any moments where I felt unsafe or in danger.*

*Having moved back into the area after a decade away, I personally am longing for The Cow to reopen so I can once again enjoy its hospitality, delicious seafood and refreshing drinks.*

*Given the dearth of good, atmospheric pubs in Notting Hill and indeed, London, The Cow should, in my humble opinion, very much remain open as one of the best.*

*Yours faithfully,*  
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**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*In reference to 21/00981/L1REVP:*

*I have been visiting the Cow for about 20 years, at least.*

*The reason being is it 's a great pub.*

*I normally go with a couple of friends ,after going to the Porchester baths.*

*The Cow is lovely to go to after relaxing at the baths.*

*It has a great , relaxing atmosphere, always welcoming, the food and drink are always good.*

*Even when it's busy, it never seems unruly, in fact , it's quite a grown up pub.*

*It has many locals, which is an asset.*

*I would be very sad to think it is in anyway under threat, as it would be greatly missed.*

*Hopefully that is not the case.*

*Thank you .*  
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• ██████████ -  
**Received: 11 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*Dear Westminster City Council,*

*I was deeply saddened to hear that The Cow Pub's licence is up for review. It is without question that it is a true asset to the community and is loved by hundreds of people young and old.*

*[REDACTED] and so have always been aware of The Cow and its popularity but it wasn't until 2015 that I really understood it's importance when I began working in the bar and dining rooms.*

*I cannot stress enough the amount of people that come in on a daily basis that speak of how they are a 'regular' and how they've been coming to The Cow since 1995 and just have sheer love for the place. You see so many people from different walks of life who I can absolutely guarantee that their lives are enriched by everything that The Cow represents. I have never worked anywhere where I have felt so respected by the customers and built such relationships with them and the other staff. It is an experience that has enriched my life.*

*I started working in bars in 2009, the first being Ground Floor Bar on Portobello Road where I worked for six years and I occasionally worked in The Gold also on Portobello Road. As these two other bars are very near by and were also privately owned I feel I am in a good position to compare them to my experiences of The Cow. In both of these other pubs different acts of crime happened on a weekly basis. I had countless things stolen from there and the police were called constantly to manage unruly people.*

*I have seen no such acts of crime and disorder ever at The Cow which makes it such a pleasure to work there and to be there as a customer. I have worked countless shifts where customers have left all sorts of valuable items behind that they can come and collect the next day, I've never seen this happen anywhere else. I have never seen The Cow be a public nuisance in any way whatsoever.*

*On a more personal note The Cow means so much to me because of the generosity they have shown me in always welcoming me back with open arms whenever I have asked if they needed staff, particularly when I worked in a primary school. I felt really valued by the owner, the managers and the customers.*

*I think it would be a catastrophic blow for so many people if the licence was not renewed. It really is a buzzing hub of community spirit and it definitely enriches people's lives. The reason it is so popular is because it is one of a kind, particularly in the Westbourne Park area.*

*Thank you*  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir/Madam,*

*I writing with regards to the possible revoking of the license of The Cow on Westbourne Park Road.*

*At a time when so many independently owned and run pubs have fallen or are likely to fall, to close such an establishment as The Cow would be a huge loss.*

*Pubs are so much part of the heritage of this country and already we face a landscape of anonymity - brewery-owned chains such as Wetherspoons and high streets further dominated by big brands such as Tescos and the like - the only businesses that have been able to keep afloat. We are losing the soul and the heart of our country. Places such as the Cow are so precious and so essential and we cannot afford to lose another.*

*The Cow has been in existence for 26 years. There are members of its staff who have worked there for coming up to two decades. There are customers who have been going since its inception. It is a village pub, in a city. It is a true place of locals - some of whom come from all over London and from outside - but still call it 'their local'. Its customers are older. They are made up of friends, friendly & much loved faces and of families. It is a family. Those that go there, come from all and every walk of life. From surgeons to scientists, filmmakers, artists, designers, builders, writers, adventurers, poets, painters & decorators, musicians, models, sportsmen, dreamers and their much-loved dogs. It is unique place which sits at the heart of Notting Hill and its West London surrounds. It is internationally renowned. It is a place of joy, kindness and love and not only have I never experienced any crime, disorder, public nuisance or the like in all the years that I have been going there, it is one of the few places in London I feel truly safe as a woman - for all the reasons given above.*

*After a year, and counting, of lockdown, isolation and fear amidst a time of living through a global pandemic, there are few lights at the end of the tunnel. The Cow is one. Please do not take this from us. It is irreplaceable and the loss of it would be felt by many including Westminster and London. I, and so many, ask, that you may allow it to continue.*

*Yours sincerely,*

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Ref: 21/00981/LIREVP

Hello, I would like to object to the closure of the public house named The Cow 89 Westbourne Park Rd, London W2 5QH

I've been visiting to the The Cow regularly for the last seven years or so, and have always experienced a friendly atmosphere and welcoming staff, despite people of all different backgrounds mixing, something I think is rare.

The borough has its fair share of pub chain pubs (as most do), so venues like The Cow are important to the local community, there's murals on the walls of the locals, everyone knows each other, it really does feel like home, and safe. The owners also put great effort into their food, so not all about alcohol.

I really was shocked to learn that there was a campaign to close the venue, it really doesn't seem right, The Cow is always the 'go to' meeting place when visiting my friends who live nearby

It would genuinely be heart breaking to see The Cow shut down so I hope you'll consider my comments, and others.

Thanks

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to voice my support in allowing the Cow to retain its Premises Licence.

The Cow is an Institution in the area and for me that goes back 20 years. I took my daughters there when little for Sunday lunches and they met other youngsters of the area who now are regular patrons. It's a mix generational pub . It is a community pub . The best of what a British pub should be and what is the envy of the world . When overseas friends come to London I take them to The Cow to experience the food - fish stew cannot be beat - the atmosphere , the Guinness . They inevitably end up becoming friends with strangers and enjoying the Bonhomie. When they return to London the first place they want to return to is The Cow .

We are losing so much due to The Pandemic and to lose The Cow not through Pandemic but through social vandalism would be a tragedy .

Never have I seen any crime or disorder or any threat to public safety . I would say it's the safest pub to be sitting in in London . For all genders and LGBT community. For families . We should be celebrating that a place like The Cow exists not closing it down

Please grant The Cow it's license. Its Community . It's a little jewel in the heart of Nottinghill. .

Yours Sincerely,

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing with reference to the licence review of The Cow Saloon Bar.

*I have been a regular patron of The Cow for a number of years.*

*Not only is The Cow a shining light in the area, it is a shining light for the hospitality industry both in London and also nationally. It is looked upon as the blueprint of how a proper bar should be. How a bar should be run. How to cook and serve a great dish. How to look after your locals and new customers. How to create a great spirit and wonderful sense of place in an establishment.*

*The Cow losing its licence would be a devastating blow for the local area and for the hospitality industry as a whole.*

*Have I ever seen any crime or disorder whilst in The Cow? Never.*

*Have I ever seen any instances of public nuisance? Never.*

*Have I ever felt unsafe whilst in The Cow? Never - in fact completely the opposite. The Cow is an oasis of safety and security within its surroundings.*

*I hope this letter joins the undoubtedly hundreds of others in proving that The Cow is a valuable asset to the community and can continue to be so for many years to come.*

*With kinds regards,*

**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I am writing to express my dismay at hearing that a review of The Cow's Premises License is underway.*

*As a resident of the ward, living on Hereford Road since 1993, I have visited the Cow on numerous occasions over the years. I have invariably found the atmosphere friendly and consider the venue to be an asset to the community.*

*I have not, in all the times that I have visited, witnessed any criminal or nuisance behaviour, nor had any concerns regarding safety.*

*I would like to reiterate that I consider The Cow to be a friendly venue and an asset to the local community.*

*It is my fervent hope that the Review will come to same conclusion.*

**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*It saddens me that we may soon be loosing yet another local pub The Cow is integral to my local community. I cannot understand why you would want to close it down?!*

*Please do not do this.*

*Yours faithfully,*

**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir/Madam*

*This is in support of the Licencing application for the Cow. This a historic icon which only adds to the rich tapestry of Westbourne Road, I have frequented this establishment over many years and have never ever felt uncomfortable or threatened there, on the contrary it is the most friendly welcoming pub in the area. I have never*

witnessed any trouble or criminal activity inside or outside of the cow.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

Hello,

I am writing this email in regards to the licensing review of The Cow, Westbourne Park Rd W2.

Since relocating to the UK I have thoroughly enjoyed the 'pub culture' which is built on independent establishments like The Cow. Shortly after moving to Bayswater/Notting Hill I was fortunate enough to visit The Cow which, for the years after, has provided me with a sense of community within the chaos of a big city like London. It is such a special and quirky venue - a real melting pot where people of all ages, ethnicities, sexuality, drinkers, diners (etc) come together in the quest of a good time.

Despite the basis for this review, I have never witnessed violence, crime or disorder and to lose such a unique venue (and with it their Fish Stew recipe) would be a crying shame.

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

Dear council and to whom it may concern,

[REDACTED]

I hope I can describe how special the moments were at the cow coming back from work and just before going home having a small pint of lager. To wind down. A much needed time. The cow staff were always with no exception pleasant and thoughtful.

I have never once in 10 years encountered any disturbance. In fact it was a place to relax and meet like minded people.

It comes as a shock to hear the possibility of closure. Why? It would be removing a perfectly living tree! For what? What is the purpose of cutting this tree that is still full of life.

I would very much appreciate on behalf of also my family to consider keeping this very cool relaxed compassionate and kind pub open. A place for connectedness and sharing.

Best

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

[REDACTED] that Cow is a pub I go to on a weekly basis. I go to meet with friends and locals for its good food and of course, Guinness. It has created some of my most memorable experiences with friends and family over the years. It's a bastion of good will and cheer within the community and it would be a tragic loss if it were to close. I can confirm I have never seen any crime or disorder in all my time at the pub. I sincerely hope after a tough year for all we'll all be able to meet up with our friends in the community and share good food and company together at the Cow.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by

## **OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,  
The cow is my local pub, where I can meet friends and enjoy the community vibe. There aren't many places like it and there are no other places like it in Notting hill. It's where all generations come together as one and integrate. It really has a special spirit and makes everyone feel welcome. I was looking forward to lockdown being over and going back there, not only with friends, but to see friendly faces, and also new ones. I think it would be a tragic loss to the community if the cow was to close. Every time I've been to the cow, I have never seen anything untoward, but in fact the opposite they run a tight ship of good service and delicious food. It's been a really hard year on everyone, especially hospitality, don't make it harder.

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

To Whom it may concern,

I have recently heard about The Cow's licence being reviewed, and am shocked to hear it is "on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder". This is totally contradictory to anything I have ever experienced or observed in numerous occasions I have spent there.

The Cow has one of the most diverse clientele I have experienced in any food and beverage establishment, let alone one which is so appreciated by the local community, but also sees scores of regulars and less-regulars travel from further a field. What is most notable is the different industries and areas of knowledge you can come across when socialising at The Cow. Surely somewhere which brings together artists and musicians, as well as journalists, bankers, and many other backgrounds is an asset to the community as a whole? The mural on the wall is arguably greater testament to how great an impact The Cow has had on so many over the course of its existence. A picture in its own right, but with so many stories of guests who's support has been cherished by those working there, as well as those present at the time. Every trip reveals a different story which will exist on the wall, and I cannot think of any other such establishment where regulars and locals alike can all relate so directly to something tangible in the premises.

Beyond the positives and benefits above however, it is the idea that the licence is up for review due to negatives which surprises me most. Never have I felt or witnessed any behaviour which could be perceived as 'public nuisance' or 'crime and disorder', not any behaviour which could put 'public safety' at risk. If anything, quite the opposite, the staff at The Cow do a fantastic job of looking after their guests, and this extends to keeping decorum both inside the pub, but also outside on the tables and seating at the front.

Following one of the toughest 12 months the hospitality industry has ever seen, I think it is inconceivable that The Cow could be at any risk other than that due to Covid-19 and the challenges it has thrown. I hope that Westminster Council sees what value The Cow brings to the area, the importance it holds to the local community and those who frequent it, regularly or not.

A fabulous establishment, and one that should be supported, not reviewed.

Yours sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council,

I am writing to you concerning The Cow Pub in Westbourne Grove- devastated to hear its future has been thrown into uncertainty.

[REDACTED]  
I have plenty of great memories working there. It was always busy- testament to the amazing food and the wonderful people who put love and energy into running the pub and making sure everyone has a uniquely great time.



*I took my boyfriend here on our first date - I know people fall in love in The Cow.*

*London is becoming a homogenous mass of chain restaurants and multinational shops. The spirit, joy and unique attributes of this great city have been eroded away, and are continued to be striped from the landscape. It's places like The Cow that give London it's identity- these places should be cherished, supported and allowed to flourish.*

*The Cow is a brilliant pub. People come here to have fun, enjoy delicious food and laugh with friends, and meet new friends. If we have learnt anything from this pandemic - one of those lessons is the importance of being in the good company of others. It's essential for our wellbeing and happiness- why threaten the closure of a place that means so much to so many?*

*This pandemic has taken it's toll of independent businesses and pubs, and we should be supporting them- not threatening them with closure.*

*Thank you for taking time to read my letter.*

*Kind Regards,*

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**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Hi,*

*I am writing in support of the Cow's license - 21/00981/LIREVP*

*I lived in Westminster and Kensington between 1991 and 2017 and now live in east London. My mother went to ██████████ to the Cow in the 1950s.*

*I have been going to the Cow since 2002 and my mother and family have been going since the Cow opened about 30 years ago.*

*The Cow is one of the most cultured and sophisticated pubs in West London, a public space and institution serving community cohesion and well being with a real mix of people bonding across cultures and generations.*

*In the decades I and my family have been going to the Cow we have not seen even one minor instance of antisocial behaviour. In fact the atmosphere is very calm and dignified especially compared to other licensed premises in the area. It is one of the more quiet pubs in the wider area and should be front of the queue to be licensed as a social and much needed public space.*

*Thank you.*

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• ██████████ -  
**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Westminster City Council,*

*Please do not close The Cow! It is a beautiful establishment which holds great tradition and it was the first place I took my parents for oysters and Guinness when they visited me in London for the first time when I moved from Hull to London for university. We had a lovely afternoon there and is a lovely memory still to this day!*

*Best,* ██████████

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**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by**

## **OBJECTION**

Westminster City Council,

*I believe The Cow is an asset to the people, the neighborhood, and London and should retain its license. I can only attest to this because each time I visit, I've had nothing but comforting meals, great service, and made memories with friends old and new. [REDACTED], I didn't know anyone. A co-worker suggest The Cow. My first visit was on a typically British night in November with my visiting sister after our first Premier League match. We strolled in, found a table in back on the first floor, and it was the quintessential end to our evening. We sat in back, ordered a few pints, had the best fish stew around, and settled in. The mood was light hearted, food and service exceptional, and I felt at home.*

*From this first visit, I've been back many times. When friends visit from out of town, I make a booking. It is a place that retains that special something despite all the changes around it and I think that combination makes it a revered place for all of us. I have never experienced crime or disorder, public nuisance, or safety issues while visiting. I have always experienced a welcoming atmosphere and service and exceptionally comforting food and drinks. The Cow and all of its patrons due live up their moniker, "Eat Heartily & give the House a good name," and I look forward to my next visit with friends once this is all behind us.*

*Thank you and keep well.*

Best, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Licensing Department

*I understand that you seek to prevent public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder in our neighbourhood for which we are most grateful.*

*It is dispiriting for us all therefore to read about the increase in muggings and drug dealing so close to our homes with apparently little attempt to challenge such behaviour.*

*However I do not believe that the long established neighbourhood pub The Cow is contributing to this disorder, crime and danger on our streets.*

[REDACTED] *It is an asset to the community providing a safe place for people to meet, eat and socialise. Businesses such as this are the life blood of a neighbourhood, a necessity to the vibrancy of a city, especially going forward from this past year of lockdowns and restrictions. We await the lifting of restrictions in June with anticipation and fingers crossed, in the hope that our local enterprises have survived the awful economics of the pandemic. They need help.*

*I hope you will consider all of this when you review The Cow's Premises Licence.*

*I personally have not knowingly experienced any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow, although I don't go there often.*

Regards,  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*The Cow is a huge asset to the neighborhood, London and the rest of the world. Pubs are unique to the UK and The Cow pub is unique among pubs.*

*The atmosphere is always friendly, welcoming, convivial. It feels like a 'local's pub' and at the same time it attracts visitors from all over the world.*

*The Cow is truly an important landmark. One of the great things is that as a single girl over the last 15 years living in Notting Hill, I have always felt safe visiting there. It is the only pub I will go to on my own, and simply*

walk in if I am passing by. I have never felt threatened or experienced any crime or nuisance behaviour. The Cow truly is a safe, special and 'one of a kind' pub that London is known for.

Westminster Council - please keep our pub safe and welcome to visitors for many years to come.

Thank you,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs,

I would like to register my honestly-held belief that The Cow restaurant is an asset of important use for the community of north west London and Westbourne Park / portobello area and ought to be allowed to continue functioning as such.

As a hostelry it has a history as rich in character as the people of the special neighbourhood in which it has stood for generations.

It is integral and complementary to that character, which more in this pandemic era than ever, deserves to remain as a cornerstone of the locality where people might seek to reestablish the important social hub we all have so missed, along with so many other freedoms.

Notwithstanding this obvious and timely additional reason to allow The Cow to continue, I would like to add that my experience is that The Cow is a safe and very well-run establishment that enhances the community.

Please may my views be taken into account in the process of your decision making.

Thank you, and have a lovely day.  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

We are writing to you regarding your Review of The Cow's Premises Licence, "sought on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder."

Firstly, we do believe it is a real asset for any Council to have such an institution like The Cow in its streets; it must be one of the very few pubs which has 25 years under its belt.

Second, we would like to inform you that, [REDACTED] we have never experienced any nuisance, crime, disorder or threat to safety inside or outside of The Cow.

The Cow has always been a very safe place and is an inclusive family pub stitched with family values of protection, security, and respect, for its clients, staff, and neighbours.

The pub employ lots of people who rely on The Cow trading as it does for their income and livelihood, the latter of which I would guess has already been completely rocked by the lockdown in the U.K. and catastrophic effect on the hospitality industry.

For The Cow to have its licence reviewed, my thoughts are with these essential employees and staff running it - pushed further into confusion and uncertainty about where they will take their next pay packet from, and when they will next see their pub busy again, with their friends and neighbours.

Ultimately, it is a pub which serves the community.

Yours,

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Madam / Sir,

I write this email in regards to Westminster City Council's issue of a review of the Cow's premises licence, sought on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder. Reference Number: 21/00981/LIREVP

and frequently have visited the Cow on many happy occasions, at times including my children and my parents. The implication that the Cow would in any way qualify as a source of public nuisance, safety, crime or disorder is utterly unfair and is frankly groundless. Quite the opposite, it has always been in my experience a peaceful and respectable venue to meet and dine with friends and family.

Whenever people visit me from out of town, the Cow is always the first pub I bring them to for a drink and a meal; a place to experience the real London. The Cow is a cultural institution in the Notting Hill area. There is simply no place like it. It is synonymous with Notting Hill and the neighborhood is culturally and socially poorer without its doors wide open. I am sure that I am one of many people who has written to express similar sentiments.

At a time when this loved and renowned neighborhood is experiencing rapid change as an older generation of local businesses can no longer afford the increasing rents, now exacerbated by the recent covid lockdowns, it is disheartening to hear that an establishment such as the Cow, famous among the local residents from shopworkers to celebrities, could now potentially be forced to close due to such unwarranted circumstances. I might enquire if there were any specific incidents or complaints that triggered this review of premises licence? Please share with me the specific details upon which the above mentioned review of premises licence is based.

I thank you for your consideration of this matter and urge you to please allow the Cow to continue to operate as it has for the last 26 years. I am happy for you to contact me if you require any further feedback.

Thank you and kind regards

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Licensing Officer

I am very upset to hear that The Cow's licence is being reviewed.

I have used The Cow for many years and consider it an asset of community value. Its prices are accessible, the atmosphere is smart yet very gentle and it has done a lot to revitalise a previously rather tatty area of West London - I used to live . It attracts a cross section of the local community and is one of the few places left that people can eat or have a drink alone undisturbed.

I've always felt completely safe there and have not witnessed or experienced any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow.

The interior is unique and I know people who have travelled far and wide to visit The Cow.

Please renew its licence. Hospitality is losing too many businesses as it is.

Thank you, Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

Westminster Licensing have issued a review of the Cow's Premise license on the grounds of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

I would like to place on record the following;

[REDACTED]

Over the past 25 years or so I have witnessed The Cow not only establish itself as the beating heart of the local community, but also a sought-after tourist destination. This is an almost unique achievement. The quality of its food and beverage offer is unsurpassed. The efficiency of its Operations team in exemplary, and the care that they take of their patrons is unparalleled.

As a licensee, I always pay attention to these details when visiting hospitality venues. From a personal but nevertheless well-informed perspective, I believe that the security measures in place at The Cow ensure that the venue is secure and crime free and indeed serve as a deterrent to crime. For that reason I have often cited it as the gold standard.

Whilst I understand that License reviews take place from time to time, for a multitude of reasons, I feel that any, even minor, "negative" alteration to The Cow's Licence, would be unwarranted, detrimental to the community and inevitably have negative social and economic consequences, for individuals, the local community and the City of Westminster in general.

I would urge you to uphold the Cow's Premise License and indeed, commend the Cow for its quarter century contribution to the local community.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To who it may concern,

I'm writing to you to show you my huge disappointment in your decision to try to suspend the license of one of the greatest social spots that make our city great.

I believe The Cow is a huge asset to the local area and the city of London. It's a beautiful, soulful and interesting melting pot of different great minds and humane individuals who are trying to have fun and share their life's with one another.

The Cow is a place where I go to meet old friends and create new. It's a space for relaxation, great food, beautiful social interaction and interesting conversations with like minded people.

This pub is legendary and it brings so much happiness to its local community and the citizens of London. I have never felt unsafe when am there. I have never experienced violence or disorderly crime. It is completely the opposite. It's a beautiful gem of a restaurant that makes you feel safe and at home whenever you go.

I don't understand why the City of Westminster after over a quarter of a century is trying to close this amazing establishment that brings so much joy and happiness to everyone who goes there.

I don't understand why you will try to destroy the livelihoods of so many people who just want to eat amazing food, meet intelligent and lovely humans, socialise, relax and have some fun.

*I am urging you to rethink this inconceivable thought of destroying one of the only things that gives your community joy.*

Yours sincerely [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To the Westminster Council-

[REDACTED]  
*I would often walk home late from work coming from Westbourne Park Station. As you are aware, that walk from the station towards Westbourne Park Road is dark and a bit intimidating. It was always such a relief to see patrons at the Cow and the Westbourne, as I always felt much safer knowing there were people around.*

*Not only does the Cow provide a free 'neighbourhood watch', some of the nicest people work there, and they always have the best pub crowds. I have spent many days and evenings at the Cow, and never once saw ANY trouble.*

*In all honesty, I firmly believe if The Cow wasn't on that corner, there would be a lot more trouble from the local gangs as the streets would be quieter. Please, protect this fine institution and protect our neighbourhoods.*

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

*The cow is vital to my mental health, I don't have many friends and rely on a quiet drink there to keep my social life going.*

*In all my 15 years of drinking at the Cow, I have not once witnessed any trouble, crime or undesirably scenes. During the last year they have been extremely efficient in keeping us all safe and sane whilst there.*

*We, the people of the community, need places like the Cow to keep us going.*

Best regards

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council,

[REDACTED] - I can assure you that the Cow is a fantastic institution - and one of the favorite pubs in the neighborhood.

*I have never in my time visiting the Cow - or walking past, or heard of anyone visiting the cow - experienced crime, public disorder, nuisance or safety issues - of any kind.*

*The Cow needs to be supported during times like this - I would suggest you start using council funds to better support the fantastic businesses within the community.*

Regards,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council

*I'm writing in regards to The Cow Pub, on Westbourne Park Road, London W2. I've been going to the pub for nearly 15 years, and I've never seen any evidence of 'public nuisance,' 'disorder,' let alone 'crime.'*

*I live a few doors down on westbourne park villas and have never experienced anything like what has been described above - i would say the pub opposite (the westbourne) is far louder than the cow*

*It is an integral part of the community and would be a travesty if it was shut down for ANY of those reasons*

*In times such as the ones we currently find ourselves the cow is source of great comfort for many in the community.*

*Please do the right thing and keep them open!*  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To Whom It May Concern

*I am writing to give you my personal thoughts regarding The Cow in Notting Hill as I believe the license is under review by Westminster Council.*

*The Cow is, in my opinion, a huge part of the Notting Hill community and has been for many years. It is a local, friendly, inclusive place, with excellent food and wonderful staff. I always feel at home, cosy and safe when sitting in The Cow enjoying a great meal and a drink. I have personally never witnessed any kind of crime or disorder or any safety issues while spending time at The Cow.*

*I think it would be a real shame to see such a Notting Hill institution close its doors. With London pubs disappearing in droves, particularly during these difficult times, we need to save places such as this, The Cow is an all too rare gem!*

Yours sincerely  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

*I was deeply disturbed to learn that Westminster City Council has issued a review of The Cow Saloon Bar & Dining Rooms (the "Cow") Premises Licence. I am led to believe that the review has been sought on the grounds of public nuisance, public safety, the prevention of crime and disorder (??).*

*The Cow is a fine food destination. It is a leading star in the development of the Gastro Pub trend in the UK. I have been a loyal customer of the Cow since I first moved to NOTTING HILL in May 1997. I have spent some of my best hours in the Cow with friends, colleagues and neighbours.*

*It's one of those few places where you feel AT HOME and you feel belonging to a COMMUNITY. And I NEVER EVER felt there was any threat of public safety, crime or disorder. On the contrary, having a pub in that location HELPS the community to go out, meet, and be vigilant. It is the light that quietly spills out onto the street side that has taken an otherwise downtrodden segment of Notting Hill and turned it into a meeting spot for many walks of life.*

*A loss of the Cow's license will be A LOSS to Notting Hill. This establishment has been honored with the great*

*and the good – footballers, movie stars, authors, directors, and other creative types. People flock to the Cow for its unique take on BRITISH CULTURE. It has been full for 25 years. Don't destroy 25 years of fine British Food and Drink!*

*Don't destroy communities!*

*My cohort of people have been enjoying the Cow for almost half our lives. We are respectful of the neighbors, many of whom are my close friends. With those neighbors I have watched their children grow in the neighborhood. Some of those children, when they come of age are then hired as staff at the Cow. This is a wholesome family atmosphere that MUST be maintained.*

*Please do not challenge the continued existence of the Cow. It is a central pillar to the lives of many in MY community.*

*Yours sincerely,* [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

[REDACTED] *and have always known The Cow for its great reputation and being somewhat of an institution.*

*The cow has always provided a cheerful, safe and comfortable environment for its patrons. It's always so nice to be greeted by friendly faces and feel that there is a nice community of regulars there.*

*As a woman going to a venue where you feel safe and comfortable is paramount to your experience. I have never witnessed any issues, disorder or conflict in any of my great times at The Cow.*

*I urge you to stand by this great venue for its staff and for its loyal customers.*

*Best,* [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*I am emailing to share my sentiments about The Cow pub having recently heard it's licence is being reviewed.*

[REDACTED] *I felt instantly welcomed by staff and locals alike. It is a vital cornerstone of the local community for so many people. The atmosphere is always welcoming, warm and above all safe. I have never witnessed any sign of crime or disorder, public nuisance or ever felt unsafe.*

*The values it holds for its patrons, its staff and its heritage, as an old London Pub, should be revered. Not many Pubs exist quite like The Cow. The Cow is a hub for so many wonderful people, you can see how vital a point of contact it is for the locals and tourists alike. And not least an imperative income for the staff who have remained there for so long. It isn't a pub that constantly changes employment or management. It values and respects it's staff. I have since gone back as a customer's many many times, and always felt welcomed.*

*I was surprised to hear that it was in any way up for review. I have always recommended it to most people as the best pub in London.*

*I wanted to share my sentiments about this gem of place, I really hope you can see the value it holds for so many people in the area. And how disappointing it would be to see that change.*

*Many thanks,*



Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Hi,

I am very saddened to hear the Cow might close.

and gives it a lot of character and cheer.

I've met so many locals in this pub and it is always a happy place and serves great food.

I live around the corner and it is never a nuisance. It is always shut by a decent hour - well before midnight and the crowd is never too crazy.

I hope you can keep it open. London is becoming a sad place if places that have provided people with happiness like this close after many years.

Thank you

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

, it was always a place of excitement and joy. My family would frequent the restaurant on happy occasions - such as when I got engaged or my sister and my birthday. Along with it being a place I love going with my family, it is also one of the most delightful pubs to go to with friends.

, we would share a pint of prawns and have a couple of Guinness', now that I am older my friends and I treat ourselves to a seafood platter and a couple of bottles of wine. It has aged so beautifully. Unlike so many of the pubs in Notting Hill, it has kept the same clientele throughout my life, there are still regulars and not just yuppies (I sadly am now a yuppie).

It is, I believe, a jewel in the crown of Notting Hill, although I live a little further away now it is still one of my top destinations to go to when we can. I think you can tell I adore the place and have never had any bad experiences there, on the contrary, I have had some of the funniest and interesting meetings of my life there. It is a magnet to weird and wonderful people - long may that continue.

Thank you so much,

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

The Cow is not only the epicentre for the Nottinghill community and the wider plains of London, but rather it is the hub for which individuals like my self seek refuge. The Cow is a creative, supportive, community that upholds true British values of virtue, goodwill and jolly good ale. For The Cow is an institution, an inclusive space that welcomes all. For me, The Cow is where I had my first Guinness within a safe and supportive environment.

For whatever reasons this inquiry into the premises license is taking place, for good reason I am sure, I must honestly share with you that The Cow is a place in which people come together in communion. Something that is so necessary in this challenging time of divide that the pandemic has created. We must, no, we need to come

together in great British tradition do so over a cold ale and a hearty meal. Westminster, we need The Cow. Please, from the bottom of my heart, go kindly on this review and take into consideration that The Cow is our heartbeat.

Kind regards,

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that The Cow's licence is up for review. I wanted to write in support of this wonderful establishment! I have been visiting The Cow for over 20 years, since I first [REDACTED]. It has been a warm, wonderful, cosy, delightful, fun, SAFE and friendly refuge ever since. I cannot recommend this pub highly enough. Be it the incredible food, the roaring fire cheering us all up in Winter or the warm, personal welcome we all receive when we walk in.

I have never seen any evidence of violence, social disturbance or nuisance during my 20 years of being a patron here. I have been there for countless Notting Hill Carnivals and enjoyed the amazing atmosphere with people from across all races and ages - and visitors from across the globe. It's the safest, happiest place in West London during Carnival.

As I have been visiting The Cow for 20 years, you can imagine I am no longer a raver looking for a wild night out!! I wouldn't want to go to a pub which was in any way violent, unpleasant or threatening. I want good food, decent wine or a great pint of Guinness and a lot of laughs - that is exactly what The Cow offers me.

It is a jewel in West London's crown and we should be celebrating it as such. West London is such a wonderful community and The Cow is its beating heart. It was be a disaster to lose it.

I very much hope it continues to be a warm, safe and wonderful refuge for young women who have made their home in West London as I did so long ago.

Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you upon hearing of potential licensing issues arising with The Cow.

I have been a visitor to the Cow for many years, thinking about it could be almost 20 years - since I first [REDACTED]

Amongst the many times I have been there I have never witnessed any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues. On the contrary, there are few pubs that I have been to that have a warmer welcome, a friendlier staff or a happier atmosphere.

It's a wonderful asset to the local area and it is precisely the type of pub that **MUST** be protected.

With many thanks

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I am deeply saddened to find out that my favourite establishment in Notting Hill and my spiritual home the cow is under threat from Westminster Council, I believe this must be some kind of mistake or a joke.

The Cow pub and dining rooms, is the beating heart of the community, where patrons of all ages and backgrounds mix together with no system or class divide. The food is extremely good and an establishment I would frequent 2/3 times week, when Covid allows. For me it is a social meeting place close to my home friends and family, a meeting point to go for a Sunday Roast. I believe my mental health would suffer without this community hang out spot!

Never have I witnessed crime or disorder at the Cow. The staff are always in control and many of them have been working there longer than I have been visiting 10 years!

Please keep me informed!

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern

It has come to my attention that you are reviewing the license of the Cow pub.

This pub is one of the core social institutions of this area. By far the best pub bar none within miles.

I have been drinking and dining there since it opened!

Please do not withdraw its license -one of the saving graces of lockdown is looking forward to a Guinness and lunch at the Cow once this nonsense is over!

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear sir/Madam,

I write in support of the Cow Pub, 89 Westbourne Park Rd.  
I am compelled to do so because I consider The Cow to be the finest pub in London.

The Cow is a very friendly local pub - welcoming staff who have been there as long as I can remember, and very friendly customers.  
Sometimes I go there on my own, safe in the knowledge that I might make a new friend or just have a chat with the barman.  
I have never seen any trouble there, only happy faces and the sound of good conversation and laughter.

The Cow has retained traditional British pub values, not just in the atmosphere it creates inside, but also in the food and beverage it serves.  
This is the pub I always take foreign visitors to, in order to give them the best experience of quality British pub food and properly presented ale.

We are losing too many good, traditional pubs in London and I would be devastated to see this one go.

God Save the Cow.

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Licensing department,

I write to you today to implore to keep granting The Cow its license.

Any semblance of nightlife and vibrancy has shrunk already so much in the city and it would really be a huge loss to the neighbourhood to lose this well-loved institution.

I am sure that the people purchasing homes around The Cow are aware they are buying next to two pubs and do it for that exact reason.

Don't inflict unnecessary pain to a place that brings so much cohesion to its community.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Over the past 26 years, THE COW has been the heart of the local community, being the most wonderful traditional pub that serves good food and drink.

I gather that Westminster City Council have issued a review of THE COW'S premises licence and that this has been sought on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

Never in all the years that I have been to THE COW have I witnessed any misconduct or felt threatened in any way. It is not known for gathering loud and disorderly people either, so I am rather astounded that their licence is under review.

Traditional pubs like THE COW are an important asset to our community and to lose them would be so tragic as so many are being turned into awful bijou wine bars throughout the country.

If there is one thing we have learnt and have missed over this last year during the lockdown, is that we need places like THE COW, where people can pop in and meet friends and family. The hospitality world has been hit incredibly badly by the pandemic by having to close their doors, so this will be a mighty blow to the local community if the council is considering withdrawing their licence.

The one thing that so many people are looking forward to once this pandemic is over, is to be able to have access to wonderful places like THE COW, the traditional British pub. It has always been a favourite with my family and friends.

It is so important that we as a community and the council support businesses like THE COW to survive after the lockdown as they bring so much to the local community in a positive way.

With kind regards,

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Hello,

This is regarding the possibility that The Cow pub might be closed down. I live opposite The Cow (next to the Westbourne) and have lived there for just over 10 years now. The Cow is really the life and soul of the neighbourhood and without it the area would entirely lose any sign of life. Not only is the food delicious both downstairs and in the upstairs dining room, the staff are all incredibly welcoming and the people who go to the Cow are friendly.

Of all the time I've lived opposite The Cow I have never once seen or heard anything out of the ordinary, nothing

that is different from the standard London pub. With the Buddhist Centre being converted into a house recently, Lucky 7 closing down, and more and more signs of life closing it would be the greatest shame for The Cow to go. On top of this, with lockdown coming to an end, the idea of The Cow not being there is truly upsetting.

I hope that Westminster will carefully consider how important places like The Cow are to the community of Westbourne Park, particularly in this time of isolation.

Thank you,  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

I'm writing to express my shock and anger at the licence review of The Cow, ref: 21/00981/LIREVP.

Any suggestion that it is a public nuisance, a threat to public safety or has anything to do with crime and disorder are totally ridiculous. To the contrary, it is a fundamental part of the community and loved by 1000s of residence of your borough (and world wide).

You'll find that this review is incredibly poorly received and will face immense opposition. It shows a total lack of understanding of the residence of the area and the immensely important role establishments like The Cow play.

All the best,  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern

I am emailing you concerning the license review of The Cow Saloon Bar & Dining Room on Westbourne Park Road.

It is challenging to articulate the warmth held for this pearl of the community without using the cliché "heartbeat". However it's true. Despite the food being of high end quality and the drinks varied and affordability accommodated, the tasting notes I depart with override both those facts. Similarly although it is a place that provides employment and a prosperity that is re-invested over and over again down the supply lines, the resonating fragrance is one of welcome, warmth and personal touch.

There are those that know of it's reputation for quality and visit as a well deserved destination experience but the core of the clientele are local. Friendships are forged, lives shared, problems solved and triumphs/life stages celebrated. It is a filter of all life that has multiple benefits as a community nucleus. Most people feel comfortable enough to visit alone knowing that they will encounter someone familiar they can say hello to and also know the serving staff by their first names. This is a precious home from home within the neighbourhood.

As mental health is so topical I can't help but highlight how the Cow is an arena where people feel safe, welcome and at ease to process their days and connect with others. This couldn't be more vital right now. Once restrictions are lifted the nation is going to start the healing process. The Cow will, without question, be a life line for people.

I have only ever experienced outstanding service, quality F&B, warmth and a welcoming ambience. I have never heard so much as an argument let alone disruption or disturbance. Never.

The importance of the Cow's presence within the neighbourhood can't be underestimated. The community would be categorically devastated should any decision to close it's doors was made. I can't be more emphatic about this.

It isn't just a place to eat and drink - it would be foolish to perceive it as such. It is a best friend, a wise uncle, a warm mother a generous grand father, it is an energy that is extended to all who walk through it's doors who then unbeknowningly become part of it's essence.

I implore you to permit this community hero of an establishment to continue to be a cornerstone of it's neighbourhood.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Reference number:21/00987/LIREVP

I am writing in reference to the licensing review of The Cow. I thoroughly disagree with the notion that the location should have its licence revoked. The Cow is a phenomenal pub serving locals with delicious food and beverages in a time where our local area is being stripped of reasonably priced and high quality establishments. [REDACTED] and see The Cow as a real asset to the local pub and gastro scene and a fantastic example of what a great local pub should be. Having been a customer for years, I believe the establishment is incredibly well run, where the management are hugely considerate of local residents. Furthermore, I can say with certainty that I have never seen/witnessed any semblance of crime/law breaking. As a woman, I have always felt incredibly safe in the venue and see it as one of the few local pubs where the staff are very focussed on ensuring a safe and respectable environment. The pub is synonymous with Nottinghill and to see it go would be a sizeable loss to the local area. Please reconsider your proposal.

Best,

[REDACTED]  
• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that the licence for The Cow pub is under review. I wish to state that I view The Cow as a valuable part of the community and I believe removing it will have a direct detrimental effect to the local area. I hope that you will consider allowing The Cow to continue operating for the economic and social benefit of the community.

Best,

[REDACTED]  
• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my support for The Cow's Premises Licence - 21/00981/LIREVP

I lived on this street for many years and frequented The Cow on a regular basis. It has always been a welcoming asset to the area. A brilliant, well run pub that fits the area well in my opinion. I never experienced anything negative here and never witnessed any crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow. [REDACTED] these days it's one of the first places I head to. I bring visitors to London here and to show off the pub. Can you believe such a gem of a pub exists in West London? There are far too many bland, chains restaurants and pubs all over the area. To get rid of something as unique and rare and brilliant as this would be a real shame. I urge you to keep The Cow just as it is.

Thanks & Regards,

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Hi there,

I'm writing in response to the review of The Cow's Premises License.

The Cow is a wonderful place, full of happiness and soul. It's many peoples favourite place in London, including mine and my whole family's.

There's hardly any places or pubs like this anymore, it feels like your family is greeting you every time you go in with a hearty home cooked meal and there's a real sense of community and coming together, which we all really need - particularly after the year we've had.

I feel that if The Cow were to cease to exist it would be at the detriment of people's happiness and mental health. Local residents know that they can always rely on The Cow when they need somewhere to go and just be with people, old or young. Anyone is welcome at The Cow and everyone is always friendly.

Please let us keep our favourite pub in Notting Hill.

Thank you,  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

It has been brought to my attention through social media that the Council is reviewing the premise license for The Cow pub at 89 Westbourne Park Road W2 5QH - I believe the reference number for this particular review is 21/00981/LIREVP.

The Cow is a Notting Hill institution that encapsulates the best of British pub culture. I moved to the UK from Australia going on 11 years ago now and immediately found a home away from home - the environment at The Cow has always been welcoming, friendly, and unassuming; I have nursed a drink alone, brought many friends there and met many new friends there over a quiet pint. I have not just celebrated and commiserated significant life events there but have simply passed the time enjoyably in the evening or on the weekend at The Cow for no reason in particular.

It goes without saying that I have never experienced disorderly behaviour or felt like my safety was at risk while frequenting this venue. When the premise was able to open last summer they were vigilant about compliance with covid restrictions and this put my mind at ease.

After a long, difficult year of lockdown, I look forward to enjoying a Guinness with my friends and neighbours at The Cow in June.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern re The Cow pub and Restaurant in W11 and the review of this license:

[REDACTED] this establishment is very much a part of our community. Apart from being a great pub, which serves incredible and well priced food and drinks, its a hub of our neighbourhood.

*Its community minded. Its friendly and the staff, many of which have been there for years, couldn't be nicer.*

*And I also like to make the point that this is the one pub in the area where I feel comfortable, as a woman meeting my girlfriends for lunch or supper.*

*Or even sitting alone whilst waiting for a friend. There are few establishments in the area you say that for.*

*I have never seen any crime there or disorder. Its a place you go to for a nice time and very good food.*

*If the Cow was stripped of its license you would lose a very good asset to the community of Notting Hill. Its a fabulous place and we'd bereft if it was closed.*

*And to be honest anyone who thinks otherwise has obviously not had the pleasure of dining there!*

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern*

*Reference number: 21/00981/LIREVP*

*It has come to my attention that the licence for The Cow pub is under review. I wish to state that I view The Cow as a valuable part of the community and I believe removing it will have a direct detrimental effect to the local area. I have never experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues at The Cow, only a warm and friendly community of people who share a love of the local area. I hope that you will consider allowing The Cow to continue operating for the economic and social benefit of the community.*

*With best wishes*

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern.*

*I was surprised and outraged in equal measures to hear that Westminster City Council has issued a review of the Cow's Premises License on the grounds of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.*

*I have been a patron of the pub for 15 years and never in my life have I seen any crime nor disorder, nor anything to put public safety at any sort of risk at all. Far from it, The Cow is one of the most welcoming, endearing, friendly pubs that still exists in London, and it is for that very reason that it's been at the heart of the community for so long. You never see frowns in the Cow, only smiles, and far from ever feeling unsafe I would argue that it is the happiest, safest pub I have ever been to driven largely by the kind-hearted nature of all its staff, led by the incomparable Petro who is a pillar of the local community, and of its patrons. I can't imagine who on earth would be suggesting to the council otherwise but I can only assume it is those who aren't themselves a true part of the community. The Cow is undoubtedly one of the biggest assets in the local community and will be for a long time to come.*

*In addition, I find it incomprehensible to hear that you could be reviewing a pub's license on such unjustifiable grounds at a time when the entire hospitality sector has been put through so much pain. It is undoubtedly the sector that has been hit the hardest by the pandemic and if anything the Council should be supporting local businesses, not putting them further at risk. It is a truly sad thing to have read that such a wonderful pub's license is under review at a time when pubs like The Cow are exactly what we need to bring the community back together after a pandemic which has caused so much devastation and dislocation in our lives, and it is imperative that you reconsider. Please keep me updated on your decision-making process; I am happy to speak to anyone directly if they would like to speak further*

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir/Madam,*



*I write with reference to the licence review for The Cow.*

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] *I am a customer of the pub and it's restaurant along with many of the other local bars and restaurants in the area. They are all part of the diverse character of W2/W11, which by its very nature is mixed, colourful and interesting.*

*The clients of The Cow reflect that character and are as diverse and interesting a group as you are likely to meet in this part of London. It's a proper pub, run in a proper way for real people and I would suggest it contributes to the area rather than detracts from it.*

*By its very nature there will be noise, but this isn't St James or Mayfair it's west London, close to a bus route, adjacent to one of the city's main rail routes and other bars and pubs.*

*Revoking or changing the licence would be a negative step and would alter the character of the area.*

*I have no financial or commercial interest in The Cow, but am a customer and resident who sees the benefit in having an established, independent and well run Pub in the neighbourhood.*

*I fully support it remaining.*

*Yours faithfully,*

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Re: 21/00981/LIREVP*

*The Cow is an institution. An important place with a lot of history and a great many fans and devotees. I had my first date with my wife there. Any pub can get a bit loud, but I know they can and will contain noise and be good neighbors. We need these institutions in our world of mediocre restaurants and bland chains, even as much as we need peace and quiet.*

*Thank you.*

[REDACTED]  
• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Sirs,*

*It is with great concern that I read that The Cow's (89 Westbourne Park Rd) future is in jeopardy due to a potentially revoked license.*

*Pubs in general were in dire straits already before the pandemic and are even more so now post 3rd lock down. For a every pub that closes a neighbourhood and a community loses part of what makes it just that (i.e. a community).*

*You could also rightly argue that the general disappearance of pubs is chipping away at the British way of life and British culture itself. As such, pub life should be encouraged rather than hindered. Once the pandemic is over and restrictions are lifted pubs, such as The Cow, will play a vital part in helping communities get back on their feet both socially and economically.*

*For many people the local pub is the only venue for meeting other people and socialising in a civilised setting.*

*To suggest that The Cow is a Public nuisance, a threat to Public safety or that its closure is required for the*

*Prevention of crime and disorder is nothing short of ludicrous.*

*Nothing could be farther than the truth.*

*The Cow had the opposite effect. People of all classes, creeds, background and sex mix effortlessly here and it makes the neighbourhood a safer and warmer place. There is no nuisance, no safety issues and no criminal behaviour associated with The Cow.*

*Closing this Notting Hill institution would be nothing short of a tragedy for the local neighbourhood and for the whole of West London.*

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To Whom It May Concern,*

*I write with regard to Westminster Council's review (grounds : prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder) of The Cow licensed premises.*

*I am a long term frequenter of The Cow and urge you to grant a continuation of their licence on the following grounds.*

*The Cow is a long established and legendary Notting Hill venue. It is loved and appreciated by a large and diverse community who value the atmosphere, fun and life that it embodies.*

*As such The Cow attracts many people to the area and thus is a major contributor to the awareness of, and expenditure to, many other related and unrelated local businesses.*

*In all the years I have been coming to The Cow I have not once witnessed any crime, nor has there been any disorder and no public nuisance or safety issues.*

*The loss of The Cow would do immeasurable harm to the local area and be detrimental to the vibrancy and variety of life in West London. You'd be crazy to mess with it.*

*If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.*

*Yours faithfully*

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*I was saddened to hear that Westminster council are reviewing the licence of the Cow Pub, 89 Westbourne Park Rd.*

[REDACTED] *The Cow and have been going there for 15 years with my wife and with friends. I know a lot of pubs in the area so can say with some authority that out of all the pubs, The Cow in particular attracts a diverse and broad cross section of the community. On the many occasions I have been there, there is always a friendly and welcoming atmosphere and have never seen any crime or antisocial behavior.*

*Pubs have long formed a central role in the UK social scene and with high rents in the area restricting people to smaller properties with less space to socialise, The Cow plays an important role in facilitating social cohesion. With the closure of many local pubs, I can count 9 in 15 years and im sure there are more, The Cow is even more precious especially now as many local residents have endured 12 months of lockdown and a social hub such as The Cow is vital for local residents to reconnect and to continue to meet and socialise for years to come. The Cow plays a vital role in the community not just socially but on an economic level as it also provides vital jobs.*

*We need to protect and keep the good pubs alive rather than review their worth, The Cow has a special place in the community and should be left to flourish.*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,  
I have been made aware that there has been a review issued by yourselves for the Cow Pub & Dining Rooms. The review, I understand, has been sought on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

I understand this is a process that needs to be followed now that it has been initiated. As such I would like to express my shock and dismay firstly that this concerns have even been raised regarding this much loved venue.

I have been eating and drinking at the Cow for at least two decades. In this time I have never experienced any issues that, as a woman would concern me. Never have I felt threatened by the potential for, or in fact experienced any crimes. In fact one of my main reasons for attending this venue is its lack of the type clientele that would make me feel that this would be an issue.

The Cow has been a place where creative types like to mingle and share time together. I have never experienced them to be rowdy or have they caused any nuisance to the wider community.

I do hope this process is brought to a swift conclusion and that you will find in the process of your investigation that this venue is a much loved asset to the community that serves excellent food, with a safe and creative atmosphere that would be sorely missed should their licence be revoked.

Yours sincerely  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Hello,

[REDACTED] The Cow in Westminster council. This pub is not only a neighbourhood institution but an important part of our community. Living so close to the pub, I can assure you that it has only brought warm memories and has never been a nuisance nor any level of disorder. Being near this pub is one of the best and proudest things about my area of residence and hope that it will be there for any years and decades to come.

Many thanks for your time.

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Council,

I am emailing to ask that you allow the Cow to continue. The Cow is an integral part of our community, it is a safe place for so many to go and see familiar faces and know they will be loved and welcome. This is rare. I worked at The Cow and visit The Cow as a customer and I have never experienced any crime or safety issues. I really hope that you allow The Cow to continue to create this safe and happy space for our community.

Many thanks, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

*The Cow is the heart and soul of the community. Probably the last instution providign Notting Hill with some sort of "character". By closing it, you are denying many thousands of people a place that they call home. This includes their amazing staff. You are also indirectly transforming the region in a ghetto for wealthy people staying home or hitting the couple of expensive soulless restaurants that by the way keep closing down by lack of interest.*

*I have been going to The Cow for over 21 years 3 times a week and have never experienced any issues. And I can wholeheartedly say that Cow is a hub that brings everyone together harmoniously.*

*I never felt threatened or unsafe going to The Cow, on the opposite side, it provides a sense of community where people help each other.*

*This is a shocking act, coming from the same system which is highly promoting outdoor social gatherings.*

*With this, I truly hope that you will reconsider and allow "The Cow" to keep its doors open.*

Ref no: 21/00981/LIREVP

Kind regards

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

*I am writing to save the cow pub.*

*The cow means so much to the local community and is not only a safe and cosy place for the elderly locals, It is the very glue of our village !*

*The cow is the social hub of the westbourne area, and values every single customer.*

*The food and the friendship within is beyond compare !*

*It would break our hearts to see it go.*

*We have never seen any crime or disorder there which is exactly why we cherish it.*

*Yours sincerely,*

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

*Have you ever experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues at The Cow?*

*I want to make it very clear that I have never experienced any of the above. I worked there for two years and never saw any criminal activity. In my time there I never received a complaint from a member of the public about public nuisance because we did not create any. I never witnessed any health and safety issues. One of the main reasons people come to The Cow is for good quality food and drink meaning that management always made sure everything was kept to the highest of standards.*

*Why do you believe The Cow is an asset?*

*The Cow is an amazing place serving excellent food and drink. It would be a huge shame if the community were to lose this. It is full of amazing staff who are friendly and make you feel like you are a part of a big family.*

*What The Cow means to you?*

*Having worked at The Cow I feel I have a special connection with it. It was such a great and fun place to work. I've also met so many incredible people working there and my friends and I love going there to relax and have a good time.*

Kindest regards,

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

*This letter to let you know how important the Cow on Werstbourne Park Road is for us locals. It is a quintessential pub with delicious food, friendly barmen and waiters, a fantastic cook and genuine, returning customers. [REDACTED] and it is the only place that hasn't been transformed by the "touristic crowd or the new Notting Hill "cool". It stayed very british, a happy, friendly, clean meet-up place where you can eat delicious but simple food and drink a good pint of beer. It would be terrible for us, for the whole neighborhood, (I live around the corner)for it to close as it is the best pub/restaurant in the area where you can meet up with friends in a secure atmosphere. It also represent what foreigners may think the ideal english pub should be. When I have guests in town, I always bring them there and they are never disappointed. I hope you will listen to what we, the locals, the people concerned, think about this fantastic premises. Please, keep it open!*

*Very best wishes,*  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir/Madam*

*As a Notting Hill resident for the last 10 years, I am utterly dismayed by the news that The Cow pub may lose its license*

*I have experienced every emotion, every celebration, every mourning, every event .. first kisses, last kisses, met the very best of friends etc.*

*The Cow and more than a pub to us lot. It's an institution. A hub. A social center. A town hall. A home from home. A KEY part of our day to day lives.*

*It's a place that we deeply deeply love and care about. It means EVERYTHING to ALL of us*

*London needs to protect these places. They are CRUCIAL to community harmony and happiness. Would you want your local social hangout be shut ? I'm sure not... as you are surely aware of the huge importance it has in your (and all your friends) lives*

*Kind Regards*  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Hello,*

*I would like to reach out to you to make sure you know how important it is to me that The Cow continues to be able to operate.*

*It's an absolute GEM. It's one of the key institutions in the neighbourhood that makes Notting Hill itself so special. It's featured prominently in many of my most important memories in London, including my first early dates with my now fiancé, and it has provided the space for so many of us to reinforce existing friendships, meet new friends, and to just relax and enjoy a great meal and great vibes. The staff of The Cow get it so right, as it has a unique atmosphere, feels like home, and is unique in a sea of increasingly corporate/chain restaurants/coffee shops, etc. It's one of the first places I take people who visit London. It's in a word, perfect.*

*I can't tell you how many times my friends have daydreamed-out-loud about with each other about how joyous it will be to spend time with each other in the future, at The Cow, as soon as we can, after the pandemic is over. It's legitimately one of the key things we're looking forward to, to get us through this otherwise bleak time.*

*It's so important that this spot stays open.*

*I can also confirm that I have never experienced any crime, disorder, or public nuisance or safety issues whilst*

visiting The Cow. I have also never heard any complaints of such from the dozens of people I know who have been and regularly frequent the pub.

Please let me know if I may be of any other assistance here.

All the best,

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you concerning the licensing over The Cow restaurant and pub on Westbourne Park road. [REDACTED] have been a regular at The Cow.

The Cow is full of love and joy. It is one of the last remaining places in Notting hill that is authentic. In the ever increasing gentrification of W11 and W10, it would be a total disgrace to further push out the people who live here. The Cow is arguably one of the best assets to me, and to our locals.

It is the duty of the council to prevent further gentrification of the area, and in doing so, keeping housing prices low, social behaviour in order, and people in jobs. Especially in light of COVID 19 with vast financial hardship, through shutting down The Cow, you, our council, will be once again responsible for the mistreatment of our residents. It would be a total disgrace to take away the licensing, especially over mistruths. Never have I experienced any of the allegations made against The Cow concerning public nuisance and safety, rather, quite the opposite.

Please, keep the spirit of Notting Hill alive and do not take away The Cow's licensing.

Kind regards,

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council,

I am extremely disappointed to hear you have issued a review of The Cow's Premises Licence.

[REDACTED] I have been a regular at The Cow for the past 25 years and not ever have I questioned my safety nor have I witnessed or experienced any crime or public nuisance.

The Cow is a precious hub in our Notting Hill community, a melting pot of wonderful people from all walks of life who value connection, conversation, enjoyment of watching sports in a small collective, laughter and music from a juke box... it also is a really great place to meet people from all over the world it has a global community with real heart.

I am yet to find a Premises that rivals, or even comes close, to attracting such a diverse community across age, gender, ethnicity and socioeconomic backgrounds. The collision of which are the foundation for safe, respectful, inclusive and thriving communities.

We have all spent the last 12 months isolated, the knock on effect of removing a cultured community haven like this is bleak and frankly suggests you are misinformed about your constituents, rate and tax payers, visitors alike.

I note the council has ambitious plans in the borough to "reinforce its status as a world class, global exemplar and cultural, leisure and economic powerhouse", perhaps standing behind this local business, The Cow - an institution of the area, will reinforce that position and stop residents fleeing in the hoards to the countryside having lost the last good pub in London!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam

*Please do not restrict the Cow public house's license.*

*It's a much loved cornerstone of the area. The thought of returning to the cow with its cheery, community atmosphere is keeping me sane during lockdown.*

*Please don't do this to a great, internationally renowned pub.*

*In addition I have never, in the many years of going back there experienced any public nuisance or crime at or near the pub.*

*Regards*

My current address is [REDACTED]

*Regards*

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

Hi there,

*I am writing to express my support for The Cow pub in Westbourne Grove. I've spent many a wonderful evening there, it is a well loved institution and an important central hub and landmark for Notting Hill. To shut it down would be an enormous tragedy. The food is always impeccable and the atmosphere friendly and convivial. There's nowhere like it. I've never experienced any sort of disorder or safety concerns in the many years I've been going.*

*Protect our traditional pubs!*

Many thanks, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir or Madam,

*I am writing in connection with the Licensing Sub-Committee's review of the premises license for The Cow, the pub on Westbourne Park Road. I am a resident of Westminster.*

*The pub is a long-standing Notting Hill institution and is one of the few remaining historic pubs in this part of Westminster, many having been converted to residential or other uses. In my view it is important that The Cow is protected not least because it is one of those rare examples of a pub that still caters for the local community as well as visitors to the area. It has retained its old fashioned charm and has not succumbed to the bland interiors and catering formal of the gastro pubs in the area. For this it should be lauded not pilloried.*

*I do not know the background as to why the Council is planning on reviewing the premises license. I can only presume that a complaint has been brought by the police, or perhaps new residents to the area, about the way the premises are managed. These complaints can be overcome relatively easily with conditions on the license which I am sure the pub would not hesitate to comply with.*

*For my part I have never experienced crime and disorder at The Cow or indeed any anti-social behaviour. In my experience The Cow's customers are always well-behaved and friendly and the staff welcoming and responsible.*

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

*I understand that The Cow's licence is under review. As someone who grew up in the area and has been a regular at the establishment since it opened, I am horrified by the idea that it should be closed. It is the most community spirited pub I've ever been to. I have never witnessed any disorder. The staff are conscientious and thorough in every respect. It is the most brilliantly run place, and it engenders a spirit of politeness, warmth and respect between all that go there. It's a great shame there aren't more places like it. The Cow is unique and it would be an enormous loss to the area and to London, if it were to close.*

Regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Hi folks,

*I write in support of my favourite local pub, The Cow on Westbourne Park Road. It's come to my attention that the Council has issued a review of the pub's Premises Licence. I write on behalf of myself and my [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to confirm our full support for renewal of this licence. The Cow is a local institution. It is a social hub for the community and a place for folks (in happier times) to congregate and socialise. I've made lifelong friendships within its walls. It looks after the local people in the community and provides a warm welcome to visitors too. I've been a regular since [REDACTED] and can genuinely say that I have never experienced any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting the pub or whilst passing by (wishing I was stopping in). At a time when so many hospitality businesses are on their knees, places like The Cow need our support. I'm certain that, when we're allowed to visit again, The Cow will be a place where people come to reconnect with a little bit of 'life before Covid'. The world will be all the poorer if it isn't there when we need it most.*

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To Whom It May Concern,

*I live locally to The Cow (about a 15 min walk away) and have loved having it as an option as a local pub that serves amazing food and has a great environment. My husband and I always take our out-of-town friends there and they always rave about how lucky we are to have such an amazing place so close to us. Closing The Cow would be a huge loss to the community as having somewhere really special to go for a drink and/or a nice meal. Especially with our hospitality sector finally being able to reopen, we were looking forward to soon being able to visit The Cow again.*

*I can also confirm that I have never felt unsafe at The Cow nor experienced any anti-social behaviour while at The Cow or in the neighbourhood.*

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

We have been made aware that the Westminster City Council have issued a Review of The Cow's Premises Licence.

We do believe that The Cow is an institution and a great asset in Notting Hill. This pub is run by a great management and a friendly staff. We actually do need more places like this one. Furthermore we have never experienced any disturbance or anything related to public nuisance or disorder and we are regular clients for the last 10 years.

The Cow is part of the culture and an amazing focal point for the local community and a closure would be disastrous for the area, as it is this type of pub that gave Notting Hill the amazing reputation it has gained over the years.

With hopes that The Cow will remain open for the years to come,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir / Madam,

I'm writing with regard to the pending review of the license of The Cow public house on Westbourne Park Road.

I have drunk or eaten at The Cow on average half a dozen times a year for nearly three decades. I have never, in all of those visits, witnessed any public disorder or anti-social behaviour. In no way could this rather refined gastropub be described as the sort of premises conducive to disorder or crime.

With regard to the question of 'public nuisance', The Cow's status as an asset to the valuable 'brand' of Notting Hill can hardly be underestimated. As an arts-sector professional, I have found it tremendously helpful to be able to host meetings at The Cow - there is literally no other venue in the district which leaves such a good impression of West London's vibrancy on visitors both from the UK and outside of it. The openly tourist-oriented Portobello Road brings many visitors to the area, but the status of Notting Hill as a destination both for Londoners and international visitors is dependent upon places like The Cow - not a tourist trap, but a defining example of the area's reputation for liveliness and colour. These are the qualities that can always be redefined as 'public nuisance' by short-term interests: I urge the Council to consider the longer-term interests of Notting Hill in supporting this great asset to the community.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear sir madam

I have visited the Cow from time to time over the last 20 years. It is one of the places in notting hill that makes the area feel like a community. Friends and strangers gather there and make friends and talk. People go away for a long time and then when they go back to the Cow, the staff or customers recognise and welcome them and all is well again.

We should have more places like the Cow that make communities strong. We should not be endangering their ability to operate

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Licensing Department,

I live very close to 'The Cow' and neither I nor (as far as I am aware) any of my neighbours, have ever found The Cow a nuisance, a centre for crime, or any kind of threat to public safety. In fact it is a huge asset to the local community and we would all be extremely upset if it closed. I don't know why you have been asked to review the licence and I am certain the complaints have no validity.

Yours sincerely,

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern

We are writing to voice my concern that Westminster Council is reviewing the premises licence for The Cow public house.

The Cow is a world famous destination bar and restaurant and is a local institution in the area. We have been customers of The Cow since we first moved to London in 1998 and we have enjoyed many sociable evenings there. The atmosphere is always friendly and jovial and the food and drinks are always excellent. The staff are courteous and professional and the premises is always well maintained. Neither we, nor any of our friends or neighbours, have ever witnessed a single incident of public nuisance in the 20 years of being customers.

It is imperative that Westminster Council acts to preserve the local independent operators in this area. The Cow is an anchor tenant for the area at the corner of Westbourne Park Road and Westbourne Villas. This stretch of small independent retailers is one of the few areas that has managed to maintain its identity in the face of an onslaught anonymous chain stores and restaurants and The Cow is an essential part of that identity.

It is extremely disappointing that Westminster Council is even reviewing this licence and we sincerely hope that the Council takes into account the feedback of the people who live in the community who are very upset that one of true assets of the neighbourhood is under threat.

Regards,

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To Whom It May Concern: (REF: 21/00981/LIREVP)

I wish to express my support towards The Cow which I understand has been issued with a review of their premises licence.

The Cow is the beating heart of Notting Hill. It represents the tapestry of our community by welcoming people from ALL walks of life and I have been a customer for many years prior. I would go as far as to say its existence contributed to my decision to move to the area.

It is the definition of 'going to your local'. It is one of the few establishments that exists in our neighbourhood which I can honestly say this about. I have met some wonderful individuals there. I have had girlfriends meet boyfriends and then we've gone back to cry over them when it didn't work out!! But either way the central theme is we always go back because the Cow makes you feel like you're at home and welcomes you with the same regular friendly faces from both staff and the locals you meet along the way.

As a non-meat eater it is also the only place that can get me to eat a Chicken Kiev because it is just that good that I can't say no!!!

Writing this has also reminded me of a time when an elderly gentleman was riding his mobility scooter on the pavement opposite the pub. He somehow managed to topple his buggy and fell into the road, with the buggy on

top of him. Staff and customers of the Cow rushed to his assistance, comforting him and arranging medical help. He was so disorientated but reassured by this little community rushing to his aid.

Pubs are a part of our country's make up. We should be trying to keep them thriving and alive. The hospitality industry has been on its knees over the last year and for the Cow to now be facing this review can only be adding to the already unbearable stress this industry has had to cope with.

I want to finally add that at no time have I experienced crime and disorder or been witness to any public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting the Cow. If anything, it has been quite the opposite.

I hope that the Cow is saved and our community gets to keep its heart.

With many thanks,

Received: by  
**OBJECTION**

I'm writing with regard to the Premises License review of The Cow pub. I was shocked to hear that this beloved local institution was under threat of closure. I live very locally and consider myself an "irregular" customer. It is one of those rare places which welcomes people of all ages, types and stripes and its offer of Guinness, oysters and a roaring fire is far removed from the other cookie cutter pubs in the area. Indeed it seems to be the other pubs which attract large groups of noisy young people from outside the area. None of which I actually mind as it all adds to the character and life of the area. I have never felt threatened or inconvenienced by the clientele of The Cow even on the few nights a year when the crowds inevitably spill on the street. The traffic calming on that corner works very well anyway. If there is any crime I have never seen it and suspect that if it does happen it is far more petty than this complaint. If some people here want to live in the suburbs they should go there. This is central London and we live in a mixed and colourful community. The Cow is a valued local amenity and a neighbourhood institution. It would be a travesty if it lost its license.

Yours faithfully

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Good afternoon,

Today I have heard the news that Westminster Council have issued a review of The Cow's premises licence on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

I was very surprised to hear this as this goes against everything I have ever experienced at The Cow. I feel compelled to write to you to question why this review is being undertaken and to provide you with some insight into my experience of the Cow having been a patron for over 10 years.

The Cow is considered by many to be one of, if not the finest pub in London. Renowned for its perfect pints and honest mouth-watering grub. The food and booze however only contribute in part to its charm. It's the atmosphere that is created with our eyes and ears more so than our tastebuds that make The Cow, The Cow.

From the moment you walk through the curtains, The Cow treats us all equally. Where the Lawyer, the postman and the artist can all bat the breeze over a few pints. The Cow acts as a focal point and integral part of the community and somewhere that anyone can feel a sense of belonging.

For me The Cow is a place I can walk into on my own and walk out having made a new friend. A place of first dates, celebrations, farewells, a meeting point or just to forget about life for while...

I have never felt anything but safe at The Cow and never witness any crime or disorder. Quite the antithesis in fact. I only ever get a positive vibe from the place and often meet interesting, social and kind people there.

William Blake once said a good local pub has much in common with a Church, except that a pub is warmer, and

there's more conversation. A Church also requires a man of the cloth to shepherd his congregation. At the Cow you have Petro, a gentleman and without question the most capable Landlord I have met who operates in an exemplary manner.

I am not aware of the rationale for the review at this time. However, I feel I can be confident in my assumption that the social and economic benefits, happiness and sense of community that this institution brings far outweigh the motives for this review. I request that you please be reasonable and mindful of what The Cow means to its staff, patrons, community and the fabric of London. This is more than just a pub.

Thank you

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 3 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you after hearing from Tom Conran that The Cow's Premises Licence is up for review on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and prevention of crime and disorder.

It is hard to believe that these could be words associated with The Cow in fact what it represents in my experience is quite the opposite. I find this whole thing so odd that I wouldn't be at all surprised if there was some malevolence at work here cooked up by someone who wants to get hold of the site The Cow sits on.

The Cow is now one of the very few local pubs still in existence in the area, it is an independently owned business with a wonderful atmosphere, really good food and an authentic local and regular clientele. These things make it a place to be treasured.

Please take a moment to remember The Cow has been a cornerstone of this neighbourhood for the past 26 years. I have been going to it since it opened. Some of the bar tenders are still the same. The menu is still the same. Many of the patrons are still the same although many are also another generation now, even two. It is a wonderful establishment that represents all the most wholesome qualities of a well loved local pub and dining room and really none of the ones sited in your review.

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 3 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

When we are emerging from a year of unimaginable financial horror for the hospitality industry - and more to the point here - independent owners like Tom Conran, I can't imagine why just as he is about to re-open and take his staff off furlough you are looking at closing him down and making them redundant.

It would be such a great shame to take the license from an establishment like The Cow and for it to be replaced....by what? Cote? Aubaine? Some indistinguishable chain restaurant owned by venture capitalists that will be gone in three years to be replaced by another? A shop selling pasta and expensive olive oil?

I always look to see if there is anyone I know sitting outside as I drive past - there usually is - this is becoming more and more unusual in Notting Hill. The Cow offers a sense of community, a place where friends meet and bump into each other, it has history, authenticity and presence.

The Cow is the genuine embodiment of what those frightful hoardings on the 'luxury apartment' developments in the area are trying to convey with their photographs of 'attractive, happy locals'. They actually fake up what The Cow actually delivers. The Cow is not something cooked up by a branding consultant WFH somewhere a long way from Westbourne Park Road for a building that is most likely going to sit empty.

Please seek to preserve this very special corner of the borough and our much loved, local pub.

With my very best wishes, [REDACTED]

Received: 3 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern

I was fortunate enough to have The Cow as my local pub. It is, quite simply, a remarkable establishment; a true community pub where with other locals I watched two world cups, several Wimbledon tournaments, and joined in the good cheer of St Patrick's Day, St David's Day and Burns' Night, as well as the conviviality of Notting Hill Carnival. I have celebrated birthdays, graduations and wedding anniversaries there, made life-long friends in its four walls - all, moreover, drawn from every walk of life but united by being good people.

I've missed the place so much since I moved to Newcastle. There are few places in the world quite like it. I've introduced friends from all corners of the planet to The Cow; none of whom have ever been disappointed after the extent of my hype on its behalf. If, to bend the lyrics of the hit song, 'a good pub these days is hard to find', The Cow more than fulfils what one might be seeking when they desire an exemplary example of the form: the elusive, but much-touted, great pub.

The Cow is not only warm and welcoming, over the years it has 'policed itself' in that bad behaviour and anti-social activity is not tolerated. The only times door staff are required are on occasions, such as Carnival, where there are more strangers than usual. The owner, Tom Conran, has worked tirelessly to create such a convivial, friendly space that serves incredible fresh and honest home-cooked food at very good prices (and the best pint of Guinness this side of the Irish Sea). As a symptom of this, at one point, I worked it out that it was less expensive to have my evening meal in The Cow than to purchase food and cook it at home. This is an important aspect of the place (and a sign of the genius of its creator): in feeding people at such reasonable prices, it has been a vital place in the local community.

When I read about the licence review, and the insinuation of anti-social activity, accusations of 'public nuisance', crime and 'safety issues', I had to - literally - do a double take. It is genuinely confusing. This is not, and never has been, a fitting description of my local pub. In fact, it is quite the reverse. It is a highly ethical, safe and open environment. If only the world outside of its walls was as just and as safe.

A small example, I was mugged and left for dead on North Pole Road in the summer of 2014. I had to have the right side of my face reconstructed in Northwick Park Hospital. The Cow, its staff and its regulars were my support network in the aftermath. The pub's staff and clientele were outraged at what happened and offered me a safe haven to recover from the trauma, both physical and mental. This is, obviously, beyond the remit of an establishment's whose primary purpose is to make money. But The Cow, and as is becoming apparent, is no ordinary institution. It cares about what happens to members of its community.

A word on the staff: the head barman - Petro - has won 'cellar man of the year' many times. This, in itself, is a sign of the esteem in which the pub is held by the wider industry. I could talk about the rest of the staff in similar terms.

In a world where pubs, let alone first-class examples, are facing closure The Cow needs support. It is a remarkable little institution. My plan, after lockdown is lifted - and it is safe to venture out - is to get on a train to London and take to my partner to a place that holds so, so many happy memories. West London would be greatly impoverished if there was no Cow (as would the rest of the city). People travel far and wide to experience its good cheer and its highly unique atmosphere. It is not just 'another pub'. One would do well to heed the sentiments of the Joni Mitchell song, Big Yellow Taxi: 'doesn't it always seem to go, you don't what you've got when it's gone'.

Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Neighbour  
**OBJECTION**

Hello,

I am writing in support of The Cow pub and to say how disappointed I am to hear their license is under review.

I am a local of the area and have lived in this part of London, on and off, since 1998.



*will go into mourning as if they have lost a close loved one if it closes. I have nothing but praise for the team who have created, and run, such a wonderful establishment. And running a pub - even a world-class one - is a gargantuan task in today's climate. But Tom Conran and Co are doing something right if they can, with seeming ease, get many people in the area to depart their luxury dwellings for a few good hours within its walls, and to do with such regularly. No doubt, you will be hearing from many of them.*

*If I can be of any further help in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me, either by phone or email.*

*Yours most sincerely*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*Dear Westminster City Council,*

*It is with deep sadness that I become aware of The Cow's license review.*

*Years ago I was lucky enough to come across the most amazing pub. Its location, staff, ambiance and food marked my UK experience.*

*Being there made me realize what community means. Both tourists and regulars can for sure feel at home, even if it is for just one night, one meal or a pint.*

*The place exceeded by far any sort of expectation I may have had regarding London, the pub marked me much more than any landmark ever did. Thus me recommending at least one "evening at The Cow" when in town, to anyone I knew would visit the city. Trust me, my friends and family still thank me to this day.*

*I cannot stress this enough, The Cow gives British food a good name. And last but not least, it is a safe spot, not to mention super fun.*

*So please Westminster City Council, save The Cow.*

*Warmest of regards from Mexico.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*To Whom It May Concern,*

*The Cow is a Westbourne Park, Notting Hill and London institution. Our neighbourhood has systematically been stripped of its unique personality over years and years, in a world of homogenous 'gastro' pubs, The Cow has remained consistent and original, a true London pub the likes of which you councils seem desperate to be rid of. How many pubs are we losing every week and Covid will exacerbate the issue. Why are London councils destroying such an asset to our culture and community.*

*In The Cow, you meet all sorts of people, locals mix readily with tourists and I have never known a pub where you end up talking to strangers every time you go in, it is a wonderful place and a credit to London. Luca has worked there for as long as I can remember as have other staff members, there is something special about that, they are part of our community.*

*I walk around our neighbourhood, the refuse bin areas are disgraceful, the pavements are full of dog mess, the streets are littered, nothing is ever done to improve these issues but the licensing team are very quick to reprimand licensees.*

*If The Cow were to be forced to close the area and the community would be the losers. Reprimand if appropriate but to close would be heavy handed and hurt those who have already had a couple of tough years. If you asked me about what I looked forward to about coming out of lockdown, it would be a pint of Guinness and the fish soup in The Cow.*

*I implore the council to think again.*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir/Madame,*

*Reference: 21/00981/LIREVP*

*I write in reference to the issued review of The Cow's Premises Licence.*

*With my many fellow patrons of The Cow, I speak up in defence of the unparalleled positive position The Cow holds within our community.*

*My understanding is that the review is brought on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder. Over the past 20 years of living in Notting Hill, at one point mere doors from The Cow, I have never once witnessed public nuisance, anything pertaining to safety issues, or anything which could lead to crime or disorder (let alone crime or disorder itself); quite the contrary. The Cow has always been a safe haven for me: a place in which I could sit and read, write or plan lessons (I am a teacher); a place to meet friends and bring visiting loved ones; a place to come alone, in which I was sure to be met with a friendly welcome. It has been a home away from home.*

*Over the past 20 years, we as a community have felt the wrench of losing many personable, independent businesses and congregation points. It seems to me that, each time one is lost, the resulting bubbling frustration, loss of relaxed expression of kinship, and lack of shared hearth within the community are far more likely to be generators of public nuisance, public safety and potential crime and disorder, emanating from mental unhappiness and lack of commonality, community, spiritual warmth and good cheer. But of all these, the loss of The Cow would be the most heart-wrenching and shocking.*

*The Cow is a comparatively small space, but its outreach is vast, encompassing and stretching far beyond the community it serves. It is a glowing gem in the heart of England.*

*Very many thanks for your kind consideration of my support.*

*Yours sincerely,*

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 3 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*I am writing to register my support for The Cow pub, which is an important part of the local community and neighbourhood.*

*After all the challenges of Lockdown restrictions for the hospitality industry, it is very sad to hear that the local council is contemplating a possible closure of this thriving and much-loved pub instead of supporting a local business which has long been recognised as a unique Notting Hill establishment.*

*Best regards*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 3 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*Dear Westminster Council,*

*Ref..21/00981/LIREVP*

*I understand you are reviewing the license of my favourite local restaurant and pub... "The Cow".*

*I have relied on this establishment over the last twenty something years for family and business celebrations, for meeting friends, and for enjoying the very best food in the neighbourhood. I have never witnessed any crime, disorder or unacceptable behaviour. Noise mostly arises from the pub diagonally opposite which has considerable outdoor premises on the street.*

*I would never have brought my young grandchildren to "The Cow" on various occasions if there was any doubt in my mind about safety, crime, or nuisance issues.*

*Please will you renew this license. We need individual places like "The Cow" with traditional values.*





*i have called at the Cow for 25 years and have never witnessed or experienced criminal, unsafe, disorderly or inconsiderate behaviour. It has never been my nearest public house but i consider it the best in the area and one of the best i know in London, certainly from my experience of years working in Westminster and living in the area. The Cow has won awards and maintained the highest standards throughout the years and has the same excellent management and front of house staff in charge throughout the 25 years.*

*A further few brief points that make the Cow unique in the rushed and somewhat impersonal life of the city are...*

*it is safe, relaxed and friendly...it doesn't cater for a clique, subgroup or narrow age range. at any time of day or evening i would be just as comfortable calling there with my elderly parents (80+) as with my late teenage children or a foreign visitor. i see many other local people who do the same. that cannot be said of a lot of pubs in the area.*

*i have made life long friendships through a chance meeting or introduction at the Cow with local people from diverse backgrounds and professions that i would not have met elsewhere.*

*i have not called at the Cow in 12 months of covid restrictions but i understand they have been thoroughly compliant and even voluntarily pre-empted the closure instructions. i am very much looking forward to calling there again confident that i will be able to, as i emphasise, without any fear of experiencing or witnessing nuisance, disorder or crime.*

*Best wishes,*

**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir/Madam,*

*As a long term customer of The Cow pub I wanted to bring to your attention the importance of this establishment.*

*Often referred to as 'the best pub in London' The Cow is for many people a place of community and friendship. An example of what a pub should be.*

*It is recognised as a place where the staff are unwaveringly polite. The food is exceptional and there is a great sense of community. If there is one particular purpose for pubs it is this, enabling people who might lack community in their personal lives to find it in such an establishment.*

*I have never experienced any bad behaviour, in or around the premises, and it is renowned for the politeness and civility of both the clients and staff.*

*It is in fact an establishment that Westminster Council should be very proud of. It's reputation goes beyond the shores of Britain and I have met people in many countries who speak highly of The Cow.*

*My only regret it that this is such a rare example and it is a shame that there are not more pubs of this quality in London.*

*With best regards*

**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir / Madame,*

*Please grant The Cow their license. I love it and have been going for years - it has a wonderful sense of community there and I know I can pop in anytime and I am likely to bump into friends and the food and conviviality is wonderful.*

*I have never experienced any crime or disorder there - it is always a joy and great fun and somewhere I have been frequenting for over 20 years.*

*Please reconsider your decision.*

Many thanks

Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster County Council,

*The Cow is an iconic pub of our time. I was there at the inception and have continued to frequent this classic, I have grown up with it, its' been the place of many birthdays and get togethers over the last 25 years or so. It is loved by everyone, locals and not so locals. It's an essential outpost, a thing of solidity amidst this perilous & chronically uncertain time.*

*It represents much that is good in a community, I have never experienced any safety issues or know of any crime or public nuisance or any disorder while at The Cow.*

*You can turn up place an order for the best Chicken Kiev and Greens, which always sets the world to rights.*

*Can't wait for it to re-open.*

Sincerely,

Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

*It has come to my attention that Westminster Council has decided to put the licence of the Cow Pub under review on the basis of 'prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder'. I would like to know what exactly is the reason for this.*

*The Cow is a complete gem in the area and represents a real focal point for all the different communities in the area to come together and share the same place. The Cow is real, unlike many of the sterilised establishments strictly the refuge of the wealthy.*

*I have never experienced anything close to public safety issues or crime, nor have I ever heard of any such incidents occurring at the Cow.*

*To rescind the license of the Cow would be a tragedy and represent another step away from authenticity.*

*I urge you to reconsider.*

Yours sincerely,

Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Neighbour  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs,

*I am contacting you to show my support for The Cow Pub & Dining Rooms.*

*I have been going to The Cow for over 25 years since I was first taken there for dinner by . It has remained a firm favourite all these years and never in all that time have I ever felt a threat to myself or witnessed any disturbances at all!*

*The atmosphere is always friendly due to the great staff - some who have been there from the beginning. The wonderful thing about The Cow is the incredible mix of people - a true representation of the amazingness of the area.*

*I really do think it is one of the few places in London where you would have Victoria Beckham or Stella McCartney or Sting casually eating a pint of prawns next to a pub's variety of regulars and it being just fine, just marvellous, just cool.*

*The Cow is so important to the area, it's part of its history - you cannot close it down.*

*Yours Sincerely,*

Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Neighbour  
**OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*I write to you to put on record that The Cow Public House of 89 Westbourne Park Rd, London W2 5QH is, to me, an institution*

*It's a place to meet friends, make new friends, and will always be a local establishment that opens its doors and makes everyone welcome. In addition, it's a fabulous place to eat and drink and widely recognised for its quality of service*

*I understand that you are currently reviewing The Cow's premises licence and I hope that the outcome of this is one which keeps The Cow open to business so that it can continue to serve the local community to the high standards that it always has*

*I can confirm whole heartedly that I have never witnessed crime, disorder, public nuisance, or any safety issues in, on or around the premises*

*If you have any questions or comments please respond*

*Thank you,*

Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*I am writing to you regarding the upcoming review of The Cow's premises license.*

*Needless to say, I was shocked to hear the news, especially given it was on the grounds of public disorder. I have been a frequent patron of The Cow for many years, and have only ever experienced it to be a welcoming, professional, inclusive and dignified institution. Moreover, it has been a huge source of joy, comfort and refuge. It is an enormous asset to the area, establishing itself as part of the fabric of the local community. Not only that, it attracts swathes of people from further afield, enriching the area and making it an exciting and attractive place to visit.*

*I strongly urge you to allow The Cow to keep trading. Now more than ever, it is integral to support local, independent businesses, and it will be a great loss - felt by many - if it were to close its doors.*

*Many thanks,*

Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

*Good morning,*

*I am writing to express my love for The Cow, having lived locally my whole life. It is such an important place in the community where people from all backgrounds come together without judgement. I have never felt unsafe and it is definitely one of the places I most look forward to returning to after lockdown!*

*I hope you will reconsider.*

*Thank you very much,*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*Hello,*

*I'm writing in response to the news that license of The Cow Pub, 89 Westbourne Park Road, W2 5QH is under review.*

[REDACTED] *have frequented many London pubs. There are very few of these that have had quite the impact on me like The Cow.*

*As a single woman there aren't many bars or pubs I'd feel comfortable going alone. The Cow is one of them. I have never felt so at home and welcome. It is not only the staff, who always seem to know all patrons by name, but the customers who frequent it who have made it such a hub for the local community.*

*You can walk in and get talking to anyone, feel welcome and included and a part of something. That is extremely rare in this big city.*

*Once I sat outside with a friend as people I didn't know gathered around us to share our table. On that table was a local plumber, a model, an old guy from the local estate, a musician, a waitress and an entrepreneur. Of varying ages, races and demographics. They ALL knew each other. They laughed, they shared jokes, they asked about each other's lives and they included me and my friend in the conversations.*

*That is the perfect example of what a pub should be - the heart of the community, a safe place, where people can laugh, commiserate, share stories and enjoy each other's company. No matter who you are and where you come from, you are not only seen, but welcomed by an entire community at The Cow.*

*It would be a tragedy for London to lose a place so filled with history, stories and people, some who I know find this place a sanctuary and life blood to the area.*

*This is all before you get to the incredible food that is served up out of the smallest kitchen in London by some of the happiest chefs I've ever seen.*

*At this time in the world, more than ever, (I don't think anyone would argue) that what we need and what London needs - is community.*

*The Cow is community, the best community.*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: by Neighbour**  
**OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir/Madam,*

*I am writing in respect to your possible actions regarding The Cow Pub on Westbourne Park Road, ref: 21/00981/LIVEVP.*

*Since moving from NYC to Notting Hill eight years ago, The Cow has been a central part of my social life. I have countless wonderful memories, the most most recent being my son's second birthday celebration in the restaurant upstairs with our close friends and family. I feel the Cow is one of the most family friendly pubs in the area and a beating heart of our community.*

I have NEVER witnessed anti-social or criminal behaviour of ANY nature, never even an argument. I certainly wouldn't be taking my children there if I thought it imposed any risk or any poor influence upon them.

I hope the council listens to the majority of the people of our community regarding this matter and the loyal and loving patrons. The Cow has a place in Notting Hill's history and should continue to be part of its future.

Sincerely,

Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party

**OBJECTION**

been going to the cow for 30 odd years and it is the best pub I have ever been in London, it is my local pub. The establishment is a very friendly, homely and safe place.

I have never experienced any crime, public nuisance or any abuse from Staff and owners. This is a place that I always recommend to friend , families and any tourist that want to experience a real British Pub.

Talking about their staff, they are the best . Food and beverages is unbeatable, and as I said before The Cow is the best establishment in west London . Please let The Cow LIVE, please do not get rid of this unique place.

All the best.

Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party

**OBJECTION**

Westminster City Council:

Thank you in advance for your time. I sincerely appreciate attention towards this letter.

My name is

I have been visiting the UK since my first visit as a child at the age of 15 and have been a regular visitor since. It is a true privilege to have my current status as a UK resident.

I love The Cow. Simply love The Cow. And I'm not alone.

I've been a patron of The Cow for many years now. As an American, British pub culture is a huge attraction as we simply don't have pubs like yours in our country. At least not how they have been established here in the UK. The Cow is a beacon with everything that's RIGHT about pub culture. It's friendly, cozy and communal. I've made many friends over the years by visiting that establishment. It has such a positive personality and the experience is a beacon for the neighborhood around it. The staff it employs and customers (both local and visiting) all understand that the uniqueness of The Cow is not just about the business - it's about the experience and the community center it has become. The Cow is an iconic institution.

I sincerely hope that it is given the chance to continue doing business in that location. That location IS so much of The Cow experience. In a time when every pub is at risk because of Covid-19 it is sad to see that The Cow is targeted for closure for reasons beyond the pandemic. The neighborhood, community and customers all benefit from The Cow. Please don't take away such a precious cultural experience.

Sincerely,

Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party

**OBJECTION**

I am writing to comment on the licensing review of The Cow pub in Notting Hill Gate.

and it is part of the culture and atmosphere that makes my community worthwhile. I protest the council's inclination that it could take away the pub. This will inform my next voting decision.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council,

ref 21/00981/LIREVP

I've just hear that you're reviewing the license of The Cow pub in Westbourne Grove, so I'm writing to show my wholehearted support for keeping this pub open.

The Cow is one of my favourite places in London to go for food and drink and I have been a customer of theirs for over 20 years. The atmosphere is wonderful, the Guinness is perfect, and the food - cooked fresh every day - is wonderful. Not to mention that it's always filled with friendly faces, welcoming one and all who go there.

I've read that you're worried about "public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder" - how on earth can any of these apply to The Cow? In my experience over the many years I've been going there, their clientele is and has always been warm, friendly and welcoming, as has their staff. In over 20 years, not once have I seen any crime or disorder, nor any public nuisance or safety issues, and to be honest, I actually find it incomprehensible that you're worried about these issues, as The Cow is a completely safe, crime-and-nuisance-free establishment.

Like any great pub, The Cow does get busy sometimes - though never so busy as to be unsafe. However it is by no means the busiest pub in the neighbourhood, Also, as you will be aware, it attracts a rather gentle and educated type of patron, with many (including myself) working professionally in arts and culture, unlike - without naming any names - certain other local licensed premises which you must know attract a much rougher crowd.

The Cow is one of the City of Westminster's true local gems - it must be preserved and its license must be renewed.

All the best,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Licensing Team

This mail is formally providing my support for Westminster City Council to re-issue Licence for the Cow PH which is currently under review .(NOT REVOKE)

My support is based on the following key points:

1. The Cow PH provides a key and important social heart in the local community and an asset to the neighbourhood
2. As the Proprietor of a brewery I know only too well that the hospitality industry is already struggling to keep operating through the COVID pandemic without additionally City councils revoking licenses
3. As a regular tourist visitor I have never encountered or seen any crime or disorder / public order incidents on my visits.
4. If claims of public disorder have been alleged then they should be addressed independently.
5. Can WCC provide factual evidence that shows the number of police arrests that have involved THE COW PH clietel and any public disorder warning provided to the COW PH ?
6. Responses to point 5 would be tacit in the process of invoking the licence.
7. As part of the WCC review it is important that the review takes on board the other 4 very local licence establishments, along with takeaways & food shops - and does not single out the Cow PH as the single cause to any alleged public disorder incidents.

I look forward in hearing from you with confirmation that my mail has been received and processed

regards

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

*The Cow is a true asset to the Notting Hill community, bringing locals together in a safe and friendly setting.*

*The Cow also means a lot to me personally, as it manages to balance an always positive community atmosphere with outstanding food and beverage.*

*I visit The Cow frequently and have never experienced any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst at the premises.*

Best,

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

To whom this may concern,

*I was made aware of the (/my) council's intentions of reviewing the premise licence for The Cow, my local pub, a few weeks ago.*

*It came as quite a shock, seeing as The Cow is simply one of a kind, and such an incredible asset to our community- and the idea of it closing down due to the council putting it under threat is a terrific shame.*

*I have never in my fifteen years of (frequently) frequenting the Cow, known of it causing any harm or worry to the area. It is a pub, which of course inevitably will sometimes have to deal with the repercussions and consequences of its customers having had a few too many drinks, but alongside the other public houses in the area, it is a place of joy, cheer, outstanding food and positive vibes.*

*I have never felt vulnerable or unsafe at the cow- quite the contrary, it seems to bring out the charm in all of its customers- perhaps due to its quaint and delightful atmosphere, its heroic staff- including the lovely Petro who has worked there for 25 years and knows pretty much all the customers by name- it is by no means a place of crime or hostility.*

*I very much hope that the council come to understand how special this pub is, and that encouraging it to close would be hugely upsetting for all of West London.*

My thanks in advance,

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council,

*I am writing to express in the strongest possible terms my dismay at hearing of the Council's decision to review the above licence.*

*The Cow is one of the most important pubs in West London. It is an almost unique place with a very special energy. I have never experienced or witnessed any crime or public nuisance occurring in the vicinity of The Cow and I respectfully suggest that given it's location that is quite an achievement. The staff and the patrons of the pub would never allow it. There is a proper sense of community within the pub itself that anyone who visits it*



would feel instantly.

*I question whether anyone in a decision making position at the Council has ever been to The Cow? You should go! It's wonderful. People smile at you and say hello. The staff are excellent. The seafood is on a par with any posh Mayfair restaurant and the Guinness is as good a pint as u will get in London.*

*Pubs are essential to the fabric of an area and wider society. Given the year we've all had, good pubs have never been more essential beacons of hope and happiness for us all.*

*Please don't close this pub.*

*In hope,*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir / Madam,*

*I trust this email finds you well and my apologies for joining what could well be a seemingly endless barrage of emails demanding the Cow on Westbourne Park road be left to operate as it has done for the last 26 years.*

*I understand this Pub has attracted your attention recently and is now in the firing line.*

*In the interests of keeping Nottinghill - and London - from becoming a monotonous, dreary place surely such interesting, vibrant and unique venues like the Cow should be supported by their local authority?*

*I have yet to go to a better 'pub' which houses 'everyman' - properly - and serves outrageously good food as well.*

*Sadly unfortunate events happen. Things on occasion will go array.*

*But to forcibly remove a culinary masterpiece and a melting pot of the weird and wonderful - would be such a waste and a real shame.*

*Please, please let this wonderful local icon continue to serve.*

*Yours faithfully,*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir/Madam,*

*I would like to express my complete displeasure with your proposed license review of The Cow public house. I have spent many an hour in many London public houses and I can confirm that there have been several that could certainly be considered a "public nuisance. However, never, in the many many occasions I have been in The Cow have I ever seen any yobbish, asbo or public nuisance behavior in any way, even when leaving late in to the evening. I would point out that should there ever have been any degree of public nuisance at/in/around The Cow, the press would have been all over it.*

*I would also point out that this establishment has a fine restaurant and serves some of the finest British food one can find in and around London. It is supporting numerous British farmers, butchers, seafood and shellfish suppliers. I would think that at this moment in history, these people need some British support.*

*Your license review needs reconsidering or at least focusing on an establishment worthy of such a review.*

*Yours disappointingly,*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Hello,

I am writing today on behalf of our beloved pub The Cow, in Westbourne Park Road. We have been [REDACTED] of The Cow for nearly 22 of their 25 years, never more than a stone's throw away, and have relied on it as our only true local. This charming, old school, loyal place has been a fixture in our lives from our single days through the birth and growth of our three children (two of whom are now devoted fans as well). The food and the drink are excellent, and more importantly, the sense of neighbourhood and loyal camaraderie - I can always find a familiar face, and, more often than not, bump into a great friend. I am not a big drinker - and I still feel very strongly about this.

Notting Hill has always been a charming place but the truly special custodians of the vibe are getting fewer and farther in between. Please, please, please do not take this one away from us. In all of the past two decades we have never had a bad experience at the pub or outside of it (we walk by it often several times per day) and love that it has a sense of life even on a quiet day. The staff have been around forever and the clientele is steadfast in their sense of community.

I have never, I repeat, NEVER experienced any sense of a nuisance or being unsafe because of The Cow and would argue, quite adamantly, that it creates a safer space along Westbourne Park Road than would exist without it. We have, further down the road on either side, had experiences that were less than ideal and feel that the community at The Cow provide a sense of neighbourhood watch that would be sorely missed. While other London pubs (particularly on a hot sunny day) can get terribly messy and the crowds can get belligerent I have always found The Cow crowd to be overall quite chill - cool, calm and collected.

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam;

I am writing to strongly advocate for the Cow restaurant and pub as I understand their premises license is under review.

I moved to London 21yrs ago and was lucky enough reside in Westminster nearby the Cow. From my first visit to the Cow I felt welcome in the neighbourhood and feelings of alienation grew towards attachment. The staff and regulars are warm and the pub retains a "neighbourhood" feeling that is so easily lost in an era of corporate excess and generic patina. Our community draws tourists and migrants from across the world through its unique blend of cultures and traditions. That welcoming "vibe" relies on both the authenticity and variety of the local establishments of which the Cow is a stand-out contributor. There is no better place to randomly meet neighbours from all walks of life and no more welcoming place to happen upon as a wandering tourist.

I do not know what transgressions have led to this review, but present circumstances are unprecedented, and have impaired all of our decision making. We live in very trying times and will be ever more reliant on friends and loved ones as we (hopefully) emerge from this COVID crisis. Establishments such as the Cow are central to the very fabric of our community and we will lean heavily on such venues so that we can bond with friends and neighbours in finding our feet and maintaining a positive outlook. I simply cannot imagine the coming years without the Cow.

If more direct interaction is required I would be more than happy to make myself available in person or over the phone.  
best regards,

[REDACTED]

**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Reference 21/00981/LIREVP

Westminster City Council Licencing review of The Cow's Premises Licence

*I trust that the review of the Licencing provision for The Cow at Westbourne Park Road is favourable and that the pub can continue providing a service like no other in London.*

*The quality of the food is exceptional at the pub, the drink is well priced and the staff are brilliant in providing a fabulous environment to meet one's friends in this unique pub. I have eaten at the pub many times and never have I been ill from the food. The oysters and shell fish are exceptional and those that are served are of the highest quality.*

*Never have I seen or heard of any public nuisance or disorder in or around the locality of The Cow. It is a haven of peacefulness within the fast pace of the surrounding London area. I have always felt safe in The Cow and I have no worries about leaving the pub in the evening to walk back to the tube station or to catch a taxi or bus. In this time of pubs closing down the authorities should be looking at ways for the existing pubs to be encouraged to remain open and not to put hurdles in the way of a very old and popular pub like The Cow.*

Regards, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

To Whomever It May Concern,

*As a local resident of 30 years standing, both in RBK&C and latterly Westminster Council, I am writing in support of The Cow pub retaining its premises license.*

*The Cow is a successful and much loved local amenity and is a unique and important asset which reflects the unusual area it serves. It is situated in an area which has one of the most diverse population in terms of communities, wealth and nationalities, possibly, in the world. I cannot think of any other institution locally or beyond that brings so many diverse sections of society together in a convivial and communal environment. The clientele is literally from all walks of society, and I have spent many hours socialising with people, many that I am unlikely to meet in any other setting. It would be more than a shame should it be forced to close, especially it being a part of a fast-dying breed of successful local pubs, and as an important part of London and English heritage. It is an important part of local life beyond its function as a pub. It is a place where news, both happy and sad, can be shared. The aftermath of the Grenfell tragedy comes to mind where I spent the afternoon at the Cow trying to make sense of it with others - and trying to give support to some who had personal ties to the fire.*

*I have spent probably too many hours enjoying the hospitality, and making genuine friends, both amongst patrons and staff. The staff deserve a special mention, as many have become much loved local characters. It is true that proceedings can occasionally get a little exuberant because it is a popular and successful venue, but I have never seen it spill over into the unreasonable or anti-social - I have seen a lot worse locally, and would stop coming should it go this way.*

*In conclusion, I think it would be a huge mistake should Westminster Council decide to withhold the Cow's license, especially in today's climate where we need successful and viable business*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Council Members

*I believe a review of The Cow's Premises license has been requested. To that end, I would like to point out what a safe, friendly and comfortable environment my friends and I have always enjoyed when visiting The Cow, as well the delicious food they serve.*

Yours faithfully  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam

*I was perplexed, sad, dismayed and really angry to hear that The Cow might be in danger of being closed down.*

*It is a fabulous, long standing and inclusive establishment which has been a hub to the surrounding community and an extremely precious asset to the area for so many years. It's a brilliant place to meet friends, drink wonderful Guinness, great wines and eat absolutely delicious food. Wonderful seafood and good hearty but elegant dishes. You never have a bad meal or go hungry here!*

*It is stylish, friendly, and just full of joie de vivre, I have never, ever had a bad meal or experience there. The bar is always filled with happy, friendly people and the gorgeous dining room upstairs is one of my most treasured places to eat in London.*

*The Cow takes so much pride in what they do and they do it all extremely well.*

*I have never experienced any sort of crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst at The Cow, to suggest that these are good reasons to revoke their license is disingenuous and frankly dishonest. To rip out the heart of an establishment that serves it's community as well as The Cow does, is frankly alarming and a very cynical act. I would urge you to take note of the (I'm sure) many, many letters and emails you receive asking you to reconsider.*

*It would be a crying shame to lose such a precious place and replace it with what..... more luxury flats???? I look forward to receiving a response from you.*

*Yours with hope and all fingers crossed!*

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*Why do you believe The Cow is an asset?*

*The Cow is an institution a great family pub - always welcoming - great food and always reliable*

*What does The Cow mean to you?*

*The Cow for me is coming with my family and meeting friends - sitting near the fire place, eating prawns and oyster and the best chicken Kiev on earth. The feeling of a home away from home.*

*What are all the great things about The Cow does Westminster Council need to hear from you?*

*Friendly, Family orientated, Amazing food, Iconic venue and place to go. I've been coming on and off to the Cow for 20 years and before lockdown this would be every few weeks, as we live in North London and we will wake up some Saturdays craving for what we know and what we want and that's The Cow.*

*Importantly, can you confirm that you have not experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow?*

*As I have mentioned many time - we always come with our kids, always and meet friends, I love the hustle and bustle - but this is a warm friendly safe pub, I am gobsmacked at the above question, seems like one person with a voice may have been overly dramatic and look where this has landed.*

*This would be devastating if The Cow was to close. After a year of hardship - how can this even be happening. We need to support local and family business - KEEP THE COW OPEN*

• **Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam

*I am writing this letter in support of The Cow's licensing review to highlight my drinking and dining experience over the years and the absolute need to keep this much beloved Venue open and renew the license without question for Tom Conran and his dedicated team at The Cow.*



The Westbourne Park and wider Notting Hill area would be much poorer for its absence. It simply must be preserved.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern:

I am shocked to hear of a plan afoot to close this august and lovely gastro-pub, which for decades has been a wonderful place to safely dine alone as a woman, to hear great poetry, to eat exceptionally good food, and enjoy all the charms of a fantastic example of a local and high-functioning pub. It would be criminally insane to close it down. This a community treasure, a resource to be protected, not closed.

If there is any noise nuisance, I have never experienced it as a long term habituee, and as a London pub in a vibrant part of London, one must expect some cheerful conversations in the course of an evening.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council Licensing Department,

21/00981/LIREVP

It has been brought to my attention that you are seeking to review the license of The Cow, 89 Westbourne Park Road, and felt that I should tell you why this pub is a valuable asset to London and the local community.

Having been a regular at the pub for over twenty years, The Cow has been and is a fantastic and vital meeting place for many people, both local and from further afield. The pub has always welcomed all comers with open arms; diversity being at the forefront of its ethos. Not only is it a safe and friendly meeting place for locals but also a venue for a truly international community, it is a real destination and I believe unique in what it offers to its customers.

In all of my many years of visiting The Cow; seeing and making new friends, eating, drinking, talking and laughing, I have never once felt unsafe or witnessed any issues of crime or disorder; simply a well managed pub that provides a massive amount of goodwill and pleasure for those who visit.

During these incredibly difficult times, knowing there are places to visit again once lockdown is over, that provide one with comfort and familiarity is a vital benefit to all.

The Cow is not just another pub, it is a London institution in all of the best ways, and that should be cherished.

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Neighbour**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing to you in regards to the licensing review of a pub very dear to me; The Cow. For the 10 years I have lived in [REDACTED] I have frequented The Cow. At The Cow you find an inclusive, diverse and most of all welcoming atmosphere - an atmosphere a Dane away

from home truly appreciate.

*The Cow embodies what a great Pub should be: A place where the public can congregate to celebrate and create moments that simply cannot be made elsewhere. But what is more, The Cow draws a crowd that is truly unique. On a night you might meet old friends and share a glass of the best Guinness in all of London (to me, it even rivals those served in Dublin). Or you might meet a chance encounter - a new friendly someone with a shared spirited passion for social interaction and tall tales. Someone who, like I, look forward to meeting those who we have yet to meet. Those who will inspire us, who will make us laugh and those who we will wish meet again. No other place but The Cow draws on and creates this spirit.*

*And that is why I have spent more time at The Cow than any other public building. More than any library, gallery, museum, restaurant, cinema, place of worship and even carparks. And certainly more time than at any other Pub in Notting Hill and London.*

*To me The Cow is a sanctuary for great conversations, for inclusivity, for great Guinness and wonderful food. I would hate to see its welcoming doors shut, and I truly hope you will consider the importance The Cow plays not only in my life, but in the lives of everyone in the area - and for the people who travel from afar to enjoy its spirit.*

Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]

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**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

*I still remember the day my father took me for my first pint. We ambled down Westbourne Park Road on one of those typical London afternoons without a cloud in sight. We were greeted inside by the approving nods of our neighbours and friendly staff. As Pedro pulled my first pint of Guinness, the ritual wait allowed me to take in my surroundings, the artwork (in which to this day I still find something new I hadn't noticed before), neighbours quietly reading their books enjoying a cold pint, and couples sharing plates of fresh oysters preparing for the evening to come. Not even in Dublin's brewery itself have I had as good a pint of Guinness as the ones I have always enjoyed since then at The Cow.*

*The cow has played host to many pleasant memories, several of my birthdays including my 30th, interesting conversations with neighbours with whom I would have otherwise not had a forum to meet, and first dates with their occasional subsequent periods of mourning. I was shocked to learn recently that this all may be under threat, the thought that I may not one day be able to enjoy a pint there with my own son and his grandfather is a deeply saddening one.*

*It's also worth bearing in mind that the gastronomic industry has been one of the hardest hit during the pandemic, twice the amount of Pubs closed during 2020 than in previous years, let us not ruthlessly add to this number especially not with one of London's best pubs.*

*Although I am now living over 6000 miles away in Peru I truly dread to think that the next time I reach Heathrow I won't be able to order a taxi straight to The Cow, put my bags in a corner and enjoy a fish stew and a pint. The closure of The Cow would not only be a great personal loss but a tragedy for the community, I urge you to reconsider and do not allow this to happen.*

Yours faithfully, [REDACTED]

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

To whomever it may concern,

*I disagree with The Cow (21/00981/LIREVP) having its license revoked. It is a neighbourhood institution and a pocket of old-artistic notting hill which has been increasingly mainstreamed and painted over due to the gentrification of the area.*

*We need restaurants, pubs, and bars in our area; Notting Hill is rather lacking in good quality establishments*

where everyone is welcome, and The Cow is one of them. They are the hub of our community's culture and a place where traditions, values and spirit is forged.

Best,

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Neighbour**  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I live in the area and also have a retail shop [REDACTED] from The Cow, and am very concerned to hear that there may be a problem renewing their license?

I have never had any problem with the customers from The Cow, as they always seem well behaved and respectful of the surrounding residential neighbourhood.  
The staff are a friendly bunch and have been of great help to me over the years.

To lose The Cow would severely damage the character of the area, as the staff and the customers are a big part of our community there.

The Cow is a well known and established bar with a restaurant serving fine food, and they draw people to the area.

I implore you to support them in these difficult times as we need establishments like this to bring back some life into our street when lockdown is finally lifted and we attempt to recover after these challenging times.

Please contact me if you need any further information.

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

Westminster Licensing have issued a review of the Cow's Premise license on the grounds of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

I would like to place on record the following; that I have lived in many areas of London and I have regularly gone to the Cow since its inception. It is a neighbourly, friendly, warm Pub that looks after its locals and many first comers. I have regularly met people from South Africa, LA, NYC, Europeans and Iceland who have been told to go to the Cow because of its perfect food, atmosphere and it is the perfect London pub.

To consider taking the licence away is a shocking indictment, in my view, of an increasingly poorly run council. In 20 years of dropping by the Cow I have never seen any violence, any raised voices and no disagreement and you should be championing this pub not condoning it. It is considered a gem. One of the really special places in London and you want to close it down.

I would kindly urge you to reconsider this.

Yours sincerely [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

Reference number: 21/00981/LIREVP



*I am writing to Westminster Council having been informed that the Cow Public House is in the process of having its licence reviewed.*

*I would like to place on record that I have been a regular user of the above establishment for 10 years and have never encountered the slightest bit of trouble or anti-social behaviour. As a public figure I am finding it more and more difficult to enjoy social occasions without the appalling intrusion of the mobile camera or the social media brigade. The Cow offers me and my friends (often from abroad) an escape from both. It provides a wonderful space for young and not so old to enjoy a very special part of London life.*

*I respectfully request that Westminster Council will see fit to recognise the enormous social contribution The Cow makes to its community far and wide and extend the Cow's licence for the foreseeable future.*

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Good Morning,

*I am writing to you to let you know how important The Cow is. These days it's hard to find a traditional pub in London with the same traditional atmosphere. The Cow has some of the best pub food in London and owners that genuinely care about the industry.*

*If you lose The Cow you have lost the best. Go for yourself and see.*

*There are much worse establishments in London that you should be worrying about. Like Infernos in Clapham or illegal raves.*

Kind Regards, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I have been a regular at the Cow for over 20 years. As well as great food and drink it has always been a place to meet friends, either intended or unintended, and while away the hours watching Notting Hill life going by. I have never experienced anything other than great positivity and ambience, with no public order issues, safety or other worries. It is very much a part of the fabric of the area and loved by all who go there.*

Regards [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Please consider this communication as in support of The Cow public house and restaurant in any forthcoming review of its premises licence.*

*[REDACTED] (as I have been for most of my life) and have known The Cow as a customer since its opening. In my opinion it remains a rare and valuable asset to the area and to the local community, with many happy memories for me personally. I have always found it to be a most welcoming and convivial place to meet friends and family, young and old. I have made new friends there, some of whom have traveled from abroad to visit The Cow.*

*Such places are rare in the area now and should be cherished. Any move that might result in its loss to the locale would be ill-advised and soon regretted. I simply cannot think of another area that would not welcome such a noted and highly regarded establishment.*

*I have never experienced any 'trouble' or disorder at The Cow, public nuisance nor any safety issues. (I have at other local establishments). I have always found it to be a most professionally run, friendly and civil venue - a credit to the neighbourhood and to all concerned.*

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir / Madam,

Ref: 21/00981/LIREV. - THE COW

I am writing to you with regards to the current license review of The Cow Pub. I have been a customer of the pub for nearly 20 years and it is a truly a great pub which brings together so many different people in the West London community and has the most beautiful natural charm with original features as well as the most incredible team that have been running it for so many years. I feel it is such an asset to the area and I have so many fond memories spent at The Cow, the food is amazing and I eat here often as it is so close to where I live as well as socialising here regularly too.

I have only ever experienced The Cow to be a great environment to be in and around have not seen or aware of crime and disorder and or nuisance as a local resident.

I have spent most of my lockdown talking about how excited I am to be able to go back to The Cow post lockdown for my favourite meal and a glass of Red and get back to the normality of life and enjoying this incredible local pub so I really do hope that the License will be renewed as it really is a great asset to the local area.

Please find below my address' for your reference:

My current address: [REDACTED]

Previous address: [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope for a positive outcome for the team at The Cow.

Very Best Wishes, [REDACTED]

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Please consider the licence review for the Cow, a pub in Notting Hill Gate that is part of the fabric and culture of the area.

Local residents who are complaining should have considered living next to a pub in the first place and for a small number of residents who object to the limited noise from the Cow who would like it closed down will deprive the huge following the Cow has for good authentic food served in traditional surroundings.

I do hope the Cow will be able to reopen and hope you take the comments from the 100s of people who support the Cow into consideration

Thank you, [REDACTED]

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs,

I have just been made aware that the licence for The Cow is to come under review on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

I have lived in this area for over 25 years and am familiar with both The Westbourne and The Cow as being well frequented establishments. That particular corner of Westbourne Park Road has always attracted many customers particularly during summer months so I can understand that the noise emanating from that area could at times be deemed as a public nuisance.

However, I am unaware of any incidents that could be said to raise concerns over public safety or crime and disorder. I have always used it as a quiet, cosy, welcoming place to meet friends for a lunch or an early evening

drink. It is very much a pub frequented by local residents and has a sense of community which has been built up over the years.

After a year of very difficult times for us all, it has made us appreciate what establishments like The Cow offer and I would hope to see it continue to serve us.

Regards, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs,

I write to you regarding the renewal of the license for the Cow dining room and Bar in Westbourne Park.

I am a professional female and have lived and worked in the local area for most of my life (50 years). During this time, I have had the opportunity to enjoy many visits to The Cow. I have always considered The Cow to be a 'safe pair of hands' where one can eat and drink in a mature and friendly atmosphere. I say this both from personal experience that is also reinforced out by its wider reputation amongst many in the community that I have spoken with.

The Cow is my go-to place for an evening out when I have friends and visitors who come to London.

I have never witnessed any disturbances at the Cow, and I would respectfully urge you to grant any application for the license renewal as it would be a great shame to lose this important and vital local pub.

Thank you for your consideration, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Hello, good day.

I hope this finds you well!

I am writing to speak about The Cow Pub...

[REDACTED]  
Before moving here I lived in New Zealand and I remember visiting my brother in London and he would take me to The Cow to eat the best steak he had ever eaten and the fish soup with croutons!

Once I moved to London, Notting Hill, the cow quickly became my favorite place where I started having my first friends because I didn't know anyone yet.

Luti and Pedro, always kind, welcomed me immediately and made me feel at home. I met my best friend Sophie and found many other English friends, as it was popular with locals.

Every time I arrived there was a place for me to sit with my friends and have a great time chatting.

I found a lot of work to improve my business and good knowledge that helped me in my career.

I could not imagine London without the cow, it has already been a terrible and tiring year, we should try to help with love and respect for everyone.

I wish you a wonderful day

Warm regards  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Proposed closure of The Cow Pub

I wish to add to the many voices who oppose the proposed closure of the Cow Pub.

Pubs form a vital part of our community and the Cow has always been a vibrant and positive part of this fabric for us locals. It would be a travesty to add the loss of the Cow to the long list of pubs we have lost over the

past years. Many will now close due to the further hardships of Covid and we should be supporting those who are strong and able to make it through this hard time, not threatening to close them.

The Cow has offered a safe and welcoming place to visit where even as a single woman I have always been happy to visit without threat. The many people who have patronised the pub have grown a large community of diverse and interesting people who come together to strengthen the area.

I urge you to reconsider this closure.

Best, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Hello,

I am writing as a resident in support of the Cow. [REDACTED], The Cow has been one of my favorite local gathering places. It is a truly unique location, that has been a beautiful reflection of the diversity and vibrancy of the Notting Hill community, which my family has been honored to call home. It is so much more than a place for drinks and food, I can't think of a time I didn't have a wonderfully interesting or intelligent conversation with a patron. As both a curator/writer as well as a mother, I have deeply appreciated the almost creative family quality this institution has propagated. I have never had an incident of feeling unsafe, if anything I think its closure would lead more to the area feeling desolate, making me feel more vulnerable as a woman walking around.

While I had lived [REDACTED] the last 4 years (we would choose to walk to the Cow, skipping over the many other options at our disposal just to enjoy the special atmosphere I described above) and in August we decided to move to [REDACTED] for more space for our family, which includes two primary school age children, because candidly, having the Cow in short walking distance was part of what made the area more appealing.

I am happy to answer any other questions you may have, but think it would be a deterioration of the area to lose amenities that contribute to the character of the neighborhood and would be a loss as a site of community connection.

Best, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

I'm writing to you about my personal experience in pub, The Cow, The Cow is one of those places everyone knows in West London. It's an iconic pub, that serves delicious food and has a warm, friendly welcoming atmosphere. I have been coming here with friends for the past twenty years. We have created very fond memories, and wish to continue. Also, in all the time I have visited I have never ever experienced any crime or disorder or any public nuisance or safety issues.

Thank you,  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam

I was both shocked appalled and saddened to hear that there was some question over the renewal of the license of the Cow pub.

I cannot believe there is even a question over its renewal. The Cow is an integral part of the local community

and I have enjoyed many enjoyable evenings there, over many years- its part of the local landscape.

What I particularly like is the atmosphere, relaxed, not loud, just friendly and welcoming.

I particularly like the fact that I always feel very safe and secure there, and have never experienced any type of disorder, public nuisance or safety issues when visiting the cow- only fine ales, good foods, great Crustacea, and friendly people- they also make a particularly fine desperate dan pie- which I can wholeheartedly recommend.

Please don't take away one of the best things about London, it would be a truly sad day if the Cow was not to open its doors for many many more years to come. I know you will make the right decision.

Yours Sincerely

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Neighbour**

**OBJECTION**

To Whom It May Concern,

The Cow, who you are considering under reference number 21/00981/LIREVP, is a very unusual pub. I wish there were more like it, and I was looking forward to visiting it again when the health emergency is over. I hope it will be there.

Yours,

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

To Whom it may concern;

[REDACTED] and have enjoyed visiting The Cow literally from the first week it opened. There are so few 'real' pubs left anywhere but particularly in our immediate area it would be such a shame if it were to close its doors. It's been so much part of the local area, visited by people of so many different walks of life, it's a little encapsulation of the very diverse population that makes Notting Hill so special. It's always been a place to run into locals as well as bring friends to. The staff are always welcoming and the food excellent. Please, PLEASE let us keep our pub.

Thank you [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

I have been extremely concerned to learn of my favourite pub in London having its license come in to review.

Please consider not only the livelihoods of the wonderful staff but the patrons who enjoy visiting every week.

The Cow is one of the greatest assets to West London. It's a joy to visit and I have only ever had lovely experiences in there. I certainly never experienced or witnessed any disorder, crime or public nuisance while being in or near the venue.

It's a stunning pub with incredible food. Please, PLEASE, do not take it away from all of those who love it so much.

The year has been hard enough, surely?

Have a good week,

All the best

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party

**OBJECTION**

Sir

*I write in support of the Cow Pub, asking you not to revoke their license.*

*Because.....*

- 1. A good pub like the Cow runs a vital support system for the local community 2. The Cow is a place where both the single local elderly and young feel safe and supported by the landlord and his staff should they need help.*
- 3. We have lost far too many pubs over recent years. If this pub is well supported by a faithful local clientele, then it should be allowed to stay 4. The Cow pub is not just for drinking. It provides good food, in a close local area where there are not so many other places to eat.*
- 5. It is an important social hub for the neighbourhood.*

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party

**OBJECTION**

Dear Licensing Team,

*I am writing to ask you please to assist in ensuring that The Cow pub and restaurant is kept open and licensed. The Cow is a small pub which plays a pivotal part in the community of Notting Hill.*

*I myself have been going there regularly since 1990's with my flatmates when I was a young woman and I have continued to enjoy it through the years and as an old married woman now I still regularly go there (pre covid) with my husband and family to treat ourselves to their fantastic fish stew. I look forward to a time when all pubs are reopened and I can return there to meet with the friendly bar staff and clientele. I have never in all these years, ever been worried about my personal safety or any criminal activity. In my experience, the atmosphere has always been one of conviviality and security.*

*The Cow is one of the diminishing number of historic pubs in the area and it should be assisted and protected rather than be in danger of closing down. The food, ambience and decor are one of a kind in the area. Their fish stew is an institution in itself. The clientele is wide ranging and diverse and reflects the unique quality of the local neighbourhood and its much lauded and rare mix of class and cultures. It's also internationally known. People from all walks of life can commune here in a safe and enjoyable situation.*

*Please support the local community in this and understand that you need to do everything you need to preserve the Cow pub rather than seek to close it.*

Thank you for your consideration,

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party

**OBJECTION**

dear Westminster,

*i would like to register my strong support for The Cow as an important part of the social fabric of the area. it is the best pub [with the best food !] in its neighbourhood and it has become a hub for the wider community. it is not part of a bland pub chain and has character and authenticity. it is run by people who are known and loved by its clientele and not by a faceless corporate group. it is one of the last 'real' places left.*

*also, in this time of Covid when many pubs and restaurants are going out of business, it seems very harsh to try to shut down a pub that would survive because of the determination [and personal financial support] of the owners.*

*not only is the pub an important social landmark, it is also an employer and the kitchen trains young people and has produced many skilled chefs over the decades. the food has always been a cut above average and so have the trained personnel The Cow has produced.*

*finally, in the many years that i have been visiting the pub i have never once seen any unruliness, nuisance or criminal activity.*

*in fact, i remember a time before The Cow was there and the immediate area around it was dangerous to walk*

down. that corner was it is less dangerous now, with The Cow bringing life to that part of Westbourne Park Road.

regards,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

*I would be very grateful if you could please take into consideration my comments and those of others who have written to you regarding your recently issued review of The Cow's Premises Licence.*

*For my family (friends,mum, dad, aunts) and I, The Cow has and will always be where magic happens, a place of smiles , where we gather for intoxicating laughter, good company, fantastic cheer , story telling (a few tears shared here and there of course!) where we make new friends and rekindle old friendships and if you have not tried it I would advise you do - amazing seafood, specially the fish stew which is to die for!*

*It is a place where you feel you belong , it has a sense of community with the locals and the regulars, it is our favourite place to meet, to make connections, to make things happen. During this pandemic when it opened last year - it was a sanctuary, a refuge for the lonely where you feel a sense of 'normality' - mentally it helps to know it is there , it gives us something to look forward to , a warmth awaits. The staff are wonderful and friendly, they make you feel part of the herd!*

*Not quite like a second home but very , very close to it if you know what I mean.*

*There is a sense of purpose, optimism about your favourite place opening up again during these times. In my area there is no other place like it. It means a lot to us , for the community it is a place to gather , chat and bond, be in the company of lovely people, to feel connected., real connections. Even in the company of strangers there can be a sense of belonging , a sense of togetherness . Projects, partnerships, friendships, charity ideas , creative ideas, business plans, community projects have started here. It has been there through the good times and the bad. This is what The Cow means to the community and I.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*The Cow not being there will leave more than an empty space in our community and by that I mean emotionally and mentally. For those living alone during the pandemic, when the lockdown lifted - it has been a place to meet a friend or two , to feel part of something. It is our pub, our local, our community hub , where coffee and teas are served!*

*I think you should be aware of the great things it brings as stated above, now more than ever it is a wonderful place to meet or go with your dearest and nearest. And I can t wait until we can go back again! Regarding the safety during the pandemic times I felt safe there with the measures taken re social distancing ,sanitisation - amount of people allowed inside etc.*

*I have never felt unsafe at The Cow on the contrary and I am a petite but strong 50 yr old woman. I have never seen or experienced any crime or disorder , public nuisance or safety issues and I have been a regular for years. So Iam shocked to hear the news about the review, in complete utter shock. You have to be there to get a real sense of The Cow and how much it means to all of us. I have tried to describe it in words but it is difficult to describe the excitement , tingling and optimism it brings to know we will be able to visit again.. It has great spirit , one that gives us security, opportunity and lots of fun.*

Thank you very much for your time and consideration

Kindest regards,  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

I write to you with great concern for the future of my favourite and local pub The Cow. I have been going to The Cow since I was 10 years old, accompanying my parents at first and later on in life with friends. [REDACTED] and I have been saddened to hear that next time I go to London (twice a year) it may no longer be there. The Cow is the first place I go to when I arrive and the last place before I leave with my father whom I visit, it is home to what I consider to be the best pub food in London. I have very fond memories of this establishment, birthdays, school reunions and family gatherings. I have always been amazed by the high quality food and service which it offers which is why I am proud to call it "my local". The Cow is much more than a pub and restaurant, it is a focal point for locals, a place to unwind at the end of the day and hopefully a place to gather and relax after this terrible pandemic is over.

Closing the The Cow will severely damage the value of all the properties in the area, having such a fantastic and welcoming place in the neighbourhood is an absolute luxury. Pubs are an iconic part of British life and losing such an iconic one will be truly sad.

Please don't make this pandemic worse than it already is by taking away something many of us look forward to once it is all over.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

This would be the biggest mistake ever. The Cow is the last authentic pub left in the area, it's filled with creative and inspiring people. Their food is delicious, the atmosphere is real, the people are real.

It will break my heart to see this place closing.

Really please do not close The Cow. I have never absolutely never felt unsafe there, there is just lots of love and sharing.

I have lived for 10 years in the area but I have also worked in this pub for a year when I was younger and never stopped coming back. This place is full of memory and hopefully new memories to come.

And there is absolutely no crime there. This is definitely not the kind of place where there is trouble.

I have met people that help me to become who I am today professionally. I would even say I became a film director a lot thanks to this place.

I even wrote a script based on this place.

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern, I'm writing on behalf of The Cow's premises license - 21/00981/LIREVP  
The Cow, 89 Westbourne Park Rd, London W2 5QH is a landmark establishment in West London that serves the local community. Many professionals - artists, musicians, fellow creatives as well as celebrities and tourists have flocked from around the world to eat and drink here.

Everything about this location is perfect.

The food, drink and decor are spectacular - it's a pleasure to eat and drink at The Cow.

The staff are friendly, the ambience welcoming, it feels special to spend time in this gastro pub space. The Cow is the destination after a working day, after a meander through Portobello market and a shopping splurge in Nottinghill Gate.

The Cow adds to the neighbourhood, it is a quintessential part of the community. A place to meet friends and family. But also a backdrop for so many photo shoots - we need to support British pubs not destroy them.

We truly hope that you will continue to support this business and allow them to operate out of this venue.

Sadly in March 2021 - Lockdown 3 in London continues, and food and beverage premises are not open to the public, the Covid-19 pandemic has forced so many family run businesses out of operation.

Please do everything you can to support this business that brings so much pleasure to the many punters that frequent the space.

We all LOOK forward to its re-opening later this Spring.

Sincerely,





**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

████████████████████ and been a regular visitor to the Cow since it opened in 1995. There is no other pub that I visit as regularly. It is as close as there is to a traditional neighbourhood pub anywhere that I have visited in central London. They are happy to serve you a quick drink or let you linger over a pint. There is great grub too. It's peaceful and quiet. I have often met my wife after she has been there for an hour or two on her own; she says it is one of the few drinking establishments where she is completely happy to be there alone. I regularly visit with mixed parties of friends for lunch (or used to before Coronavirus); it's just a great place for old & young and any gender.

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**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

That said, I know my back story is one similar to many and for all those local patrons who without The Cow, its employees and the spirit it brings to the community their quality of life would be seriously impaired by its absence.

████████████████████, just over 3 years ago. On arrival in Westminster I embarked on finding a suitable 'local'. Without question this was the most friendly, welcoming and community minded pub in the area. I remember the first time I entered and was met by the huge smile and welcome from Petro. On my second visit, a knowing nod was gestured as there was a queue for the bar. It spoke volumes that I was acknowledged and happily waited my turn. On the third visit my order was remembered with a handshake and exchange of names. From then on I has always been welcomed with a handshake, fist pump, man hug or kiss on the cheek from the ladies and have never had to say what I wanted. This is the personal touch, friendliness, professionalism and quality of the people who make The Cow the asset it is. Everyone takes the time to welcome, chat and treat you with respect as if you are one of the most loved members of the family.

Maybe after a month or so of visiting, getting used to the locals including Max's Dad (max is a dog), the publisher, disco Dave the decorator (sadly now deceased but forever remembered in the mural on the wall of the cow), I got into conversation with ██████████ a teaching assistant for the local primary school and carer for his 92 year old Mum. ██████████ and we have become the best of friends and I am privileged to say I am his support bubble as he lives on his own with his elderly mum. After moving to London and not knowing anyone, I feel so privileged to have The Cow on my doorstep as without them I would not have the friends and contacts I have, thank you The Cow.

Over the 3 years understandably i know all the staff and patrons of The Cow and I am honoured to say they are my friends. Petro has introduced me to local carpenters who are replacing my front window a local Westminster business, Disco Dave, before his sad death decorated my hallway and Oscar the chef cooks our anniversary meals he will not allow anyone else to cook for us and ██████████ has won Westminsters' Carer of the year award. My memories of living in the area are centred around The Cow and it is truly what makes this community function welcoming everyone from whatever race, religion, creed or colour all are welcome and this spirit does it justice.

Until Covid, I would visit 3 or 4 times a week for a couple of pints and when available the large sausage rolls (which are the best in London by the way, closely followed by the butchers in borough market). Though I should say I don't buy as many since they put the price up to £5 from £3.50 which I think is a bit much. But you have to pay for quality and it is good.

Anyway, during all my time visiting the cow over the years I have not experienced any public order issues or crime, unlike the Westbourne Arms I might add. We have no fixed pattern to our visits and therefore I believe my account would be an accurate reflection for the vast majority of the time.. The cow supports the local community always treating the local residents with first class service, I see this first hand and is a model for how pubs should be in the age of pub chains and the selfish isolating nature of their business models.

If you would like any further information or have any questions I would gratefully reply.

• ██████████  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*It has come to my attention that Westminster City Council is reviewing The Cow's Premises License.*

*This I must say comes as a shock and huge surprise to me. I've been a customer of the pub and a local resident for more than 10 years and in that period the Cow has gone from being a pub where I went with friends in my twenties to now being a place I and many other regularly visit with the family.*

*The Cow and its employees play an important role in the local community as a pub that welcomes and brings people together from various walks of life and also age groups. I think especially in an area like Notting Hill with such vast cultural and socioeconomic differences places like the Cow plays a vital part, and I would argue few other establishments do it as well as the Cow does.*

*I have never experienced any illegal activities, disorder or public nuisance during my visits to the Cow (a good proof of such is that we go there with our five year old son). The Cow's staff as well as its customers have always shown respect towards each other as well as its neighbours.*

*A potential closure of the Cow would be a big loss to the local community especially as the importance of venues that successfully bring people together will be even more important when we exit this pandemic.*

*Please confirm receipt of this email and feel free to reach out if any further questions.*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I write in support of The Cow. I have no doubt you will have received many messages of support for the pub to remain open.*

*I am a Westminster resident, in a vulnerable group, and a barrister. I therefore understand how important it is for the community for public houses to keep within the rules at the present time. The Council has refused The Cow's appeal for a Fixed Penalty Notice due to an alleged breach in November and the police witness statement sets out difficulties that the pub had controlling customers last Summer. These are obvious matters of concern for the licensing authority.*

*The Cow is a very popular pub for good reason. It is the life and soul of Westbourne Grove and further afield. The terrible phrase it is a 'victim of its own success' maybe apt. The management should be worked with to ensure that it can operate safely and without disturbing the neighbours. The incident in November was seemingly a misjudgment in challenging circumstances, particularly for the hospitality industry. Shutting the pub down would be a wholly disproportionate response and likely to be counter productive. The pub employs excellent security staff who do their best to manage the crowd; and maybe going forward they could be better resourced to keep the pub open. If the pub closes then many patrons may choose to congregate in the vicinity of the pub without the management and control that the pub usually provides.*

*The Cow is an institution in West London. You will have seen that from the correspondence. Closure would be a disaster for the community, which is coming out of the dark period of lockdown. The licensing authority should work with the management and keep the pub open or it will deprive the area of a pub that makes London great and stand out globally. Not to mention the committed staff who would lose their jobs at a time of great economic uncertainty.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*The Cow is an institution and hugely important part of social life in its area. It is a dear pub which befriends all and must remain open. It is a safe, inclusive and respectful place and London would be lesser without it.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am writing in response to the recent review of The Cows license which as someone who lived nearby in Pembridge Villas since 2016, I find really disappointing.*

*The Cow is one of the most neighbourly pubs in the area and regularly hosts evenings celebrating the music*

and culture of NH and beyond; from toasting the haggis on Burns Night to Tom Jones singalongs for St David's day and Carnival. To lose a pub like this at a time when our local support networks are really needed would be a nail in the coffin of what makes Notting Hill such a fantastic place to be.

I've never experienced anything to cause concern at The Cow, just a warm welcome and friendly faces. It's a true gem of the area and should be cherished, not cautioned

Received: 1 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

I wish to comment on the decision to review the Cow on Westbourne Park Road license.

I've been an irregular customer of the Cow for other 20 years. I've visited at all times of the day and it is one of the friendliest pubs in the area. Unlike some pubs in the area it feels safe and the staff are extremely professional. I've never noticed any nefarious goings on during my visits, there is never a fug of cannabis smoke nearby unlike a lot of other pubs in the area.

I'd say that the Cow gets the balance spot on between serving great food whilst maintaining it's personae as a local pub.

To change it's licensing conditions would be retrograde step for the jewel in the crown of West London pubs.

Received: 1 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

It has come to my attention that there has been a recent request to review of the Cow's Premises Licence.

The Cow is an asset to the community, by providing a safe and secure environment for family and friends to quietly have delicious meals, meet socially with friends and celebrate everything that is offered by the warmth of the establishment.

I have been a patron on the Cow for over 20 years. It is always offering a friendly and warm atmosphere. There are all walks of life that congregate, and meet to enjoy time with each other, strangers and just chat and socialise.

I confirm I have never experienced crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues while visiting the Cow. In fact the exact opposite.

I implore you to grant continued licence of premise to the Cow.

Received: 1 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

and speak in support for The Cow pub regarding their Premise License review in association with reference number: 21/00981/LIREVP

The Cow is an integral asset to my household as we rely on it to socialise with our local community. The pub attracts a diverse mix of cultures, all united by The Cow's brilliantly kept beverages and excellent food (their ales are first class and the seafood dishes are exquisite).

The Cow provides a comfortable and safe space to socialise and we have never experienced any crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow. The staff are warm and considerate and this ethos reflects in the nature of The Cow's guests.

The Cow is more than just a pub; its warmth, inclusivity and spirit are the product of decades of nurture. There are very few pubs of its quality in Westminster, let alone London as a whole.

Please preserve this vital community hub.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I write in regard to our licence review of The Cow, Westbourne Park Road.*

[REDACTED]  
*roughly the time that The Cow has been open. I value this public House very much. I have visited it pretty regularly over 25 years and not one single time have I ever seen any criminal behaviour or even felt in any way uncomfortable or threatened. I've visited with groups of male and female friends, business contacts, my wife, and there's never been anything other than a well behaved but fun atmosphere. During the recent slight relaxing of the lockdown rules in the autumn where I was allowed to have a business meeting in the dining room I was majorly impressed as to the conduct of the staff. I was greeted and only allowed into the building after my name had been checked against a list of bookings. All of the staff wore masks religiously, as did the small smattering of family diners. This was invaluable to me as I am self employed and had nowhere to meet anyone for these matters otherwise. I cannot conceive why the licence is under review other than as a routine administrative matter and I would urge you to let this pub continue as before. There have been a lot of pub closures over the years and a place such as this is of huge benefit to the culture, atmosphere and social cohesion of the area. Somewhere that has managed to stay popular despite the dormitory nature of Notting Hill and Westbourne park recently helps to sustain the many other businesses in the area. No pubs means, in the end, no restaurants. In short I, as a 50 year old, can find no reason why this pub should be under review. It hosts a well behaved and relaxed mix of all sorts of people, as a great Public House should.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I am writing to you to express my views regarding this fine establishment known as "The Cow" and the news that Westminster Council would like to revoke the license . Would just like to say in support of the Cow ,owner ,staff & patrons,that I have been a customer here for more than 20 years .In my opinion not only is it one of the best pubs in London it is also one of the best run pubs. Many of the staff ,ie Luca have been working there from when it first opened more then 25 years ago. In all of my times going to the Cow I have never seen or witnessed any anti social behaviour of any description ,indeed this would never be tolerated by the management as its a very well run established . And furthermore The Cow should be seen as asset to the community and protected as such . Also has the best Guinness in London ,and oysters are fab as well,I like to think of myself as a good judge of Guinness as I gerw up in Dublin on this product. But please do not do anything that will adversely affect the future of this fine pub & dining room .*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I am writing to show my support for The Cow and to confirm that I have never experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or any safety issues whatsoever in the 15 years I have been coming to this fantastic venue.*

*Having lived just around the corner for 3 years, I wholeheartedly believe that The Cow is an integral part of the area, bringing locals and tourists together, providing amazing food and is a vibrant, eclectic space that has always been at the heart of the community. It would be an immeasurable loss for West London to see it disappear.*

*London desperately needs to nurture these iconic, precious places, not destroy them and I would urge Westminster Council to see The Cow for the fantastic asset to the community and beyond that it is.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*Please keep the Cow open! It's an incredible, wonderful pub and a real asset to the community. I have so many fond memories of being with friends and family both upstairs and downstairs- bonding over the delicious seafood and drinks. It's our top favourite spot in the area and would be devastated if anything were to disrupt this!*

We've always felt safe at the cow and not experienced any crime. It's a wonderful hidden gem and is one of the reasons I have chosen to live in the area.

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I have lived in the area all of my life and have been going to the Cow since it opened.*

*First of all, it serves unique food cooked in the heart of the pub ground floor on one stove, the combination of food and drink selections is unmatched by any pub in London.  
The result of having the kitchen next to the bar creates an unbelievable atmosphere which permeates the entire pub.  
It is in my opinion the finest pub establishment in London and has turned into a cultural icon. Which is synonymous with how the area has developed over the years.  
For me it is the beating heart of Westbourne Grove area, where people from all backgrounds socialise and become friends, that is the true beauty of this pub. And is very rare in London.  
To remove its license would be a form of suppressing culture, especially at a time when it needs to be promoted.  
I have never experienced any form of crime or public nuisance there, only unbridled joy and companionship.*

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I am writing in the hope that this message will help to prevent there being any negative change to The Cow's premises licence. I greatly appreciate and value all that The Cow has to offer and any change to the way that it operates will not only damage The Cow itself, but also the local community and the reputation of the surrounding area.*

*The Cow is a local favourite of mine & my family. I've been going to The Cow ever since it opened & now go with my grown up children, we all love it, it has delicious food, friendly service and a buzzy atmosphere, it's like visiting an old friend...  
The Cow is a symbol of all that is good about this part of West London, and is a much loved institution.*

*In all the time we've gone we've never seen any trouble there, it's just not that kind of place. As a Londoner there are plenty of pubs/places to avoid for those reasons but The Cow is just not that kind of place.*

*Finally, places like The Cow will need all the support they can get once they emerge from lock-down.*

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*The Cow is most definitely one of those.*

*I understand that for a review to have been lodged there must have been several complaints regarding noise. Also its specific location within Westminster, with a higher than average crime rate would also have contributed to the review, but I would contest the validity of both claims in relation to The Cows license.*

*The staffing and control of noise from the Cow staff has always been a issue taken very seriously. It's a mutual respect for the neighbours and pride in the establishment, that I've felt is also shared by the patrons. I must admit I can hardly think of any other hospitality venue that takes the matter so seriously. Yes, The Cow is extremely busy and as a consequence adds to the noise of the neighbourhood, but that is because it is so loved by so many Londoners. It's an example of how a hospitality venue, in a struggling sector (during the most difficult time in history), can add character, charm and value to a city. Through commitment, craft, disciplined management and passion The Cow has earned its position as one of London's great traditional pubs.*

*With regards to crime, again I have always felt the the cow, with its strong security presence balance brilliantly a feeling of safety without imposing on the community a sense of danger. I have never once seen, experienced or been aware of any crime in or outside the cow.*

*Finally, I feel passionately that hospitality venues like the Cow (and very few others) are part of the very fabric of*

London, contribute greatly to the quality of life, and make Westminster the tourist attraction that it is. If a venue like the Cow, steeped in history and totally unique in offering, was lost to London it would be a far sadder place. Of course should small changes be needed or an offer of assistance from the council given to help keep this area of Westminster safe and neighbourly I'm sure the management of the Cow would be extremely keen.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am saddened by the news that you are reviewing the Cow's licence and write this email in support of one of the greatest pubs in the amazing city of London.*

*The Cow has been there for me through good times and bad times and we need it now more than ever.*

*It has long been a cornerstone of the local community and a number of people rely on this establishment.*

*I have never experience any crime or disorder and am truly surprise that The Cows integrity is being questioned.*

*I have been patiently waiting for lockdown restrictions to be lifted so I can once again sit down in The Cow for a pint of Guinness and a delicious meal.*

*I truly hope The Cow can continue to trade as it has done for so many years.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*It has come to my attention that there has been a recent request to review of the Cow's Premises Licence.*

*The Cow is an asset to the community, by providing a safe and secure environment for family and friends to quietly have delicious meals, meet socially with friends and celebrate everything that is offered by the warmth of the establishment.*

*I have been a patron on the Cow for over 21 years. It is always offering a friendly and warm atmosphere. There are all walks of life that congregate, and meet to enjoy time with each other, strangers and just chat and socialise.*

*I confirm I have never experienced crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues while visiting the Cow. In fact the exact opposite.*

*I implore you to grant continued licence of premise to the Cow.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

[REDACTED]. I soon discovered The Cow. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] I was delighted to find that The Cow "ticks off" two of my boxes: 1. A great English pub (albeit Irish) and 2. A fine dining, but casual, experience upstairs. Over the last 2+ years (pre Covid) I dined, with my American guests and English friends, over a dozen times.

*I especially appreciate the seafood diners and quality of service. At no time did I ever experience disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow. In fact, I have never seen more than 10 to 12 people in The Cows outside area. There is a pub kitty corner, not far away from The Cow, that I have seen 40-50 people outside in their courtyard area for smokes, they seem to have been making more noise than The Cow.*

*The Cow offers (god, I hate the term) "gastropub" food and a nice atmosphere. Please renew the license, for the sake of the the cultured neighbours who visit the cow.*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**

## **OBJECTION**

*I was very surprised to read a media report that Westminster Council has instigated proceedings for a review of the license of The Cow in Westbourne Park Road "under the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder."*

*As someone who has dined there frequently for more than 25 years, I have never witnessed anything that could be described as a "public nuisance", a "threat to public safety", or "crime and disorder". Indeed, it is somewhere I associate very much with the opposite; a place I have no hesitation in booking at any time for a meal with a friend, guest, client or business colleague.*

*I have eaten at restaurants in every part of the world, and have witnessed the full spectrum of what could be described as nuisance, threat, crime or disorder. I have consistently found The Cow to be managed and run to a very high standard by an exceptional and professional team.*

*It is unique in both quality and character. Not just a local institution, but also one with a national and international reputation. A place that both neighbours and visitors return to again and again, and recommend for excellent food, hospitality, atmosphere and ambiance.*

*I would strongly support the continuation of The Cow's License, and would certainly challenge any suggestion that it represents a nuisance or threat.*

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*The Cow was one of the first pubs in the area to be taken over and given a refresh back in 1995. We were regulars and decided this was the place where we'd like to have our Wedding reception back in 2001. It's woven into our family history.*

*Busy pubs, with the clientele spilling out onto the pavements on warm sunny evenings are a real feature of Notting Hill. In this area in particular, the Walmer Castle on Ledbury Road, The Cock & Bottle on Artesian Road and this corner of Westbourne Park Road, where the Westbourne and The Cow are opposite each other, are classic examples of this wonderful, vibrant culture.*

*Notting Hill culture is on the streets. It's in the art on the buildings, it's the market on Portobello, it's Carnival.....it's the pubs. The Cow is part of this rich Notting Hill heritage.*

*If you ,one-by-one, shut down these institutions down, you will slowly kill off what makes Notting Hill a unique and exciting place to live. There will be little value left if this area is homogenised to be just another bland wealthy enclave like South Kensington or Chelsea. Look at the difference between Westbourne Park and the Oxford Gardens area where there are no pubs. Both have a mixture of 19th & early 20th century architecture, but Westbourne has the social infrastructure of much loved pubs, restaurants and bars. It has a vibrancy and colour that attracts people from all over the world.*

*Now more than ever, post the pandemic lockdowns, we will need our local pubs, so that we can gather and reconnect with neighbours and friends.*

*Why close a successful 25 year old business at this time, when we need every business to do well? I do hope your review of The Cow's licence means it can stay open for another 25 years.*

*We have never experienced any disorder or crime activities here. If you want to know where that is, I suggest you look around the surrounding streets for the people breaking into the cars and stealing from the houses. This friendly social pub is not contributing to any of that.*

*Both of us are looking forward to having a pint of Guinness at The Cow this year to celebrate our 20th wedding anniversary. Crossed fingers.*

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*As an occasional but enthusiastic patron of The Cow, I would like to register my belief that it is a well run,*



welcoming pub, a true community asset in a time of bland, identikit spaces, and one which should be nurtured and encouraged. I am very much looking forward to going back for drink and a meal and congenial company when we are allowed to do so. And I hope to be able to do so for many years to come.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*I have used the Cow for many years. Now that I am in my 60s I mostly use it as a regular destination for myself and colleagues to rendezvous, mostly for lunch get togethers. We hope to reconvene once the government restrictions allow us to.*

*I understand that you are reviewing the license of The Cow on the grounds of, "crime, disorder, public nuisance and safety" issues.*

*For my part, I've always found The Cow quite a strict place actually.*

*It's friendly, the food is excellent. It's a wonderful pub that serves food and has created a unique character. I've never had any problems in The Cow, or seen any wrong doings. As I implied, whilst the staff create a really hospitable environment they also run a strict place. Their culture adds to the feeling that The Cow is a safe place for my friends and I to meet up, which is an issue of growing importance for us, now that we are in our 60s. This isn't the case everywhere in the neighbourhood.*

*Please review The Cow favourably, my friends and I really want it to be there for us.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*I have recently been told that The Cows premises licence is being reviewed by the Westminster City Council in order to prevent public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder. I am appalled that this review is being considered, I have lived in this area many years and have never witnessed or experienced crime, disorder or safety issues associated with this local pub and would never consider it to be a public nuisance, if anything*

*I believe The Cow is an asset to the area; it is one of the few traditional pubs left in Notting Hill, I have never come across a pub quite like it. During the last 25 years The Cow has been a welcoming place for people of all ages, I am 19 and often bump into my mum and her 60 year old friends here! Which in my view, is the true nature of what a pub should be. In short it serves the community.*

*Please help me to further understand why The Cow is under review for its Premises Licence. Could you also inform me where I could find the evidence that The Cow is associated with issues of public nuisance, public safety, crime and disorder*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*Hi there*

*I am mailing with the greatest concern, I have just learned about the possible review of the premises license for The Cow. I couldn't actually believe it when I heard it, as The Cow is one of the best pubs in London and definitely my favourite.*

*I have lived in West London since 1992 and have gone to the Cow with my friends regularly since then. It has always been a place of genuine hospitality and the staff are some of the best people you will meet running a bar. They have a love and passion in the place that really shines through, you always feel very well looked after and your happiness is their priority. Not something you can say of many places these days. The quality of the food and drink they offer is second to none, I have always enjoyed eating and drinking there.*

*The Cow should be protected and put on a heritage list as it has kept the charm and tradition of Pubs from days gone by. It's a different and charming place to meet friends, eat and drink or just have a pint on your own. It's somewhere where you can meet different and interesting people.*

*The characters that drink there have been going there for many years and are the backbone of London life. They are and The Cow itself, are why people find our beautiful city so interesting and an important place to visit.*

*It's tragic to see the area being systematically reduced to a place where corporate chains that offer nothing in terms of culture and places for people to go are taking over from our lovely independent places. Places like the Cow offer the true character and experience of London. In 29 years, I have never ever had any problems at The Cow. It's a place where I go to relax and I always feel looked after there. It is a true gem in our city and I am totally shocked that it's even in question!*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*Incredibly sad to hear The Cow (21/00981/LIREVP) is under scrutiny. It's a fantastic community asset to the area. I have been going there since I was 18 and know it's a place to meet friends and family. I have not experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow. To lose it would be a great tragedy.*

*Best wishes,*  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern*

*It's come to my attention the plight of The Cow pub in west London please be sure this little establishment is an institution in this area in fact even further afield I myself I am Scottish and have lived in and around London for over 25 years this particular pub was pretty much my local Establishment for a long number of years but nowadays I'm out in the Essex countryside yet I still visit there regularly making the regular pilgrimage by train a hand full of times a month.*

*In these days of mental Health issues and all the rest of it it's pretty much the only bar an individual can visit on their own and still have a good night as there is always a friendly face to make fun conversation with it's that kind of a place and in these very uncertain times we need places like that they are essential.*

*I for one would be very disappointed indeed to say the least if anything happened untoward to West London's iconic little pup please reconsider any negative motions that may be being considered at present as closing this establishment will not only disappoint thousands of regular customers the impact from further afield will be so felt beyond west London we don't need anymore disappointments as a society I think you will agree so please reconsider and allow this special little place on the corner to continue to do what it's doing and thrive for us all to enjoy and keep in our Hearts.*

*It's a place I want to continue to visit until I'm An old man and I can take my son for his first great pint of Guinness please do not rob me off this simple gesture.*

*Trusting you hear my views and utter dissatisfaction if it closes with immediate effect.*

*With best regards*  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Sirs*

*I understand that the Cow on Westbourne Park Road is having its licence reviewed, and wish to write as a local resident & Westminster council tax payer in support of the Cow.*



know pubs are so frequently closing down and being turned in yet more luxury apartments. On the previous point, this is especially important when in effect people have been cooped up at home for most of the last year. Establishments such as The Cow will play an important role in the healing of communities and the individual who have been decimated by COVID-19. Furthermore one needs to consider the closure of so many F&B business's throughout London and the UK. [REDACTED] The Ledbury Restaurant has closed which was a critically acclaimed eatery. Everywhere one looks, we can see businesses that have served communities for years closing. Purposefully closing another one will be a tragedy and indeed a crime in itself.

I hope you reconsider this action and allow The Cow to continue trading.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear representatives of Westminster City Council, To whom it may concern,

I hope you are well.

I have been made aware that the Cow's Premises Licence is under review. As I am a regular patron of the Cow as well as a Westminster City Council resident, I felt it was my duty to share my experience of this establishment with you.

There are very few places in London (let alone Westminster) as unique as The Cow. It is somewhere I would go for just a drink after work or for a birthday dinner surrounded by my closest friends. It's a place where the diversity of patrons is unlike any other places I have been to. People — young and old and from all walks of life — always come together to create a welcoming yet exciting atmosphere. As soon as you walk in you know you want to be regular in this place. I have been to The Cow with my mother to catch up after more than a year apart, with my business partner to take hard decisions about the future of our company, with new colleagues to share oysters and toast to burgeoning friendships, with fellow immigrants to share a Christmas Eve lunch far away from our families, or simply by myself when in the mood for a drink amongst a crowd of jolly and good-humoured strangers.

The Cow is that unique. If it means anything, it's the only reason and the only place my East London centric group of friends will commute 1 hour west and come to meet me.

I have always felt safe and welcomed. I have never experienced crime or disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow.

I trust you will take into account the above when reviewing the premises license.

With all my best, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Hi there,

[REDACTED] and have been for the last 6 years and there is no place where I feel more at home than the cow restaurant.

I have never experienced any crime or anything of that sort, quite the opposite I have always felt safe and protected there.

I love the cow so very much it is a huge part of the Notting hill community and is always joyous and wonderful.

It would be such a shame for it to be gone quite honestly [REDACTED] just won't be the same with it gone.

Please protect our beloved local.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir or Madam

*It was with great sadness that I learnt that the Cow's Licence is under review.*

*It has been a focal point of the community for nearly 30 years serving excellent sea food, in particular, in a warm, friendly and relaxed environment.*

*It is one of the very few pubs in the heart of London where it is possible to visit as a female independently and feel safe and looked after by the bar staff while having an opportunity to meet neighbours.*

*It is one of the only pubs left in central London that offers the good cheer and welcome British pubs are known for internationally.*

*Over the many years of enjoying a pint of fresh prawns and a glass of wine at The Cow I have never seen any disturbances or upsets which I feel is testimony to the way the owners run it and the atmosphere created by their staff.*

*It would be heartbreaking if new arrivals into the area, who may have purchased nearby houses, are campaigning to close this local neighbourhood meeting place which is a wonderful, and much-needed, asset for the community.*

*Like many locals and former residents the loss of the Cow would feel like the closure of the community, just at a time when everyone needs places to gather, come together again and bump into locals in a genuinely neighbourhood friendly, safe pub in Westminster.*

*I very much hope the licence will be extended and local people will be able to continue to come together over a convivial chat at the Cow.*

With best wishes, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To Whom it May Concern,

*I have learnt today about a licensing review on The Cow.*

*This pub is an integral social hub for many people in the area. We have lost so many local social venues and they have all been replaced with new builds/housing. After a year of what has happened we need to return to social activity at some point and this venue is a massive asset to the area, stop taking away a place we have all know and loved. Residents who move to the area see that there is a pub so if they want somewhere go to the country!*

*The Cow is a place where I met long standing friends and a place where we all meet now especially over the summer months. This local place is where you come to enjoy great local food and say hello to regulars who you see down in Portobello. I have enjoyed some very special evenings here with friends who have visited abroad to show off what great places we have in London!*

*In the 37 years I have lived in this area (where I grew up), not once have I experienced any violence or nuisance eevryone respects the rules and neighbours and it has always maintained this throughout its time! We get more nuisance from teenagers coming out of Secondary schools!!!!*

**DO NOT ALLOW US TO LOSE ANOTHER VENUE!**

Yours Sincerely  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

The Cow must go on! [REDACTED], I have spent so many memorable and meaningful afternoons and evenings at the Cow. It is civilized, a bit more grown up than its neighbour the Westbourne, offering great food, drinks and an atmosphere that simply must not be lost. Too many pubs like the Cow are being lost, sold to corporates, changed or closed. Please don't let this happen to the Cow too, we need gathering places where everyone is welcome, conversations abound, friends are made and moments are celebrated. When we emerge from lockdown we will need them even more to reconnect with each other and recover from our shared difficult year.

Please save the Cow, we love it so much.

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to strongly object to Westminster City Council's proposed review of The Cows Licence.

The Cow pub is a wonderful establishment that offers quality food drinks and service. It has been an asset to our community for 26 years, and hugely popular with so many people who live in the area and come from miles around to experience their hospitality. It is an institution and a big part of this area.

We simply do not understand why this is being accused of being a public nuisance and safety risk. We have drunk and dined in this establishment for over two decades and never once felt unsafe or experienced any crime related issues. It is a warm and safe environment to spend time in.

We need more quality pubs like The Cow that take pride in their food and drink. I lived locally for years and always chose to drink at The Cow and love returning to it. After such a terrible year for everyone, not least the hospitality industry, it is quite devastating to hear this news. We should be celebrating our communities more than ever now, not taking away establishments like this based on untrue and unfair accusations and complaints.

I don't doubt there will be an outpouring of support from many people who understand how ridiculous this is, and you need to listen to all our voices.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Sirs

I am writing to support the continuation of the Cow's licence.

[REDACTED] choosing the location for the vibrancy of the local offering. During the lockdown, suffering depression from the isolation, I was eventually able to wander outside to meet other locals at the Cow in the summer months.

The Cow is a central part of the community here. Even living at such proximity, I have never witnessed disorder coming from the place, and find it hard to imagine that such disorder would outweigh the social benefits of the establishment to the community.

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council Licensing,

I am contacting you regarding the licence review of The Cow Saloon Bar & Dining Rooms.

[REDACTED] I have been a customer of The Cow since it opened 25 years ago. I regard it as part of the heartbeat of the area and an establishment that should be protected and preserved as a local asset. It is a pub where everyone is genuinely welcome. It can be a fine dining restaurant or somewhere you just call in for a beer, but it is always focused on quality in everything it does. At a time when many pubs, bars and restaurants are becoming homogenised in their offering, The Cow is a precious jewel of originality and authenticity.

I have always found The Cow to be a very civilised establishment - somewhere I am happy to visit with my family. I have never witnessed anything unpleasant, rowdy, dangerous or illegal in all my years as a patron.

I strongly support the renewal of The Cow's licence. I recommend that it is an establishment that should be celebrated as a highlight of the area for locals and visitors alike.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Having heard that the council is reviewing the cows licences i was shocked and felt compelled to write this email

I have frequented the Cow for over 15 years on and off as my godparents are [REDACTED] to the cow and frequent regularly. I have some very fond memories and in all those years I have never once come across or seen any anti social behaviour in or outside of the cow pub! If anything with what the cow has done for that area it should be considered as a heritage site

I hope that the council reads and explores the responses to this petition and quickly dismiss it

Regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Hello.

I would like to make a representation against the the removal of the premises license for The Cow. I own many pubs in London myself and I have to say that The Cow is THE PUB of all pubs. It's a treasure, not only to the people of Notting Hill but of London. A beautiful well run pub that is a shining example of what a pub should be within its neighbourhood community. Long may it continue.  
(But if you do take it away, you should give it to me. Only joking..err hmm..)

Kind regards

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council,

Ref number: 21/00981/LIREVP

*I wish to relay my absolute support of The Cow Pub, 89 Westbourne Park Road , W2 SQH*

*For many years I have been a regular patron of The Cow. I am a long time advocate of it being one of London's true gems, a fun, diverse, inclusive welcoming gastro pub with amazing food and charming staff at its heart. I always felt comfortable visiting alone, meeting old friends, bringing business associates and friends from all walks of life to experience this unique pub. Never a disappointment! In recent years I have lived locally and I have come to appreciate the Cow as an important part of the local community. A place where locals and visitors from further afield can connect. I have only ever had positive experiences, have always felt welcome and safe. It has been my experience that the staff and clientele have the utmost respect for local residents.*

*In these difficult times it is more important than ever that we have safe, welcoming, fun venues to socialise and connect. I believe The Cow is a true asset to Westminster and London and look forward to visiting in the near future when we are able to once again.*

*Please feel free to contact me for any further information.*

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**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Licensing Team,*

*Upon hearing that Westminster City Council has issued a review of the Cow's Premises License on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder, I was genuinely astonished.*

*I have been a regular visitor to the Cow since 1996. At no time have I ever witnessed any such issue.*

*The Cow is a most of all a local community centre, where people from Westbourne Park and beyond can gather and rejoice. It is one of those unique places where the true spirit has created such a special atmosphere of community culture and spirit.*

*So many places have already disappeared from the area over the last decade - to make space for often Americanised chains catering for affluent yuppies who fancy Notting Hill for its authenticity but have also crowded out true British institutions serving the already endangered local community.*

*Closing down The Cow would take away one more highly valued social beacon from that precious local community and erode its culture even further.*

*Kindly empathise and do not let yourselves get driven into making the wrong decision based on whoever may have invoked this review based on misrepresentation of the true cultural and social value of the Cow and the decent citizens who cherish its presence in the Westbourne Park area.*

*Yours sincerely,* ██████████

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**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Licensing Department Westminster, Sir, Madam, etc,*

*I am writing to you regarding "The Cow" pub and dining rooms.*

*I have a group of close and trusted friends and our spiritual home is The Cow. During lockdown our solace has been that when Covid has passed on and we can resume our lives, we will meet again at The Cow.*

*For myself, The Cow represents everything that is wonderful about my adopted home. The atmosphere of friendliness and conviviality combined with the unfailingly delicious food makes this pub an irreplaceable gem in the heart of an area that has become unreachably expensive for most people. One can still get a pint of*





• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

re. 21/00981/LIREVP The Cow

*I hear that there is a review of the cow's Premise License.*

*I just wanted to say that I have been visiting The Cow since [REDACTED]. It's my favourite pub - and restaurant - for miles.*

*I have never known of or seen any nuisance or bad behaviour associated with it - in fact it's a bastion of respectable gastro-pub-ness - I can't think of a nicer pub in the whole of London.*

*It has fantastic food, friendly staff and a slightly after the first flush of youth clientele whose only claim to nuisance is reminiscence of times long gone - no doubt grown in the retelling.*

*I've passed many pleasant evenings, and when funds allow, eaten remarkably well. It softens the heart so well, that I have even introduced a lovely couple of friends entirely by accident one summer evening, as one was walking past on his way home, and they were married in short order, now with 2 lovely children. It's that kind of a place.*

*It's a credit to the neighbourhood and exactly what a local amenity should be. It's quite beyond me why anyone would complain. I can only assume they're either malicious or trying to do some dodgy real estate deal by taking possession of the place.*

*If the council cares about protecting social amenities they will throw this out with the bottles in the morning.*

*thankyou for your time*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Neighbour  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern

*Notting Hill is one of the most special neighbourhoods in the world. Every day I feel so lucky to live in Notting Hill. I moved to Notting Hill from New York City and immediately felt the joy of living in a big city with all its culture, diversity and creativity. But unlike New York, I had this neighbourhood that took care of me.*

*The Cow was one of the first pubs I went to - in my late 20's, single and new to the city. And it's one we still frequent whenever we can - now in my mid-40's, with a husband, a dog. The staff have always been wonderful, looking after us so carefully and kindly. The Cow is the most wholesome, neighbourly pub in Notting Hill.*

*Not only have I never experienced harm or crime here - I have experienced great community with a range of characters. We have struck up many a conversation with a neighbour - sharing dog day care tips, restaurant tips and finding out we have mutual friends in common. This is the Cow - it's a great place. When my friend lost a pet, it was at the cow that we consoled her. When I was turning 40, it was at the Cow that we raised a glass.*

*London has lost so many of it's wonderful pubs. Some just disappear. and become restaurants (The Chepstow) Some get bought by big groups and lose their charm (The Walmer Castle (now sold again) and The Ladbroke Arms, The Cock and Bottle). Some belong to the young (The Westbourne) and some belong to the tourists (Portobello Road). But The Cow belongs to us, the neighbourhood.*

*Please don't take it from us. In a year when we have lost so much - please let us recover as a community at the places we love.*

*Please save the Cow. Please [REDACTED]*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

## **OBJECTION**

Dear Sir / Madam

*I understand you are currently conducting a review of the premises license.*

*[REDACTED] and was immediately smitten with the friendly people and warm welcome from locals. Nowhere was this more evident than The Cow and I've enjoying long lunches with family and evening catch ups with my friends here for around 15 years. It has always been a convivial atmosphere but not rowdy. I see it as friendly safe place for socialising; I have never experienced or witnessed any crime at the pub. I've now moved further out to Chiswick but still look forward to regular visits to catch up with old friends and it has been the place I have missed most during lockdown. The Cow has so much character and is viewed so fondly by everyone I know, it would be a real shame if we were deprived of such a valuable social asset just when everyone needs it most.*

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

## **OBJECTION**

Hi there,

*I recently came across the news that Westminster Council is planning on revoking the license for the aforementioned pub.*

*Firstly, I'm a little baffled by the Council's motion, in particular because the situation at the moment for hospitality businesses is dire to say the least, with locations closing on an almost daily basis. As such, the last thing we need is the council bringing the hammer down on another.*

*Beyond this though, The Cow is a much loved local institution that not only brings life and character to a corner of town that is fast becoming quite staid but has also been a safe and quiet place to have dinner with loved ones.*

*Indeed, in my many years as a customer I have never witnessed any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues as a result of the pub's actions or involvement.*

*I'd therefore like to see this motion reconsidered.*

*For further comment please do not hesitate to get in touch.*

Warmest regards, [REDACTED]

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

## **OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

*I write regarding the review that has been sought for the Cow Restaurant's premises license on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.*

*I would like to share my personal experience and opinion with the Cow as a local from the NW London area.*

*I've always had wonderful experiences in the Cow, a unique and characteristic restaurant with excellent food. It serves as place where an eclectic mix of people are brought together, enhancing the cultural and diverse mix that typifies the Notting Hill area. I believe exactly these characteristics are what make the Cow a unique London spot which should be treasured by its local council and the wider community.*

*I hope you will take above characteristics of the Cow into consideration to extend the cow's license to keep continue their inspiring operations on their premises.*

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam

ref: 21/00981/LIREVP

*I write to you with concern on reading of the upcoming review of the Premises License for the Cow Public House, 89 Westbourne Park Road, London W2 5QH.*

*I would like to add my support for the Cow as a long standing patron since 1995. This pub has always provided good food, drink and atmosphere and I have never encountered any instances of public nuisance, crime and disorder of any kind in all those years.*

*As a family we have enjoyed many evenings there in the upstairs restaurant with all ages from my father [aged 78] down to the youngest family members for anniversaries and other family celebrations. At no point has anyone encountered any situations where we would feel threatened or uncomfortable and more importantly have never experienced any instances of criminal behaviour.*

*Local pubs are a very important facet of local neighbourhoods and I believe that the Cow has been a public house at this location for far longer than the current landlord/owner Mr Tom Conran has been resident. He, along with the owners of The Westbourne pub across the road should be applauded for their investment and years of hard work in making this corner of the area into a welcoming and vibrant place. I remember full well what the immediate area was like before the Cow opened under his ownership and am horrified that the Council should even be considering withdrawing this license.*

*The changing demographic of West London has brought in many people who purposely buy a property next to pubs and then try to shut them down in exactly this way so that their property price increases - I sincerely hope that if this is one of those cynical exercises that you will, in your wisdom, see this for what it is.*

*This morning I heard on the radio that pubs have been closing at an alarming rate during the pandemic and it would be counteractive to breathing life back into London if you were to take this erroneous decision to shut such an important local amenity.*

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

*Having visited the Cow for many years, I know this licence review - and the suggestion that they are a public nuisance / public safety concern / and encourage crime - will hurt them a lot, because they care so much about their local community. They love the Westbourne area - and any suggestion otherwise is totally wrong and uninformed. This is a pub by locals, for locals. Walk inside and this becomes obvious immediately - it's warm, friendly and welcoming always.*

*As a local resident of Westminster, I fully support The Cow and their Premises Licence.*

*And to be clear - I have personally never experienced or witnessed any crime, disorder, public nuisance, or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow.*

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Hello,

I am writing in regard of The Cow Saloon Bar & Dining Rooms, reference number: 21/00981/LIREVP.

The Cow is a family friendly restaurant that I have been frequenting with my parents since I was a child, it is an institution for the area and is a great meeting place for locals to enjoy delicious food.

I was alarmed to hear that The Cow's premise license was being reviewed on the grounds of preventing public nuisance, along with crime and disorder.

As a Westminster local I can assure you I have never experienced any disorder when visiting The Cow, nor have I ever heard of any. I urge you to reconsider this review and the effect it will have on the local community and this business.

Best

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Hello,

I just wanted to add my support to the license for The Cow to continue operations. It is a neighborhood gem, with great local charm, and a real asset to an area plagued by so many national chains. I hope you'll allow them to continue operating.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

To Whom it may concern,

The cow has become an institution in Notting hill. It really is a huge part of the culture of Notting hill. They offer great friendly service and fantastic food and beverages. It's an asset to the area. I certainly go there regularly for simple bite to eat, a great pint poured by Pietro and really friendly chat and some advice when needed. It's extremely hard to get the level of service at anywhere else. It's really one of a kind.

From working in Notting hill for over 15 years it really is such an iconic spot that really attracts many people to the area including tourists.

We have tenants that specifically rent close to this location just to be close to the pub. I really think that revoking a licence would be a great shame for the local community and industry in general.

I have never experienced any crime or nuisance whilst at the cow, nor has anyone that I know. Nor have we ever heard anything similar.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

To Whom This May Concern

*I am writing this email to Westminster City Council in support of "The Cow" bar and restaurant located at 89 Westbourne Park Road, W2 5QH (reference number 21/00981/LIREVP).*

*The Cow is a fantastic local institution and I strongly recommend that it stays open for many people, local and otherwise, to enjoy. Now, more than ever, our great hospitality venues across London need our support to help them thrive. Communities need a place to congregate and enjoy to each other's company.*

*I am also happy to confirm that I have not experienced any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues while visiting The Cow on numerous occasions. It is an extremely well managed and reputable establishment.*

*Yours faithfully*

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*It has recently come to my attention that The Cow's Premises Licence is up for review. In light of this, I wanted to email to put my full support behind its renewal. Every time that I have visited The Cow, I have met a warm, lively atmosphere. It is a bright light on its street and I love seeing people congregating and laughing outside in the summer months. I've always had a great time there and never seen or heard of any crimes or public disorder; it has always been a top example of what a warm local gastropub should be.*

*My dad has been going here for many years and took me for the first time with his friends. He passed on his love for this pub to me and I love introducing my own friends to it. The Cow is a great local institution and I hope that you will consider renewing its licence and letting others enjoy the great food and drink it has to offer.*

*Best regards,*

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Westminster Council,*

*I am writing to you today to offer my wholehearted support for The Cow.*

*It has been an institution in Notting Hill for years and has brought pleasure and security to the area and the local community.*

*Tom Conran transformed the pub from what was mostly a dive into a fantastic eating and drinking venue with love and consideration towards his staff and customers alike.*

*I had the opportunity of managing the Cow for a while and saw for myself the enjoyment everyone found within its walls.*

*It was a very happy time for me and I am and will always be a massive supporter.*

*Long may the Cow reign!*

*Please do not hesitate in getting in touch with me if needs be.*

*yours most sincerely*

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

Hello

It's come to my attention that there is a review of the cows in notting hills licensing

Reference 21/00981/LIREVP

I would like to highlight that over the last 9 years I have been in London that the cow has been a vibrant restaurant I have felt comfortable attending with friends. Family and by myself to enjoy their wonderful food and fun and compassionate staff and patrons.  
It's truly a welcoming place and unlike other places throughout notting hill I have never seen any violence inside or near it's premises. The patrons and staff are proud of their establishment and would not encourage foul acts. The cow is a staple place and would be a shame to lose and I say this as someone that works in the east and enjoys the different areas of London each week, yet I always look forward to a home cooked meal with a staff that offers not just service but friendly support as well

Happy to speak further

Regards

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

Please save the COW! It is such a special and iconic neighborhood spot. It would be tragic if it was closed... Please please please renew their licence.

Thank you!

[REDACTED]

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir / Madam

I understand that you are reviewing the License for the Cow. Honestly - i am amazed. Dumbstruck would probably be more accurate.

I have lived in Notting Hill area for 20 years - [REDACTED] for 6 years. I am 54 and used to [REDACTED].

The Cow is my local. I must have been there well over 200 times. Why? Not only is the food and wine excellent - but the atmosphere - set by the staff and the customers - is the best of any pub i know. It is friendly and interesting - strangers speak to each other. People of all backgrounds - that means Diversity..... People are polite to each other and respectful of the neighbourhood. I have also walked or driven past it countless times - probably thousands.

I have never witnessed anything eleven remotely questionable or concerning - let alone threatening or potentially criminal.

The Cow is an Icon in this area. There is no comparable pub anywhere near this. And it is central to the vitality of that area - already at risk from the closure of Lucky Seven. I would be devastated to lose this pub.

You just cannot do this level of damage to this area.

Please do not revoke this License.

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Hi

*I'd just like to email to raise my concerns about anything changing with the cow. I have been in Notting hill for a number of years, my wife even longer, and I cannot overstate how much we love and have amazing memories of the pub.*

*We always enjoy the mood and ambiance and have never seen any issues around even going to walks in the evening.*

*It is a local landmark and would be devastated to see anything happen to it.*  
Thanks,

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**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir,

*It is with consternation and disappointment that I learn of the License Review proposed for The Cow.*

*Of all the premises that might cause issues in the Borough, The Cow seems the least likely. Indeed, The Cow seems to represent the best of friendliness and conviviality in the Borough.*

*It provides what we all want in the modern world. A cosmopolitan mix of ages backgrounds and ethnicities. It is a favourite location for many of my friends who live locally and when I travel from ██████████ to visit, a destination of choice. I am 63 and my wife 67 and we enjoy the warm and friendly atmosphere as much as our children in their 20's and 30's. We do not hesitate to travel at the weekend to feast on beautiful seafood and fish soup as well as communing with my Irish mates over some of the best kept Guinness in London.*

*As a family and a group of friends, we have never witnessed crime, violence or any form of disorderly or uncontrolled behaviour. We have never felt unsafe and I can assure you that I would not take my wife to a premises that had any of these behaviours.*

*If there is a review, I hope that it is only to find a way of giving the team more outdoor space and support.*

*The Cow, as either a pub, restaurant or both, deserves all the support it can get from its customers and the authorities. There are fewer and fewer old premises left and they must be supported and nurtured. A professional team of talent like those employed at The Cow, should be admired and supported. They certainly are by their customers.*

*In any review I would be prepared, indeed happy to provide reference of the high quality business known as The Cow.*

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**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

*I am writing this brief note to object to the licence review of the Cow.*

*It is a wonderful establishment which has served as a great asset to the community for many years. It is a vibrant community hotspot and will be important for the rejuvenation of the area post covid.*

*I confirm that I have not experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow.*



If anything I would advise you to increase patrols more on the west side of Notting Hill area near Latimer etc

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing with regards to The Cow's premises licence review.

I personally would be devastated if this fantastic pub were to no longer exist. It has long been a meeting point for my friends and I, and there hasn't been a single occasion where I have not adored its family run feel, and it's delicious food and drink. It's one of the most iconic hang outs in area and its history is admired and appreciated by all those who frequent its 4 walls.

There aren't many pubs/restaurants in London that I will return to time and time again for one dish in particular, as I am one of those people who always wants to seek out something new, however The Cow's chicken kiev is by far the best chicken kiev I have ever eaten, and will ever eat. Some may argue that a single dish isn't an important enough factor to save a pub, but I would proudly and confidently take on such a person and argue against this. Food brings us joy, food brings us comfort, food sustains us and enables us to do great things. This dish does all of things for me and I know it does for many others. Whenever anyone asks me what I was up to the previous evening, and I tell them I went to The Cow, 99% of the time, the person will then ask - "Did you have the Chicken Kiev?" This dish is famous. It creates common ground between people. It makes people smile. It is without a doubt worth fighting for.

I can whole heartedly confirm that I have never experienced any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow.

Please let this pub continue to thrive and provide happiness to its customers.

Yours sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

Hi

I write to you to express my upset with the news that THE COW pubs license is being reviewed.

I have been going to the cow for years and love the intimate vibe they have, the food they serve is some of the best in Westminster, the Guinness is the same!

Throughout lockdown I would look forward too getting a cow from home delivery and I can say it helped me feel better on days when I weren't feeling great!

I would be devastated if the iconic cow pub were to close and I'm sure many others would also be.

In times where enjoyment is so important to us now, we need places like the cow to look forward too once normality resumes.

Kindest Regards, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

I am writing in support of The Cow.

[REDACTED] and have known The Cow since it first opened. It is one of the few places that still embodies the heart and soul of the West London I have always loved. The Cow is a cultural melting pot, bringing so many different people from the community together. My experience of The Cow has always been a fun and friendly one - and often filled with enriching conversation and encounters with brilliant characters from near and far. The Cow is an important character in the story of the area.

But, more importantly than all that, it is my 77-year-old father's local. [REDACTED]: The Cow is a safe and welcoming place for my father to walk to every day (during normal times) and meet with friends and familiar faces. It is a big part of his life and he has missed it terribly during lockdown. But, true to the spirit of The Cow, the staff have texted him regularly to make sure he is well and safe at home until he can once again return for his favourite G&T.

It is that kind of community-minded lifeline that makes The Cow an essential asset to the neighbourhood.

I sincerely hope you decide to protect this special place.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party

**OBJECTION**

Out of everything that has happened in the past year, this is probably the most ridiculous news I have heard. With pubs and restaurants having been closed for the majority of 2020 and 2021, this is such a disheartening and disappointing move from the council of Westminster. You should be supporting The Cow during tough times like these.

I can confirm that I have never experienced any public nuisance, safety issues, disorder or crime. The Cow has been an establishment for a quarter of a century, and is one of the only pubs in West London where you can actually have decent food.

I kindly urge you to concentrate on crime and disorder elsewhere, I could name a few places in Westminster Council...

Sincerely,

• [REDACTED]  
Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party

**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam

It has come to my attention that The Cow has been issued a License review by Westminster Council. I am writing to you to explain how much of an asset The Cow is to the local community.

[REDACTED] and the Cow has always been a rare jewel in an area that is becoming increasingly gentrified and 'chain' shop like in its nature. It serves original food and drinks that are well priced for the area and continues to always attract a wide range of people from all walks of life. In comparison, many other places in the local area only attract a certain type of person, creating even more divides within the community. The beauty of The Cow is you get people from all walks of life all sharing life in the same spot, this creates a unique and electric mix of harmony, curiosity and fun.

Please take into consideration the uniqueness of the place and how it really is a true local in the community. We cannot afford to lose an original venue like The Cow. Once a place is gone it is incredibly hard to bring something as original as The Cow back.

Many thanks, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party

**OBJECTION**

Dear Councillors,

*I have read with incredulity news of an objection to the Cow in Westbourne Park Road. As someone who has lived [REDACTED] and known the pub in both its previous and present incarnations since 1978 I am puzzled to hear that there could be any objection to its existence. It is a centre of local everyday life and the area would be much the poorer without it. I have never witnessed any crime, disorder or public nuisance, and on the contrary it has, in the last twenty years or so, been run with a spirit of enthusiasm and generosity towards its customers who are almost all locally based. It would be nothing short of a tragedy if The Cow were to lose its license.*

*Yours sincerely,*

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am writing with regard to the application at the above address for a Review of a Premises License Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 at The Cow public house I would like to add my support for the application. The license should be maintained and the pub preserved.*

[REDACTED] *and have used the Cow pub and dining room regularly since it opened over 20 years ago, meeting friends and neighbours there. The pub is a true community asset and some of the main staff have worked there for over 20 years. It is a unique free-house which truly serves the community and should be preserved. I have never experienced any disturbance from the pub or the customers and [REDACTED]. Given the difficult trading environment in the last 12 months the staff should not risk losing their jobs over the loss of the license and the community should not lose a treasured asset and a fabulous amenity.*

*I am a local business owner and have my offices on [REDACTED] my staff and neighbouring businesses use the Cow pub frequently for lunches, dinners and meetings. There is tremendous support for this pub.*

*I am very happy to be contacted further about this matter.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*It has been brought to my attention that you are reviewing the licence of "The Cow" Restaurant at 89 Westbourne Park Road, W2.*

*I would urge you to continue to allow "The Cow" to continue to hold a licence - in fact to consider that you support the business in any way you can to remain precisely as it is, as it represents almost every aspect of the character of Notting Hill and cries out to be preserved.*

*I cannot believe that after the year that the Hospitality industry has had to endure, that anyone in their right mind would seek to make somewhere as authentically English in its character and cooking as "The Cow" any more vulnerable than it might already be.*

*I have eaten there and taken my teenage children there and only ever found it to be a place that exuded a rather quiet, contemplative atmosphere. It is friendly, softly spoken and even suggests the charm of somewhere that you would expect to find in the country.*

*If there has been some suggestion that the place is either unruly or risky - why would I have taken my children there at all?*

*I can only imagine that some property speculator has bought into the locale and wants to "boost" his investment by some ill-considered idea that without a restaurant he will somehow "gentrify" his immediate area - he's probably never lived anywhere near there before.*

*To ruin "The Cow" would be to diminish the neighbourhood and ruin an aspect of London authenticity that cannot be retro fitted. Please consider this letter to be in full support of "The Cow" remaining unmolested and allowed to go about its business exactly as it has before.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

[REDACTED], the Cow has been my home from home.

The Cow is a place where I can feel comfortable, relax and not feel the unfriendly glare of the newer, more pretentious people that were moving into the area in order to "capture" some of that Notting Hill magic.

The Cow encapsulated that magic unwittingly, and so it became one of the area's best kept secrets.

Full of real people, real locals, people in the know.

If you went outside, you were always respectful of others, and kept noise to a minimum. People were jolly, but never rowdy. The Cow is a place where stories are told, music is listened to, and food is digested.

If there has been a complaint, I can only imagine it is from someone who has never really been to the Cow. I mean really been there, like eaten their delicious oysters with a pint of guinness, had a sedate Sunday roast, a beautifully cooked Kedgeriee, or had a chat with a stranger. The Cow means an appreciation of what is local, what is tried and tested, and not what is destructive.

I have had many birthdays, reunions and night outs, that have always ended up at the Cow.

I am sure the people/persons who prompted the misguided complaint are not a regulars, as I've stated above, the Cow is for the more mature crowd. If it was a place where I was worried about boisterous drunken behaviour, I would never have gone back on a regular basis. The Cow means a lot to me. It's part of my back story. It's where I went on a first date with my now ex partner, and the father of my only child. We went there over a 16 year period, for the duration of our relationship. One of the few stables in my life. When Lockdown restrictions are eased, the Cow is the first pub I will go to.

As a criminal Barrister, when not working, I like to find places where I can let my hair down, talk to a stranger, and not think of work or anything like that. Funnily enough a few Judges who live in the area, have exactly the same idea!

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

I was deeply saddened to hear that The Cow Pub's license is under review.

The cow is an iconic landmark in west London. It attracts tourists, locals, tradesmen, fine diners and young professionals.

It's a place where young and old can sit together and share stories, life experiences and even a song. We all need places like The Cow, especially when there is so much change in the world, having a familiar place where you are guaranteed to see a friendly face is a great comfort.

It's the only pub in London where I have never seen anyone discriminated by income, age, race or sex. This is so important where £10 million pound houses sit alongside social housing.

For those who live alone, and have suffered immensely from isolating lockdowns, they will be looking forward to the doors of this indiscriminating pub opening once again, so that they can feel a part of a dynamic community. It will be what keeps them going!

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

I'm writing to express to deep concern over the review of premises licence The Cow on Westbourne Park, W2.

The Cow is not only a pub filled with friendly, charming locals (and people from further field) but is a fantastic restaurant. There is no where else like it that combines the warmth of a pub with the quality and sophistication of a restaurant. The staff are amazing as are the customers. It's a total icon of the community.

The Cow means a tremendous amount to myself and friends who visit here for the relaxed and friendly

atmosphere, great service and food. For my family, this has been the venue to celebrate and come together, from my 94 year old Grandfather, to my 4 year old niece - a uniquely transgenerational place. I can't imagine a West London without it, and am in total shock and surprise to learn of this review.

I've only ever experienced a wonderful time here, have never seen anything like crime and order, or anything alarming. Apart from how quickly the fish stew goes down... It's always been a smooth operation when I've been there, from staff to punters. I would happily sit here alone as a young woman, or with friends or family.

It would be a gravely deep loss, especially when people so dearly need a safe and happy place to come to.

Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

I write to object to the suggestion that The Cow pub on Westbourne Grove, London is to be closed. This pub/restaurant is a much loved institution in the area and is an important part of the Notting Hill community. It is a genial and valuable asset to those of us who live in the area and to many who visit it from all parts of the UK. Up until last year and the lockdown we used it frequently for drinks and family celebration meals as it serves high quality food and a very convivial atmosphere. In the 25 years I have lived in this part of London I have never experienced any disturbances or noise as a result of its existence.

It is of crucial importance that we support all these businesses in Notting Hill if we are to retain the famous character of this part of London and it goes without saying that after a year of disruption this business needs our support.

I very much hope you will reconsider the review of their licence.

Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

I am writing to share my experiences of the Cow pub. and pass the Cow on a daily basis, both during the day and in the evenings. Moreover I am a patron of the Cow and the Westbourne pub opposite. In my 15 years of visiting the Cow I have always found it to be well run, orderly and a highly civilized establishment. There are no issues with traffic, no issues with rubbish. I can't see what the problem is about. It is an asset to the area and to London as a whole. There are very few pubs left in London that cater to the whole community and serve such a diverse group of ages, races and backgrounds. The council should protect this asset and redirect its efforts (and my council tax contribution) to pursuing more important matters.

Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

The cow is an establishment which both promotes and encourages all that is good in the local area. I live in north London and come often to enjoy the food and ambience I have never felt anything but joy coming here and would be devastated to see it disappear I hope you can see some sense here

Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Please reconsider your decision to threaten to take away the Cow's Licence.

Why do I believe The Cow is an asset? - The Cow is one of the communities best assets. Providing some of the finest food in a public house, not only in West London but all of London and the South East of England.

What does the Cow mean to me? - It is by far my favourite pubic house in London. Serving the best Guinness and Oysters. Having the best music playing through the sound system. The dining room upstairs is a fantastic feature where one can reserve tables.

What are the great things about the Cow you should hear about? - All the staff are incredibly friendly. They work great together and always look after everyone incredibly well.

*I have never experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or any safety issues whilst visiting the Cow. The outside area is very small and does not allow for large amounts of people to gather outside.*

*It is one of the finest pubs in the country and it would be absolutely shocking for this to be taken away from the community which think of it so fondly and regard it with such great thoughts.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I write to you today as someone who does not like many pubs, but loves The Cow. It is rare and special to find a place you can enjoy with your best friends, your lover, your mum, your lawyer, babies and your boss blissfully safe in the knowledge that you will all have a deliciously happy time. The relaxed and generous atmosphere means the best in personalities always shines through during dinner or lunch at The Cow.*

*The Cow is one of the main reasons we have remained a resident in Westminster for so many years. Christmas without our annual December lunches at The Cow was more of a blow this year, than almost anything else Lockdown prevented.*

*We have never experienced any disorder, nuisance, crime or safety issues - far from it. When I was mugged in a different corner of London, it was The Cow which made me feel safe and ok to socialise again.*

*The idea of our neighbourhood with no Cow is unthinkable. I would be very happy to follow up my views on what an asset it is as much as required.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am writing in regards to the review of a premises license for The Cow, 89 Westbourne Park Road, W2 5QH.*

*I would like to make a representation relating to the Prevention of Public Nuisance.*

*In the letter that was sent to us it stated that the timings for late night refreshments were Monday- Saturday: 23:00 to 00:30 and Sunday: 23:00- 00:00 which are not in line with the Sale by Retail of Alcohol which is Monday- Saturday: 10:00 to 00:00 and Sunday: 12:00- 23:30. I would also like to mention that the pub does go over the time limit.*

*The music causes lots of disruption to my young kids and working people as they are very loud and noisy and the music goes on until late which makes it difficult for people to sleep. This affects my kids going to school due to the loud noise. Also some of the customers come on sit on the Stairs and smoke drugs and piss in the passage*

*I also would like to mention that My mum has been sick for long time so this makes difficult to tolerate all this noise; it does not allow myself and other unwell tenants to live and sleep peacefully.*

*We would appreciate our concerns being heard and action being taken.*

*I look forward to hearing from you.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am writing in connection with the upcoming review of the licence of the The Cow public house on Westbourne Park Road.*

*I have been going to The Cow regularly since it opened twenty six years ago. I have always found it to be a safe and friendly environment, serving excellent food and run by a highly efficient and professional staff under the leadership of its owner Tom Conran.*



and I can't wait to return when the pandemic allows,  
so I can enjoy many more years enjoying The Cow.

Many thanks for listening and I hope the community voice from The Cow is heard,  
celebrated, and upheld for the future.

All the best

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern

I am writing to you today in respect to the premises licence review for my local, The Cow.

As a patron of The Cow since 1995 when it 1st opened, in a world of mediocrity, The Cow offers a haven to those who appreciate the traditional conviviality of the pub. With a deep understanding of patronage and the customer experience, it is truly unique in the pub landscape of London, and for me falls in the same bracket as The French House in Soho - institutions that should be cherished and protected.

In my attendances at the pub, far from being witness or understanding of crime, disorder or public nuisance it has always been quite the opposite - conviviality, good humour, loyalty, great food and drink and overall great times. When it comes to marking my life with occasions The Cow is often the top of that list and praise should be heaped upon Tom, Petro, Luca and the team for maintaining such high standards since they opened in 1995. Consistency is the key in hospitality and they have done this with bells on.

I trust that the council realises the value of such an institution in West London, and reflects very favourably upon it whilst making their considerations about the future of the premises licence and hence The Cow itself in its current guise. I urge you to be prudent and considerate of the very important role it plays in local life in our community. It is an asset of this community and I implore you to renew the licence.

Best

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Hello.

From my experience the Cow is an excellent pub/ restaurant with a unique character. I have been there on many occasions even though I live in Primrose Hill which is not short of fine pubs. I am also astonished how many friends/ acquaintances have good things to say about the Cow. It has a fantastic reputation.

So I very much hope it is given every opportunity to thrive when post pandemic life resumes.

Thank you!

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Hi there,

I am writing in connection with the licence review for The Cow Pub, 89 Westbourne Park Rd, W2 5QH [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and would amongst some of the closest residential neighbours to the pub by distance. We have lived here since 2013 and have never had any issues related to the pub during this time. We would very much support that they have their licence reinstated as we feel that the contribution the pub makes to the community in the immediate area is invaluable.

Both I and my husband, [REDACTED], very much support the pub and would like to add our recommendation for



the licence to remain.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] - , ,

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern.

Please don't pull the license from the Cow.

I've never had a negative experience and always found the place to have a jolly atmosphere along with good food.

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

To Whom It May Concern,

I do not live in London but The Cow in 89 WESTBOURNE PARK ROAD LONDON W2 5QH is home to me. Never ever have I experienced any sort of violence, crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow. On the contrary, my friends and I always feel very safe and welcomed. My sister and brother in law are close neighbors and regulars and The Cow is my favorite pub in London; I love going there, sitting outside while enjoying a pint and the seafood platter and friends coming by. The Cow makes the neighbourhood special and I couldn't imagine it not being there. Punters are locals, neighbours and visitors and there is always someone to chat to.

I celebrated my birthday on the first floor and not only was it delicious, the service was excellent and family and friends had a great time.

I can't wait to come back to London as soon as possible and go directly there. Before Corona this would have been at least 5 times a year with multiple visits to The Cow during each visit. I really miss it and would be very sad if it would disappear.

Please, do not close The Cow.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council,

I kindly ask you to seriously reconsider the removal of the license for the Cow Pub. It is a long standing establishment, a home from home, a place to spend time with friends, share a meal and a good old fashioned pub which we are seeing such a decline of in London!

What I can only say is, if you are removing their license, then why not every other pub in the area too?! We as locals love this pub, we are welcomed with friendly faces and open arms. In what has been a terrible year, we are looking forward to seeing our friends and sharing a pint at our local. Please don't remove its license!

Reference. 21/00981LIREV. - THE COW

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

Ref: 21/00981/LIREVP

*I'm writing to express my support of The Cow Bar and Dining Rooms, as I understand its premises licence is up for review. Having been a patron for over 20 years, I can not state strongly enough what an asset it is to the Notting Hill / Westbourne Grove area. In that time, it has been a fixed point in a rapidly changing neighbourhood - consistently welcoming all comers, a hub of bonhomie that reflects the surrounding community in all its vivid diversity.*

*[Redacted] The Cow was the first place to give me a foothold in this vast city, the first place I felt welcomed, and in the intervening years, I have seen it do the same for others. It's the first place I bring visitors to London, and they are never disappointed. It is a bar for all occasions: among my friends, it's where we have wet the heads of numerous babies, where we've revelled on Saint Patrick's Day and celebrated birthdays. There have been quiet lunches and some of the best dinners I've ever eaten (the food is consistently excellent). As a single woman, it's one of the few bars where I feel completely comfortable and safe going on my own, knowing I won't be bothered. It's also where I chose to meet close friends after a family bereavement - its gentle familiarity was a balm. It has been there for everything, and yet in all of those years, on all of those occasions, I have never seen or experienced any disruption or disturbance or confrontation or crime. I am sure this is due in no small part to the long-term staff, whose professionalism is matched only by their warmth.*

*London is a living, ever-evolving city - bars and restaurants come and go with alarming regularity, and Notting Hill in particular has changed almost beyond recognition in the years that I have lived here. But The Cow has prevailed and, for all its rascalion charm, has become something of an institution.*

*I believe that to lose it would be a huge blow to the community it sits at the heart of, stripping it of yet more character, chipping away at the bonds that provide a crucial sense of connection and closeness in what can be a lonely metropolis.*

*In the past awful year, when so many of us have experienced the damaging effects of isolation, the importance of trusted, communal, convivial spaces like The Cow has never been clearer. Please don't take it away from us.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*[Redacted]*

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[Redacted]

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

*I am writing in the hope that this message will help to prevent there being any negative change to The Cow's premises licence. As a member of the local community I greatly appreciate and value all that The Cow has to offer and any change to the way that it operates will not only damage The Cow itself, but also the local community and the reputation of the surrounding area. The Cow is a symbol of all that is good about this part of West London and it is a well known and much loved institution throughout London. Furthermore, premises like The Cow will need all the support they can get once they emerge from lock-down.*

*Thank you.*

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

*Dear Sirs ,*

*As an inspector of restaurants and pubs it would be a hideous crime to revoke The Cows license. Tom Conran is an exceptional talent. Mr Conran has been a blessing to the neighbourhood. Served some outstanding food and created a scene which most would acknowledge has tremendously enhanced this area. I wholeheartedly support the heir license application*

*Regards*

[Redacted]

• [REDACTED],  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Neighbour**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

*The Cow has been my local pub since I moved to the area more than 10 years ago. I love going there as it's a very friendly place, with a great decor & delicious food. The staff is lovely so as the clientele. I've never witnessed any sort of nuisance. Just laughter surrounded by a fun crowd. The Cow is a symbolic place for a lot of people living around.*

Kind regards,

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

To Westminster City Council,

*This email is to state my full support for the Cow pub and my deep concern that its license is under review. I have been a very happy local visitor to the Cow for the last 15 years. It is an asset to the area, a place where friends from the community meet. I have also met countless new people there and made connections for my business. It also attracts many foreign visitors and who then in turn spend their money in the shops locally.*

*More importantly I have never experienced any crime or disorder there. The team that run it do not stand for any violence and are always so helpful for whatever query or concern a customer might have. I feel entirely safe there as a woman, to the point I used to go when I was pregnant to join friends at their tables.*

*The fight should be to protect an historic establishment like this which has suffered immeasurably over the last year in this pandemic. Visiting is one of the things my family and friends are most looking forward to doing when lockdown is over.*

Best wishes

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council,

*I am writing today to show my support of The Cow Pub in Westbourne Grove.*

*[REDACTED], it would be a complete travesty if the venue would close as it is institutional to our neighbourhood.*

*I hope this letter, along with others from my community, prevent closure.*

Kindest wishes,

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir

21/00981/LIREVP

I understand the licensing of the Cow Bar and Restaurant is under review . [REDACTED] and have had much fun and eaten fine food in the establishment . After these day of seclusion one of the things I am looking forward to is going out to a good restaurant. The Cow is part of the local scenery, it is much loved and I look forward to a plate of oysters and a pint of Guinness.

Yours

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council members,

I hope this message finds you in good health and feeling fine.

With great dismay I heard yesterday that Westminster City Council have issued a Review of The Cow's Premises Licence. I am writing to you in support of The Cow and the upholding of its licence.

In the 14 years I have frequented The Cow I can confirm that I have not experienced any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow.

The Cow is an asset of our neighborhood; it brings us together in thick and thin and rather than a nuisance is a haven. I've attended wakes there, as well engagements and birthdays. Its where we go for Burns' Night and St. Patrick's day; where we gather for Carnival; and where we take our teenagers out for a Sunday Roast.

When I am alone in the city and my wife and children are away, The Cow is my living room where I can feel at home and safe (and well fed!) amongst friends and family.

Please keep The Cow open.

Perhaps the past year has been confusing and hard on all of us and we all just need to let a little love into our hearts to make it through 2021?

Please keep The Cow open - I know I speak for so many when I say, we need it to come back to from lockdown, we literally need The Cow - it's an institution, not just the place itself, but the people and the history and the location and the food and the welcome and everything it represents.

I have no further remonstrations to make except to plead once more that The Cow be allowed to continue to function in it's important role at the heart of our community.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

[REDACTED] I am a 24 year old Englishman living in Singapore, writing in relation to Westminster City Council's review into the Cow.

I grew up going to the pub with many family members and friends. It formed an essential part of my time in the neighbourhood, with some of my fondest memories having taken place there.

As you are fully aware, places of character and memory are becoming less and less common with many struggling to keep open during the pandemic. How do we expect London to remain a great global city with only Weatherspoons and Costa left on the high-street?!

I have many friends based here in Singapore with similar memories of the Cow. Only the other day, we were reminiscing about one day returning and having a pint of Guinness there.



has prompted this.

[REDACTED] all the years The Cow has been open and it has always been the one place I would take friends to for a drink as one feels comfortable there devoid of any threat of potential aggression or trouble. I have never encountered any abuse or threatening behaviour there, and have never been offered any drugs. The food and drink there has always been maintained and served hygienically. I have never had to return a pint of beer for being off.

I belong to the IVC swimming club at Porchester Baths and during the Summer last year when restrictions were eased we used the Cow for our after swim drink because we could socially distance safely outside as a small group, (almost all our group are aged 60+). On entry inside to purchase our drinks we were held in a queue limiting numbers inside, and name / tel number taken in case any future tracking was required. I ask that you take my comments as a local tax-paying resident into serious consideration when conducting your review, and seek to resolve any issues without having to withdraw the licence of The Cow as it's a very valuable and necessary asset to our community.

Yours faithfully, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may Concern,

The Cow is an institution of the Nottinghill/Westminster neighbourhood. It brings joy and pleasure to all locals and tourist alike... I've never experienced any crime or public nuisance from its presence in the last 18 years I have been visiting it for food and beverage. I regularly visit it weekly and it is a focal point for the local community and my friends. The cow is part of the nostalgia of the neighbourhood. Please do not revoke its license it would be a travesty for the neighbourhood and its local patrons.

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing with regard to Westminster City Council issuing a review of The Cow Saloon Bar and Dining's premises licence, ref 21/00981/LIREVP.

I am a resident of Brent and have regularly enjoyed meeting up with friends and dining at this venue. It's a cosy pub with a lot of character (sadly rarer than ever in these gut-and-remodel times) and very popular (it's not easy to book a dining table, even on a weekday!). While it is often crowded with customers, I have never witnessed any trouble - in fact, if you didn't know where it was, you'd have difficulty finding it because there is no indication of the conviviality within. As a woman in my 50s travelling to and from The Cow on foot and on public transport, I have never felt any concern about entering or leaving the pub - no threat of rowdiness or crime, or any intimidation over public safety or nuisance. In fact, it's clearly a very 'nice' pub in a 'nice' area, far more so than can be said for the pubs local to me! I hope that their licence will be granted as The Cow is an asset to the area, indeed to the character of London.

Thanks, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern

I am writing with regard to the recent objection to the Cow licence on the spurious grounds of criminality and disorder.



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Hi

I am writing to you regarding the news that Westminster council is considering shutting down the Cow Pub in Notting Hill.

I have been going to the Cow for 15 years now and have never ever experienced anything other than a lovely group of barmen and women, great clientele and a welcoming atmosphere. It is a real London institution and a friendly neighbourhood pub. I have never experienced or witnessed any violence or safety concerns in or around the pub.

Please can you consider all the patron's voices in this matter.

Many thanks

[REDACTED] x

[REDACTED]

**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

REF 21/00981/LIREVP

To whom it may concern at Westminster council,

I'm writing to confirm and document my utmost support for The Cow pub, Westbourne Park Road, remaining in place and continuing to operate as a public house for all to enjoy.

It is shocking to learn that their Licence is under review on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

The Cow has been a regular destination of mine from the moment I moved to West London 25 years ago. From the age of 21 to now (age 46) it has always been, and still is, in my list of top 5 of pubs to go to. Whenever friends visit London from overseas, I ALWAYS take them for dinner at The Cow. Simply put, it's a London Institution. I am proud of London for having pubs like The Cow. I can't think of one other pub that has as many qualities as The Cow. The staff are amazing and I have formed relationships with all of them over the years. The Cow's atmosphere and environment feels like an extended family. The lengthy service of the staff is a testament to the brilliant work/life culture The Cow stands for. It is also important to point out that I have NEVER experienced personally or heard of, for that matter, any form of public nuisance, public safety issues, crime or disorder whilst visiting The Cow. In fact, as a woman, it is one of the only places that I would feel comfortable going on my own for a meal or a drink.

We have continued to support The Cow throughout the Covid-19 pandemic by ordering food for home delivery most weekends. It's kept us going throughout these testing and challenging times and has brought much needed relief to very stressful and anxious lockdowns.

We are looking forward to the day The Cow reopens its doors following the lockdown, when we will continue to frequent and support this wonderful, friendly, fun establishment. The Cow losing its premises license is an unimaginable thought. The community needs The Cow now more than ever before.

Please do the right thing for the many many thousands of us loyal devotees and customers.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

To Whom it may concern.

*I hope this mail finds you well. I am writing to you to appeal that "The Cow Pub" remains open and their license is renewed without further delays.*

*The Cow is a very important part of the neighbourhood and safe place for all residents as well as visitors to the area. It's a very proud institution for us all.*

*It's one of the few places in the area that has kept such integrity whilst maintaining an authentic charm. They continue to always deliver on high quality food & drink and their staff cannot be matched in their unfaltering passion for what they do and the service they provide to their patrons.*

*I have always had the best experiences at The Cow and have always felt safe at home every time I have visited this establishment.*

*I hope this appeals to your better judgement in saving such an institution and keeping the integrity of our neighbourhood alive and well.*

*The Cow is a home away from home and we all cannot wait to be welcomed home once again.*

Save The COW!

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Ref: 21/00981/LIREVP

*There are no reasons whatsoever that the council should even consider revoking The Cow's license to trade. Do you people even try to imagine how difficult it's been for The Cow and other small businesses in the borough during the past year? The Cow has survived, just, and now the council is considering killing it. Shameful. Utterly shameful.*

*As regulars since opening we can assure you that the atmosphere in and around The Cow is unfailingly convivial, peaceable and orderly. It's a bar restaurant. The interior is set up to encourage conversation. When music plays it is always set at a volume below that of conversation levels. If it were otherwise we wouldn't go. The regulars at The Cow are entirely respectable, locals mostly and a good social mix. The Cow is a priceless local asset. It should be cherished as such.*

*Presumably the council has received a complaint of some kind. If so, the council will, no doubt, consider the possibility of malicious intent.*

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**OBJECTION**

Re : Premises Licence Review of The Cow Public House. Ref 21/00981/LIREVP

*I write to you as a patron of the Cow, 89 Westbourne Park Road.*

*Having spent many a pleasant evening there I am dismayed to hear that their licence is under review.*

*A warm and welcoming environment, they have been providing their customers with excellent food and drink for over 25 years and have become a huge asset to this part of London.*

Times have been incredibly hard for the hospitality industry and the future is looking uncertain. I expect to see many establishments unable to re-open so to lose one unnecessarily would be incredibly sad for [REDACTED] residents and visitors. I have personally never been aware of issues on public nuisance or safety, I have only ever experienced a friendly and jovial atmosphere.

The situation can surely be resolved with the management who undoubtedly will respect and address these concerns.

I have no hesitation in recommending The Cow, as a safe and welcoming place, to any of my customers at Sweetings Restaurant now and in the future.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I would like to offer my opinion on the Cow as I understand the license is due to come under review on the grounds of public nuisance, safety and the prevention of crime and disorder. I have visited the Cow a number of times over the last few years, I have always found it to be one of the most welcoming and enjoyable experiences on each occasion. Friends of mine who live in the area often invite us to meet there (not recently of course) and it has been a valuable meeting spot for us to enjoy an evening.

I hope we will be able to continue to do so in the future.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I have been a friend of The Cow for nearly 6 years. [REDACTED], I will always remember the day I walked through its doors for the first time: warm, vibrant, everybody busy in conversation, a perfect pint of Guinness, half a dozen oysters that tasted like the sea.

The words 'iconic' and 'institution' are words that are thrown about loosely when we talk about special places, but if they were to be used today, may they be used here. The Cow embodies the warmth of spirit that all neighbourhoods wish for, adding enormously to the rich tapestry of that corner of London. I am sure that I speak on behalf of many when I say that I yearn for its doors to open again.

A measure of how much of an asset The Cow is could be taking note of the variety of people who enjoy themselves there. With such high quality that is void of pretentiousness, one is disarmed and feels at home. It is clear that The Cow has this effect on everyone who walks through its doors. I love taking visiting friends for dinner or drinks; I show them with pride that The Cow is 'my little place'. Being practically a neighbour, I have never experienced anything but happiness and enjoyment from its presence and I cannot imagine The Cow ceasing to exist.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs,

I was very disappointed to learn that The Cow's license is being reviewed.

[REDACTED] and have been a regular visitor to The Cow ever since. It is an excellent, beautifully-designed and well-managed pub which has been a hub for my social life for 25 years. The Cow was the first place I went - for Guinness and a pint of prawns - after the UK's first lockdown ended last summer; it will also be my first port of call once the current lockdown ends.

The Cow entirely merits its reputation as one of the best gastropubs in London (among the top 20, according to the Evening Standard). It is a design classic, and closing it down would, in my view, be an act of cultural vandalism. Its closure would also be highly damaging to the local economy, within which the Cow is a revered landmark.

I fail to understand why the Cow's licence is now under review. I am happy to confirm that in all these years I have never felt remotely threatened at the Cow, nor have I witnessed abusive or criminal activity.

I appreciate that being a neighbour of any successful pub must at times be frustrating for local residents, and that this presumably is the reason for the current complaint. Yet, such frustrations will have been commonplace ever since the first pub opened in the UK over 1,500 years ago. They are not a valid reason for closure of a successful and loved business.

At this time, while we all suffer the emotional distress of being kept in near-solitary confinement in our homes, nothing would be more distressing than knowing that The Cow will not be there as a focal point of my community's social life on the other side.

I therefore very much hope the Council will renew The Cow's license.

I am copying this email to Tom Conran's office - but, the interests of full disclosure, confirm I have never met Mr Conran.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing to share my support for The Cow pub (89 Westbourne Park Road, London W2 5QH) in response to the Premises Licence Review (ref. 21/00981/LIREVP).

I [REDACTED] and count The Cow as one of my favourite pubs and restaurants in the area. It's an authentic British pub which serves high quality British produce at a really fair price making it both a brilliant local as well as a lovely place to have a special occasion. I've had birthday meals there and think the quality of the food/drink, service and atmosphere is fantastic. I regularly recommend it to friends and family.

I have never experienced any crime or disorder, public nuisance or safety issues at The Cow. I've visited since the pandemic restrictions were put in place (when dining indoors was permitted) and they followed covid healthy and safety measures with all tables distanced etc. whilst maintaining great service.

Whenever I visit The Cow I have a great time - because everyone there is having a great time. Happy staff and customers - we would all be bereft if such a rare gem it were to close.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

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**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Licensing,

I am writing to you concerning the pending Review of the premises licence for The Cow Dining Rooms in Westbourne Park Road. Ref. No. 21/00981/LIREVP.

Since it opened in 1995 I have been to The Cow on many occasions celebrating countless birthdays in the downstairs Bar and enjoying many a Sunday lunch in their upstairs restaurant. The food is excellent and the atmosphere lends itself to a pleasant dining experience.

The Cow is a great addition to the food provision in the area with its unique cuisine and cosy intimate interior. As a small establishment, it serves well for those of us who do not like the larger pubs with loud music and young crowds. As an older, single female who has been a resident of this area for over forty years, I find the Cow provides a welcoming, safe environment to meet friends either for a meal or a quiet drink in the evening. I have never experienced unruly behaviour or any sign of public disorder during my visits ...and would feel quite relaxed to pop in for a drink on my own.

The Cow is a valuable asset to the Westbourne area providing a comfortable, local atmosphere, slightly off the beaten track and, away from the livelier Portobello Road area, it serves as a proper local bar!

I would hope that these considerations can be taken into account and that The Cow remains as it is for at least another 25 years.

Many thanks, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

I understand you are in the process of reviewing The Cow's premises licence.

I just wanted to put on record two important points. Firstly, the Cow is a first rate pub and eating house - quite possibly the best in London. Great ingredients, warm welcome and fantastic beverages. My friends and I have been coming since 1997 and we adore everything it has to offer. Secondly, in all these years we have never experienced any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues - quite the contrary, as we have always felt safe and secure.

I hope you come to the correct conclusion and allow the Cow to continue to serve the Capital.

Regards,

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir,

I am writing regarding your review of The Cow's premises licence.

I have been visiting The Cow for 11 years. It is a key part of the community in Notting Hill and people also travel to The Cow from all over London, and beyond, as it has such a good reputation as a proper pub, a great friendly atmosphere, excellent food and high grade musical entertainment.

In all the time I have been frequenting The Cow, I have never known there to be any instances of public nuisance or safety, and I have certainly never seen any instances of criminal activity or disorder.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I am led to believe that you are in the process of reviewing the premises licence for The Cow in Westbourne Grove.

I am saddened by this new and would like the record to show my firm belief that the withdrawal of a license for The Cow would be wholly wrong. As a long term resident of Chelsea & Westminster, employee of [REDACTED], I have been a regular patron of The Cow since 1998.

I believe strongly that The Cow is an arguable contender for the title 'greatest pub in London', with exemplary seafood and an incredible atmosphere. It is a welcome antidote to the growing culture of impersonal corporation owned public houses and undeniably an important cultural landmark. Like The Grapes in Shepherd's Market and the Mason's Arms in Bow Lane, we must protect the best of breed of quintessential Britishness.

Also, I must add that in the many years I have been visiting The Cow with friends and family, I have never once experienced any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues. Quite the contrary, I have always felt safe, secure and welcomed by a friendly staff that care about their venue in a way that is sadly being lost to the march of rapacious capitalism.

I trust you will come to a just decision and allow The Cow to continue serving its place as part of the rich tapestry of London.

Yours Sincerely, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED],

**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing regarding the licence review for The Cow on Westbourne Park Road.

I have been visiting The Cow on and off for about 15 years with friends and family. It is without question the best pub & restaurant in the area, with an inimitable, unique character that gives so many people joy.

At such a difficult time as this, the existence of places like The Cow is what we many are really living for. In fact, when I personally think of society opening up again it is very much with my mind's eye on sitting with loved ones in such a fine establishment that offers such a sense of the community we are all missing at the moment. The establishment is really the heartbeat of the area and where one truly feels welcome and at home at all times.

To the specifics of the licence review, I can categorically confirm that I have never experienced any type of crime and disorder, nor public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow. Nothing even close.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

The Cow is a much loved institution and has to be saved. There is little or no noise or inconvenience associated with it and the locals not only love it but are seldom disturbed.

I first went there in 1988 and have been a longstanding customer since as have many of my friends and locals.

I urge you to keep this wonderful watering hole open.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Neighbour  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern

*I was shocked to read that The Cow is at risk of having its license revoked. The Cow is not only a good pub, but in my opinion and that of many of my friends whom I have taken there, one of the best pubs in London. Not only for the all round ambience, the outstanding professionalism of the staff, but also for the exceptional quality of the food both in the bar and the restaurant. It is part of the culinary landscape of our community.*

*It would be a great loss to the local community if it were to be shut down.*

*As a resident of [REDACTED] for over 30 years, including 3 years as [REDACTED], I sincerely hope that no such action will be taken. The loss of this local institution would diminish the area irreparably.*

[REDACTED]

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**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

*I am writing to share my adamant views that The Cow is a vital landmark in what makes my neighbourhood of Notting Hill so special. The Cow has cultivated some of my most meaningful relationships with other locals, acted as a backdrop to good hearty fun with loved ones, and is where I am most excited to bring friends and family in order to prove to them why Notting Hill is so special to me. Further, I have never experienced anything but kind, genuine interactions with staff and passerby's at The Cow. I would go as far to say that its spirit induces a greater respect and admiration of Westbourne Park Road by its community in curating a safe, welcoming environment.*

*Please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED] if I could be of any service in ensuring The Cow's longevity.*

Best,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Neighbour  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council,

*I have been informed that the Cow's licence is being reviewed.*

*[REDACTED] I believe the pub to be a crucial and fundamental part of the local community. The staff there have welcomed me, my family and my friends, always showing fantastic hospitality and in my experience not once have they been guilty of any acts of public nuisance, public safety, crime and disorder, for which they are being accused of.*

*If the Cow was to close down, it would leave a gap that will not be filled and will leave our community far worse off than before.*

*I encourage you to listen to the feelings of the local community and not to take away its license.*

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

To whom this may concern,



Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Sirs

*I have been a regular and irregular of this fine establishment for most of my adult life and to see this closed as a direct result of changes enforced on all our lives by c-19 seems both disproportionate and inappropriate.*

*Central and local government has sought to impose a set of rule changes on all of us, which for the most part have been sensibly complied with. Members of government, public officials and many members of the public have been guilty of rule breaking over the last 12 months, but our society has coped with these misdemeanours and whistle blowers sensibly and fairly*

*I suggest that the licensing board examines their own lives over the last twelve months and that of their families and close friends and ask whether they have lived a 100% compliant life and having done so make a sensible and balanced judgement on a local establishment which has brought much joy into the lives of people who live locally and even those who now live elsewhere, but chose this establishment to meet friends when visiting London.*

Faithfully

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Licensing Official, Westminster Council,

*I am writing to you today in support of keeping The Cow pub and restaurant open, hopefully forever.*

*I had heard of and had visited the lovely, traditional, gem of a pub that is The Cow. One of the things I love best about this neighborhood is that it has its own unique, diverse character and heritage. The Cow is one of the places where you can socialise with people from all walks of life. In my visits there over many years I've run into local characters, movie stars, financial wizards, D-List celebs, and aristocrats.*

*It's a special place, and remarkable all the more because it would be impossible to create this kind of environment artificially; it has evolved naturally and to my mind is the truest expression of all what makes Notting Hill so special, and why I stay here. Such a valuable asset to the community deserves our respect, reverence, and protection.*

*During these dark times, I have dearly missed the opportunity to connect with others and the places which make this connection possible. I've walked by The Cow many, many times throughout this lockdown and been able to remember the good times I've had there and hold up as hope the belief that those times will return, eventually. It would be cruel to take this hope away from people like myself.*

*As a woman, I value places where I can go out and feel safe, and I have always felt safe in The Cow. I've never experienced any rowdiness or bad or criminal behaviour of any kind in any of my visits to The Cow, so I could not speak to that. What I can and will speak to is the utter imbecility of people who have chosen to live near a pub who are then surprised to find that pubs contain people and conversation.*

*It seems punitive and unjust on the kind and professional people who run The Cow and on the establishment itself to shut it down forever based on the peevish complaints of those who, quite frankly, should have used better judgement in choosing where to live. I don't regard The Cow as a particularly noisy pub at all, and I certainly don't believe that the community should lose The Cow and that the many should be disadvantaged based on the concerns of just a few.*

*As I close this I thank you for reading and considering the voices of all those in the community in making this decision. It would truly break my heart to lose the The Cow, in a year when many, including myself, have lost so much already.*

*Kindest regards,*



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 5 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to support The Cow pub in Notting Hill as I've heard its license is under review.

I am a regular customer and believe this place is an asset to the local community. I have experienced the best customer service and enjoyed the highest quality of food there. I've always felt welcome and safe at The Cow. I believe the closure of this pub will be a huge loss to the community.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

**Received: by**  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern

I am writing in support of The Cow and for them to retain their license to operate.

[REDACTED]. It has always been an important, vibrant and safe meeting place for all our family and friends .

I currently live in Singapore. When returning to London, the first place I meet my family for a meal is The Cow. Please do not take away such an important meeting place for our community.

As you will see, The Cow is such an important part of the local community. Don't remove one the few places we have left.

Thank you regards. [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

**Received: by**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam

I write in regard of the re-issuing of a licence for the Cow pub, Westbourne Park Rd.

I for one and I'm sure I can speak for all my own circle of friends and family, would be so very sad to loose the Cow as a valued meeting place.

It has always been a delight to go there and enjoy their hospitality. I particularly like to go and have a meal or at least a snack of a pint of prawns which are always delicious. The food has always been one of the main reasons that I would visit The Cow.

It can get quite loud and jovial but I have never witnessed anything untoward or disruptive. In fact I would say the opposite. People always seem to be respectful of each other and really friendly which can be unusual these days.

I hope that this might reassure you of my good intentions and those of this establishment.

It would be a significant lose to the community if we were to loose The Cow. God bless her.

Many thanks for your kind attention. Very best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To Whoever, this may concern,

I recieved a news article from The Cow on 89 Westbourne Park Road, that instantly sent shockwaves through my very spirit. The Cow's license is being reviewed.

I have known of The Cow much longer then i have had the pleasure to call them friends.

After going through the training, leaving with excitement that has lasted till this day, i set out along and began speaking to all of the businesses. I noticed the area had a community and i was drawn to it.

before The Cow, but even at payment sense these are the 2 businesses that was centre of business development managers attention.

After being in the area and being known through a good reputation, i came across the staff of the cow, they were very willing to hear me out, and gave me a chance to meet the owner which i appreciated. I have done there card machines for 7 years now at the Westbourne and The Cow, as well as over 5-10 other merchants along the same road. I am here every carnival in support of all of these businesses so i am aware of all situations in this area, and i know this better then many people even who live here.

While working in merchant services i also spoke to some of the estate agents and I noticed that The Cow and The Westbourne was also used as an amenities in the area. This is a place i met many friends, prospects. I fear, any further disruptions past the ordinary, following brexit, following this lockdown. I know personally from doing the merchants card machines and following many discussions. The businesses have all found it tough lately and when things reopen The Cow not being there will feel like Notting Hill has made a massive loss over this lockdown.

While walking down to say hi to old customers, its impossible not to see the damage, i can see hope is beginning to return for some, but closing the cow will feel like a huge kick in the face to many people in the area, who have social distanced, they have stayed at home, they have lost money on trading, some 100s of thousands. They have had to miss out on carnival trade. MAu MAu closed down, Rum Kitchen. If the Cow closes this will hurt the community so much, not even to mention that it will cause even more problems because the Westbourne will take on all of the extra traffic and although it seems like the 2 are busy, 1 by itself is actually worse as 2 balances the traffic and the different types of attitudes in the community, which in most cases would result in a much more friendly atmosphere so less conflict.

I think everyone will agree with me here. While at the Cow, everybody feels safe. I have never experienced any violence, even arguing in The Cow, there is always many staff, security, and local friends and faces, the security even across the road all support eachother and this is one happy community, nothing anywhere is perfect, but my experience and i would say 99.9% of customers experience is always a positive one. Something to make you wanto come back here, even move like me. Naturally as this is a community, at times people are outside, always affable, smiling, talking and reminding me on what made me fall in love with the first time i set foot in .

Shutting This pub any longer then this lockdown has forced will be a very big mistake and i hope to see the happy faces June 21st when this lockdown is finally over. I'm sure through this whole experience of this pandemic, we have all learned positive lessons that will help us operate at the top of our industries. Please reconsider.

Best Regards

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to share my views on the license renewal of The Cow public house on Westbourne Park Rd.

I have been a local resident for the past 18 years. The Cow is the jewel of our neighbourhood. It's the only pub

*that I would go to on my own knowing full well that I'll know a couple of locals and will no doubt meet some new ones. It's the friendliest and most welcoming pub that I know in London.*

*My wife and I celebrated our wedding day in the dining room of The Cow in January 2020. This is testament to how much we value, appreciate and support the establishment.*

*If the license were to be revoked it would be an enormous loss to the neighbourhood and community. I believe you must also consider the employees of the pub who are in my opinion the best and most loyal employees that you could ever wish for. Luca and Pedro the main bar staff have been working there for over 18 years and know most of the customers names and their favourite drink!*

*I implore you to look favourably on a full renewal of the license so the community of this idyllic pocket of London can continue to enjoy a friendly pint with delicious hearty food.*

*If you would like to discuss this any further or interview me as part of your investigation I would be happy to make myself available.*

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Greetings

*Having been born and lived in the area for many years, I would like to whole heartedly support the review of the Cow's licence.*

*The Cow has been an integral part of mine, many and the area's social fabric for years; especially with the vast reduction of other (inferior) licensed premises over the last 20+ years.*

*The Cow has a wonderfully diverse, interesting and friendly crowd. Along with fine food, beverages and wonderful staff.*

*In addition, I have never witnessed any crime, public nuisance or safety issues whilst there; unlike certain other premises not that far away.*

*It really would be a tragedy to lose such an important and integral asset to the community / locale. The area has changed enough over the years and losing something that help's make it unique, which if the Cow would be lost, would certainly discourage visitors to the area or certainly may make certain residents / loyal customers seriously think about relocating.*

Kind regards

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 5 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

*Premises in question: The Cow, 89 Westbourne Park Rd, London W2 5QH ("The Cow").*

*After having lived in the community for over 2 years and frequently visiting the above premises during that time I can confidently say The Cow is an asset to the community. The Cow is a special place offering exceptional food, service and hospitality. It is a favourite pub for many local residents, including for my partner, myself and many of our friends living in the area who enjoy the great combination of great food, drinks and service, a combination that in my opinion is rare in pubs. During COVID, its delivery of food and drinks has also brought a positive light to the otherwise restricted and dire circumstances we find ourselves in.*

*In addition to the offering of good fine and drinks, staff are incredibly friendly and accommodating as well as highly respectful of the surrounding neighbours, constantly reminding customers to keep noise levels down and to generally respect The Cow's neighbours at all times when attending The Cow, including when outside or leaving the premises.*



Yours sincerely

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Councillors,

I am writing to ask you to please allow The Cow to continue trading.

I have lived in the neighbourhood for 25 years and previously lived

The Cow is an icon in Notting Hill and the hub of our community, the one place where you can go and feel connected to every person in the room, to know you are part of something human and real, with entirely delicious food. This vibe goes beyond words and makes life feel like living! It is a place where a number of my most vivid memories were made. Without The Cow and a sense of warmth, the neighbourhood would have no soul and simply be blocks of flats with people living in isolation. Sad.

In all my years living there, I have not once experienced any public noise, disruption, disorderly conduct, crime, lack of safety, or anything negative while visiting The Cow, walking by or being nearby. It is a hub of good vibes and happy souls.

Please allow The Cow to continue trading and let our community continue to gather for a good life.

Thank you,

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir

I understand you are undertaking a licence review of The Cow public house in Westbourne Park Road. As a regular visitor to The Cow I have not experienced any crime, disorder or public nuisance which I believe are the reasons for your review.

In my opinion The Cow represents a good example of community focus. It has a unique food offering and friendly helpful staff.

Best Regards

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to show my support for The Cow on Westbourne Park Road.

The Cow is very much an old fashioned proper pub which is much loved and supported not just by the local community but by a much wider community as a hub of the area and a well known destination for out of towners. It is a beacon of light to many people to meet, connect and of course enjoy its fantastic food. All served by wonderful staff led by Petro and Luca. It is the fabric of Notting Hill.

Personally it holds fantastic memories of birthdays, dinners with friends, quick drinks post work, never having to ever arrange to meet a friend necessarily as you will always know a friendly face will be there whether you know them or not. Remember Cheers? Well the same vibe but with much better beer and amazing food! The Cow is a old friend full of a wonderful mix of people all happy to lend an ear, give advice, celebrate an occasion or feed you until you are full. The Cow does not discriminate who you are or where you are from.

I most certainly have never suffered any crime, disorder or safety issues there at all. The staff are very good at keeping people in check if necessary and safe, of which we all respect as it is such a much loved place. We, the customers, CARE about The Cow.

As many pubs have changed hands/clientele or closed down over the years The Cow has carried on for 26 years, and I have enjoyed a good 11 of them and wish to for many more years to come.

Yours sincerely [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you as a long term resident of [REDACTED] as I understand Westminster Council are currently reviewing the Cow's licence.

I moved into the area in 1995 and first went to the Cow in 1997. I've been a customer since then. It's a 'true public house' - it's well run, friendly, serves good quality food and beverage and where people from all walks of life are welcome. It's a place where I feel comfortable meeting friends but also feel happy to take work colleagues and my parents, who are struck by its convivial atmosphere. Over the years it has earned a positive reputation that has spread throughout London and beyond.

In the time I've been going there I've very rarely seen the kind of bad behaviour often associated with popular pubs. I was there when it reopened on July 4 last year, the first day after lockdown. Although I didn't see it, I was aware that there had been a fight that night - notable because such incidents are so rare in the Cow! My understanding was that the fight was between young men, some of who had come over from the Westbourne pub across the road. Given it was the first day the pubs had been open in nearly four months it was perhaps not a surprise that such an incident took place.

The Cow is one of the last true pubs left in the area, making it a real asset of community value. A couple of years ago a well known local resident passed away - the Cow was the obvious place for his many friends to meet and console each other. It's the place of choice for many in the local community to gather at Christmas and on other special occasions.

I believe it would be a huge loss to the area should it be closed, so was saddened to hear its licence was under review. The events of last year have been unprecedented making communal spaces more important than ever. It's often said that the difference between Covid and the war/blitz - was that during the war pubs and schools remained open which helped foster community spirit. I would be grateful if you could consider my comments, which are shared by many local people, in the forthcoming review of the Cow's licence.

Regards,  
[REDACTED]

I would be grateful if you could consider my comments, which are shared by many local people, in the forthcoming review of the Cow's licence.

Regards,  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whoever this may concern,  
I'm emailing regarding the review of the Cow London on Westbourne grove. [REDACTED] and have grown up there, I consider it my second home and for it to close would be completely heartbreaking. I can assure you I've only ever seen people having a great time and never come across 'crime and disorder' like you've stated there is. It's a place I hold very close to my heart, as do a large majority of West London... Calling it the best pub in West London may sound biased but I can assure you that many others feel the same way, I've had people come up to me and say that they love it so much because it's 'a place where everyone is accepted.' and if that isn't a reason why the Cow is a great asset to the community then I'm not sure what is. When I heard it was being reviewed I was in shock, not only have I grown up there but I have also worked there so I've spent a lot of time in the pub and have never experienced any 'public nuisance', nor have I experienced 'safety issues' like it's been said there is. This year the pandemic changed a lot and we couldn't operate as usual, but we made sure that everyone social distanced and The Cow hired many security guards to enforce that rule. The Cow closing would be so heartbreaking for many and I honestly pray it doesn't come to that.

Best regards,  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Westminster City Council,

I believe The Cow is an asset to the people, the neighborhood, and London and should retain its license. I can only attest to this because each time I visit, I've had nothing but comforting meals, great service, and made memories with friends old and new. [REDACTED], I didn't know anyone. A co-worker suggest The Cow. My first visit was on a typically British night in November with my visiting sister after our first Premier League match. We strolled in, found a table in back on the first floor, and it was the quintessential end to our evening. We sat in back, ordered a few pints, had the best fish stew around, and settled in. The mood was light hearted, food and service exceptional, and I felt at home.

From this first visit, I've been back many times. When friends visit from out of town, I make a booking. It is a place that retains that special something despite all the changes around it and I think that combination makes it a revered place for all of us. I have never experienced crime or disorder, public nuisance, or safety issues while visiting. I have always experienced a welcoming atmosphere and service and exceptionally comforting food and drinks. The Cow and all of its patrons due live up their moniker, "Eat Heartily & give the House a good name," and I look forward to my next visit with friends once this is all behind us.

Thank you and keep well.

Best,  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Please reconsider your action against the Cow. Having been bought up in west London the Cow pub has been and always will be my go to venue to meet friends and family alike in the area. It serves the best Guinness and oysters, this side of a Dublin and it is the beating heart of the area. Not once have I experienced any crime or antisocial behaviour there.

Yours respectfully,  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

I am writing in connection with the upcoming review of the licence of the The Cow public house on Westbourne Park Road.

I have been going to The Cow regularly since it opened twenty six years ago. I have always found it to be a safe

*and friendly environment, serving excellent food and run by a highly efficient and professional staff under the leadership of its owner Tom Conran.*

*Having visited on numerous occasion with friends, business colleagues and family I have never witnessed any violent or unacceptably anti-social behaviour, and have never felt concerned for my for my own safety or for any other of its patrons, or the general public.*

*It is of course a pub and like any others I have frequented there have been occasions when individuals have drunk too much however the staff have dealt with the problem with the utmost courtesy and professionalism. There is a zero tolerance policy upheld by the staff and management, to ensure the enjoyment of their patrons.*

*It's a credit to the Cow that the majority of their staff are full time employees of many years' standing who take great pride in the personality and reputation of the pub and have maintained high standards throughout its many years I understand that the issues that have led to the current review of The Cow's licence have all occurred in the past year where we have had to endure the difficulties of Covid.*

*The government's pandemic related restrictions have been changing constantly since the pandemic began, and often appear to be wholly arbitrary. The confusion around them has been further compounded by different rules being applied by the four nations, and further regional differences within those nation over different time periods. The government's messaging and implementation of those greatly varying regulations has been at best muddled, confusing and contradictory.*

*We are living in extraordinary times where so many have been severely affected both financially and also suffering mental health issues and the one thing that people can see on the horizon is the ability to go out and socialise. Many hospitality business have had to close and therefore the ones that have survived should be encouraged and supported.*

*It would be astonishing for The Cow to be punished by removing its licence for the alleged infringements when it is such a safe haven for so many people....and indeed you would be removing a local institution which in these times would be detrimental to the reputation of the City of Westminster Council.*

*Yours faithfully*

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern*

*I am writing in support of The Cow and for them to retain their license to operate.  
I grew up around the corner for the pub. It has always been an important, vibrant and safe meeting place for all our family and friends .  
I currently live in Singapore. When returning to London, the first place I meet my family for a meal is The Cow. Please do not take away such an important meeting place for our community.  
As you will see, The Cow is such an important part of the local community. Don't remove one the few places we have left.*

*Thank you regards.*

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Westminster City Council,*

*I would like to share my thoughts about one of the most wonderful pubs London has within its centre: The Cow.*

*Personally, The Cow has played a key role in that it has made my arrival in this city so much more colourful than it already can be. It is a place where I and everybody I have ever had the opportunity to introduce to it were*



welcomed in the friendliest and most personal form. With a unique charme the team has managed to make every visit special.

In very few places come people from so many backgrounds, countries and probably taste in beer and sports together peacefully and at eye level like at The Cow.

It is therefore an important place not just for me, but everybody who I introduced to it and especially those who didn't have the chance to experience the hospitality and the unexpectedly fantastic Oysters or Chicken Kievs.

At the very least I can confirm that I have not experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow. I would much rather confirm that I have experienced wonderful people, ideas and overall an outstanding time.

Thank you very much for your time and I hope this will help with your decision making process about the potential future of the place and its people.

Kind regards,

Received: 5 Mar 2021 by Neighbour  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to appeal on behalf of The Cow in Westbourne Park Road, London W2 5QH, which i believe to be one of the best pubs and dining venues in London!

I have never experienced any criminal activity in or around the establishment and I truly wish that the license will be extended for the continued existence of this marvellous pub..

Best wishes,

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it concerns,

I don't quite understand what has happened that I should find myself in the position of me having to write this email.

How on earth is there a situation where Westminster Council are issuing a review of The Cow Restaurant and Dining Rooms Premises Licence?

I am shocked beyond words. The Cow is not only a local institution it is a London institution and indeed British institution. I have lived in this community for over 20 years and The Cow is a centre point to our community providing a wonderful environment to meet with friends, colleagues and family. I am sure that I don't just speak for myself but also for the thousands upon thousands of people who would echo my words. For any of my friends visiting from abroad a visit to London is not complete without the British tradition of a pint in The Cow.

I protest in the strongest terms to this "licence review" by Westminster Council.

The voices of the local community need to be heard so that the council can fully understand how important The Cow is to our local community.

What on earth is going on? What has prompted this review?

I believe that this "review" must be carried out thoroughly and be publicly available so that we all might understand what a colossal piece of mismanagement is occurring here.

*The Cow Pub, Restaurant and Dining Rooms plays an essential role in the cohesiveness of this community.*

*I very much look forward to hearing back from the council as I am sure does the rest of this community.*

Kind regards,

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Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear all,

*I wanted to send a quick email regarding the potential closure of The Cow pub (Ref: 21/00981/LIREVP).*

*I can't say how tough this would be to see this pub go under. This really is an institution and an excellent showcase for London pubs and London's culture generally. We are a large group of friends and see The Cow as our 'home' pub; couldn't fathom to see it close.*

*The Cow, so much more than any other pub in the surrounding area, is a beacon of multi-culturalism and a perfect spot where people of all backgrounds, colours and ages meet and mingle and I'm always so proud of London when I experience the vast diversity of the crowds there - without a doubt this is what gives the venue an energy that can't just be replicated but has taken years to mature. I can't think of how it would benefit the local area for this pub to close. The benefits it brings to the community, which more than ever have been tested this year, must far outweigh any negatives which are generally associated with pubs, noise, drinking etc.*

*I really do beg you to keep The Cow open and ensure that the local community - the rich and poor, the old and young - have this pub at their disposal to ensure that when we emerge from the darkness of 2020 and lockdown we all have our favourite pub to return to and make up for lost time and rebuild friendships and a feeling of community spirit and togetherness (and also to once again enjoy the outstanding fish stew).*

Thanks for listening as well, ██████████

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Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Hi,

*Wanted to send my email of objection to the closure of The Cow pub, a truly iconic establishment of Notting Hill and the focal point of so many memories for all types of people. The Cow has a unique feel and incredible food that is not matched by the other generic pub establishments of Notting Hill. Losing The Cow would be a huge blow to the area and another jewel of West London would be lost, a place of work and meeting for the whole community gone.*

*The Pub attracts such a variety of people from all backgrounds colours and ages to meet and converse. We have seen the importance of social interactions in the year of COVID and how important contact with others in the social environment can pull us out of the misery. The Cow represents everything I love about London and I have been proud to have it in my local area, I cannot emphasise enough the value of this establishment to the surrounding area but more broadly London - it is everything we should be celebrating.*

*My household ██████████ will be absolutely devastated if the closure goes through and there would certainly be one less reason to remain in Notting Hill. I really urge you to reconsider the unreasonable closure of this historic Pub, and tens of thousands of others would agree.*

Many thanks,

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**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of not only The Cow pub and its wonderful staff, and management but on behalf of all of London, as for me The Cow is the embodiment of what makes the cities hospitality industry so unique and special.

I have been visiting The Cow for 15-years. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] I have entertained visitors ranging from recent university graduating children with their friends, all the way up to CEO's of large Japanese corporation at The Cow. The welcome is always the same. A place where all are treated equal in an atmosphere that reflects the evolution of the London Pub experience. A few years back I took my retired parents to The Cow. My father was actually [REDACTED] which gave him more than a right to an opinion on London and pubs. In his own words, "this is exactly what a pub should feel like"....."friendly, warm, escapist, egalitarian, a place where no one is judged". He ended with "THIS IS A PROPER PUB".

For me to hear that Westminster in considering closing this establishment is a true disaster. It actually makes me question why would I choose to return to live in London after the pandemic, if our future is nothing more than branded restaurants, pubs owned by celebrity chefs under the horrible name "gastro-pub", and an atmosphere that is on a one-way ticket to sterile conformity. Maybe it is people like me that you want to remove, so you can fill the houses with more foreign second home owners running off for their plates of sushi, and dim sum?

All I have to say is "God save The Cow".

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to show my support for the renewal of licensing for THE COW on Westbourne Park Rd.

[REDACTED] and patron of this public house for 26 years. During this entire period I have never witnessed any disturbances or trouble, only good nature and conviviality.

The public house is well loved by locals and visitors alike, it's quality and reputation bring repeat custom from within the community as well as international visitors who have a special love for the pub and it's unique atmosphere.

The most diverse and discerning people are drawn to The Cow, it employs locals, uses fine sustainable produce and provides a safe and happy haven.

This has been the most difficult 12 months for everyone, individuals and business have struggled. So many local pubs have been lost in recent years and their importance for community, friendship and mental health is well documented.

I implore you not to deprive the people of this gem of a pub.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern Licensing Westminster Council

As a long standing customer of The Cow No 89 Westbourne Park Road London W2 5QH. I would like to draw

*your attention to the fact that The Cow has served as a fantastic restaurant, and pub and an important community place in the area.*

*Many many well known people have enjoyed the amazing social interaction, the warmth and depth of character of the place itself.*

*When the Cow was opened in 1995, it was a unique concept, Tom Conran travelled to Ireland and France and U.K to gather material for his pub, I remember it well and he gave us this wonderful eclectic flavoured environment to enjoy, fresh oysters A lovely pint of Guinness, with a feeling that we could be in Brittany or somewhere close to the sea. Ofcourse we weren't, stepping out we faced a council estate and the end of Westbourne Park Road, nothing was happening in that part of the road, until Tom came and made something from nothing.*

*So now we are 26 years done the line, 26 years thats a long time and its classified as an establishment now, its part of the fabric of the community of that part of London and spills over into RBKC. We as a community want to remain a community, we want these places to exist and be part of the heritage of the area. The council has a civic duty to hold the community together if it really cares about the people.*

*In all the time the Cow has been in existence its more then paid its way the council has received alot of money in Business Rates, licensing fees etc, many people have received honest employment from working there, suppliers have received good revenue, for there produce etc. This is a chain and its incumbent on you the council to help business not to shut them down. Families have a place in this the Cow's revenue supports Families as well, has this been thought about ?.*

*No I absolutely do not support the closing of the Cow theres no good reason to do this and it will hurt people, and it will damage the community who like to go there and be part of a community. We want community, not closed down sad frontage. We have already been through enough here, without closing one of the most well known respected meeting places and good food places in London.*

Kind Regards, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

re reference : 21/00981/LIREVP

*I am writing to you in respect to the Cow's license and hope that you will review this and approve it as consider this to be one of the most special pubs in London. Not only is it an institution it is part of the local community and I have visited this pub for over 20 years and never seen any nuisance or safety issues or crime.*

*It would be a terrible shame to lose this incredible authentic pub. Too many have been lost and this one has a particular character that you just cannot find elsewhere.*

Regards  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

*I was deeply saddened to hear that The Cow's license was in question, and may not be renewed. It would be such a great loss to not only notting hill, but to London as a whole.*

*It's rare to find a place with as much charm, and unique energy as The Cow. When it comes to finding somewhere to celebrate it is always the first stop for friends and family alike. It is not often that a venue appeals to all generations, and it would bring so much sadness to so many to lose this. At a time when we all are looking so much forward to being able to come together it is unfathomable to think that we won't have places like this to look forward to at the end of such a bleak year. Additionally, I have never once witnessed anti-social behavior that is not expected at any drinking establishment. I believe that the owners, managers, and staff members are nothing but respectful and quick to act if anything that is not deemed appropriate were to occur. They truly love their pub and go out of their way to make it a safe place for their customers, and the surrounding community.*

*I can assure you that if you've ever had a perfect pint of Guinness pulled, or a plate of their unbeatable bangers and mash or chicken Kiev you would never be able to even consider taking this establishment away from all of*

their loyal and loving customers. I'm sure you've received endless emails saying how special this place is for so many, and I hope that they show you just how much it would be missed. Like many others my first stop after lockdown would unquestionably be the cow and I hope that this is still possible.

All my best,

Received: by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Council

I am writing to you in support of my local pub The Cow. I've been a regular there for 25 years and would just like to tell you what a big part of the local community it is.

The Cow always observe national holiday celebrations like St George's day, St David's day, Burn's night and of Course Carnival. They really make a effort to decorate the pub out depending on which celebration it is and the pub gets a very good crowd in on those nights.

They always have doormen monitoring the entrance and crowd. I can honestly say I have never seen any bad behaviour inside or outside the Cow at these events or any other night. I've always had the feeling of being safe inside and outside the Cow.

I'd also like to mention how professional all the staff are. Also how generous Mr Conran can be. To times stand out for me.

1. He held a benefit night for the victims of Grenfell and raised thousands of pounds.

2. On St George's night a group of about eight men came into the Cow to celebrate the night. Nobody knew them as regulars. After a hour I started talking to them and they informed me they were firemen from the Paddington fire station and they saw all the St George's flags outside earlier that day and decided to celebrate St George's day in the Cow that evening. I told them they were all hero's because of Grenfell and then told Mr Conran who they were and he came and introduced himself to the firemen and announced to them and the staff that anything the firemen wanted that evening was on the house. This really lifted the evening having these hero's in the pub and everyone showed the firemen love and respect.

This is the kind of pub the Cow is.

It truly would be shame for it to close after all the fantastic year it's been part of the community.

The last year has been very difficult for everyone. So I ask you to please consider the massive service the Cow does for the community and please let them continue with the great service they do for us all in the area.

Kind regards

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Hi

Please don't close The Cow.

it is a fine example of an authentic british Pub. It feels like a local in a big city.

Even though I'm all the way in Dalston, I'm always prepared to make the trip as it's one of my favourite establishments.

There's a diverse collection of people that visit the pub, and you always end up chatting to strangers... which I just feel is so unusual these days.

Closing The Cow will leave a massive dent within the local community, but also in London as whole.

DO the right thing.

Best Wishes,

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

re. The Cow reference number: 21/00981/LIREVP

Long live the Cow...when I travel to visit my visit my daughters [REDACTED]  
I always look forward to visit the Cow it is a wonderful meeting place. I have not any experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting. The Cow has cheerfully and successfully enriched culture and connection to Westbourne Park's community for 26 years, striving for the best. It is wonderful local meeting place providing a vital service in combating loneliness and isolation, creating the opportunity for people to connect and embrace their community.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Please accept this email as my strong support for the continuation of licensing for the Cow Pub.

[REDACTED] who has frequented the Cow often and have never experienced crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety whilst there.

The Cow is a great pub and must be allowed to continue to support our thriving community.

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/ Madam

The Cow, Notting Hill.

I was both deeply saddened and somewhat perplexed to receive the news that yet another of Notting Hill's iconic destinations is under threat, and that on this occasion, it is under threat from the very body that should be supporting and nurturing its own borough's precious cultural jewels right now, rather than inadvertently or worse still, deliberately threatening them.

If I have understood the position correctly, apparently the affected / afflicted local residents outnumber the Cow's patrons, and as such their views must be heard ?

This in itself, is a laudable position which I fully support, but I am afraid that the notion that anyone living in the vicinity of either the Westbourne and the Cow - during at least the last 25 years - didn't know that they were living next to two of the most perennially popular and iconic pub/restaurants in London, is utterly ridiculous, and indeed, was likely one of the reasons they moved there in the first place.

This is an example of a current property listing by Hamptons online:

Situated just off Portobello Road in the heart of Notting Hill offering easy access to many restaurants, shops and bars. Westbourne Grove is also nearby offering an array of fashionable boutique shops, cafes and restaurants.

In time, is there the possibility also, that Portobello Road market will suffer a similar fate, because the setting up of the stalls on a Saturday morning is rather vexatious for the locals ?

I have been a patron of both the Westbourne and the Cow over the last 25 years, and throughout this period, there has been an emphasis placed on respectful and neighbourly behaviour by the owners of both establishments - and, an ever shrinking space to drink outside - simply to afford neighbours the opportunity to imagine that they didn't in fact, choose to live next to two stalwarts of the London restaurant / bar scene.

May I please very respectfully suggest, that you consider with enormous care and interest, precisely what you believe the cultural and socio economic impact of your decision will be, and also what kind of borough you're

wishing to shape going forward: Notting Hill is an iconic destination globally and the Cow is one of a tiny remaining number of jewels in that crown; to harm it would be to sound the death knell for the cultural health of the entire borough.

I very much hope that you will evaluate this matter with the gravitas that it deserves, and that furthermore, you will reach a conclusion that adequately reflects the contribution the Cow has made both to Notting Hill, and to London's wider, unique profile in the world.

Best wishes

Very sincerely yours, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern

As a resident of the neighbourhood, it's brought to my attention that there are plans to close this wonderful public house that has served as a focal point of the community for decades.

As someone who lives within a stone's throw of this establishment I find it bemusing that the council believes that it's in the public interest to close The Cow down - in the 15+ years I've been in the neighbourhood I've yet to hear of or witness a single complaint least of all issues relating to crime, disorder and safety.

I would wholeheartedly recommend keeping the pub open and maintaining it's role in the local community.

Best, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Good Evening,

I'm writing with reference to The Cow which is a Notting hill institution which we simply cannot lose.

As a local resident I have been a customer at The Cow for over ten years and have never witnessed any crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues while visiting during that time.

I most certainly hope the outcome of your review will be a positive one for The Cow, the establishment is unique in its offering and heritage and it will leave a huge hole in the area. At a time which is verging on catastrophic for the F&B industry it would be extremely disappointing if a place, which is so well-loved, were forced to shut.

Kind regards  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED],  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

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I'm emailing regarding the review of the Cow London on Westbourne grove. [REDACTED] and have grown up there, I consider it my second home and for it to close would be completely heartbreaking. I can assure you I've only ever seen people having a great time and never come across 'crime and disorder' like you've stated there is. It's a place I hold very close to my heart, as do a large majority of West London... Calling it the best pub in West London may sound biased but I can assure you that many others feel the same way, I've had people come up to me and say that they love it so much because it's 'a place where everyone is accepted.' and if that isn't a reason why the Cow is a great asset to the community then I'm not sure what is. When I heard it was being reviewed I was in shock, not only have I grown up there but I have also worked there so I've spent a lot of time in the pub and have never experienced any 'public nuisance', nor have I experienced 'safety issues' like it's been said there is. This year the pandemic changed a lot and we couldn't operate as usual, but we made sure that everyone social distanced and The Cow hired many security guards to enforce that rule. The

*Cow closing would be so heartbreaking for many and I honestly pray it doesn't come to that.*

*Best regards,*

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

21/00981/LIREVP

*The Cow is a serious cultural asset to the area.*

*Were it to be closed, I would consider it a local tragedy.*

*The area will have been robbed of part of its character.*

*Anti-social behaviour is a risk that is inevitable to any venue that caters to night life.*

*However I have found that the staff and bouncers at The Cow have always dealt with any rare incidents swiftly, efficiently and safely.*

*Because of this I have always considered The Cow a very safe environment, and a pub that experiences far less trouble than your average in London.*

*I believe that as a business over the years they have shown the utmost professionalism, and have always considered the health and safety of their patrons as their highest priority.*

*It is the wishes, of every local person I have spoken to, that it remains open.*

*Thank you very much,*

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*I object to the cow pub losing its license.*

*'The Cow Pub' in my opinion is one of the last true refuges of hope in an ever changing London. An establishment that has stuck to its roots and never got above herself. You can have Stella McCartney at one side of you at the bar and a big issue seller at the other. Both served with the same warmth and respect that every patron who should stride across its threshold deserve. Something I feel is being lost to London as a whole.*

*In the 18 years I've had the pleasure of calling it "my local", I've never heard one argument, nor seen one act of violence, nor seen the staff having to deal with someone being unruly. That's the beauty of the place, respect given, respect shown.*

*I met my first wife on the green bench in the corner after only three weeks of being in London. All the tables at my wedding reception were named after pubs with the cow taking center stage, so no doubt I have a sentimental history with my pub.*

*Hailing from Scotland, all my family and friends who've been down to visit me over the years have all been to the cow. Any trip down is not complete with a visit, nor the customary question, "what day are we going to the cow?". I even been asked the same question from friends far and wide across the globe.*

*Regards*

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir or Madam,*

*I was sorry to hear that the licence for The Cow was under review and would like to offer a few words in support of its renewal. I am not normally a huge pub-goer, but I don't consider the Cow to be a run-of-the-mill pub, and therefore visit it as often as time permits when I am in London.*



*I invariably find the staff welcoming, the friendly clientele a wide mixture of all ages and professions, the food completely exceptional; in short I consider the Cow to be a perfect exemplar of the community watering-hole, and the area would be the poorer were it not to have its licence renewed.*

*I have never felt less than 100% safe either inside or outside the Cow, nor witnessed any untoward behaviour by customers there. In my experience the noise generated from tables outside is considerably less than other establishments in the immediate vicinity.*

*I do hope The Cow will be able to trade long into the future, as I really value it as the kind of public house which is so rare in London now, the kind that really puts its stamp on a community and in return becomes an emblem of that community, through its determination not to constantly reinvent itself to no discernible purpose, but just to celebrate its long-established individuality and be a great neighbourhood public house.*

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Set in the foundations of an establishment of twenty six years are the whispers of conversations of love found, lost, laughs & reminiscences over good food & pints.  
Some of them are mine...Life,Love & Not lost...The Cow*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern re: The Cow in Westbourne Park.*

*I have dined at this fine establishment many times over the past fifteen years.*

*It is a charming venue, a little hidden gem, a lovely quiet pub/restaurant, serving good food, with charming staff and friendly clientele.*

*It meets the needs of the local community and their guests. I felt it provided a safe venue for me to take an [REDACTED] by to enjoy some decent food without all the noise of busier streets. Safe and accommodating for an elderly couple so please keep this wonderful venue open.*

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear sirs,

[REDACTED], and enjoy since more than 20 years the unique atmosphere of the Cow when I visit one of my english friend in [REDACTED]. It will be very sad not to be able to do it anymore as local pubs are for me and many of my friends in France the essence of UK, always a most cherished country to us amid recent Brexit event.

Hope my plea will be taken in consideration.

Best regards.

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam

*I hope this correspondence finds you healthy and hopeful.*

*A little note in your ear if I could.  
A little tug of your heartstrings and a tiny rattle to cheer you on...*

*I am writing on wounded, bended knees and outstretched arms ~ please, please, please consider The Cow. Consider the mighty, warm, delightful, unique, historic, meteoric, accomplished, delicious, flamboyant and elegant Cow.*

*It is a place to keep alive and kicking, safe from harm... it is a wonder it is a pleasure and it is all that is good about community, society and friendship.  
It is managed and cared for by noble men and women who know the value of a place to go when all is lost and all is found... it is cherished and it is valued by its customers.  
It embraces culture and cultures, it brings together opposites and alike, it shares this celebration.  
It is safe place ~ it is a place to reliably visit without fear of mischief or mayhem...*

*I value it.  
I cherish it.  
I am not alone.*

*This place is a piece of peace in a time of uncertainty and fear.  
This place is a warm welcome and cheer.*

*Please allow it to remain and let it to continue to serve its neighbourhood for the good of the good for good.*

Thank you. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Good morning,  
*I'm writing in support of The Cow pub. I've lived in the area for over 30 years and have been a regular visitor to The Cow with friends and family. It provides food at an incredibly high standard, (the fish stew is second to none and the Guinness is just perfect. To think that it's in danger of survival is unthinkable, I've never experienced any issues with crime, only a convivial atmosphere and a welcoming, caring staff who care about their clientele. I'm saddened that after all this time Westminster council could contemplate it's closure, the British pub forms an important part of our culture where communities talk, listen and shake off the rigours of life.  
Best wishes,  
[REDACTED]*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

*I have been informed that one of my favourite pubs, The Cow, 89, Westbourne Park Road, London, W2 5QH, is under licence review.*

*I would like to register my opinion that it would be a great loss to the community if this pub were to be lost. It is a beautiful pub, a place where people can feel safe in a relaxed atmosphere, with excellent food and drink. There is never, to my knowledge, any threat or anti-social behaviour. It is host to the best St. Patrick's celebration in London, always spirited but never rowdy.*

*Please allow The Cow to continue!*

Yours faithfully,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**



publicans over the past 26 years, and I know we are all proud to call the Cow our local. Please don't underestimate the impact it will have on not only the owners but its patrons if it is closed.

I implore you to renew their licence. The Cow must stay.

Best regards,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: by  
OBJECTION**

Good evening,  
[REDACTED]

I am writing to you in response to your review of The Cow  
I have been a guest and customer at The Cow for at least 20 years.  
I work overseas in some unsavoury countries and find that returning home to The Cow i hanker for the safe space that it is, that I will find good friends, good conversation and a happy place to enjoy a few hours.

The Cow means the world to me as I have made many good and close friends there from chance encounters.

The Cow is a community space where you meet people from all walks of life. The decorator, market trader, professor, maitre D, rock n roll singer, BBC commentators, artist, maker of hats.. the list goes on. Safe to say the clientele are eclectic.

All are made welcome with equal hospitality.

I am by profession someone who observes many things the average person doesn't and i can say with good heart that i have never encountered anything that could be described as 'Crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues.' Nor would the staff there permit such things to happen. A place that did would not get my custom - i just don't need that when i return home. Even during Carnival when so many places suffer issues i can say honestly i have never seen such a positive energy and generosity of spirit.

Pubs that are also dog friendly are a rarity these days and both myself and my dog have been made extraordinarily welcome.

The staff there have the ability to make you all feel part of one big happy family and that is to be embraced and championed.

I can not fathom what has prompted this review, but i am sure it will show the esteem amongst the community that the Cow is held in.

Establishments such as The Cow should be cherished.  
[REDACTED]

**Received: by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

Please be advised that I have been a patron of The Cow for over 20 years.  
I did not live in the area when I first started to enjoy the friendly ambience, good beer and great food that this pub consistently provides but when the opportunity arose it was one of the reasons that me and my family moved nearby.

I have never seen any type of public disorder or even heard third hand of such behaviour in all the time that I have been going to The Cow.

It is a pub where you know that your family will always be safe.

As an ex licensee of a potentially volatile premises I am always impressed by the way in which the management and staff conduct themselves and work hard to ensure that this great place continues to be such a relaxed and welcoming local community establishment.

In conclusion it is a massive asset to the area.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you think that I may be of any assistance or you require further

clarification.

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: by**  
**OBJECTION**

To Whom it May Concern:

We write in full support in maintaining the The Cow Saloon Bar & Dining rooms open.

Since we have [REDACTED], this pub has welcomed both my husband and I (and friends) with open arms, contributing to the much cherished feeling of community. We have, over the years, made friends whilst dining and drinking at The Cow, and have missed it tremendously since the beginning of lockdown. To turn your back to an established community institution like this one would be extremely unfair, especially during a time when we should all be supporting each other.

Last but not least, I have never experienced any crime or safety issues coming from The Cow, in fact, quite the contrary. The real concern is the crime that is happening around the area, which has very little to do with their premises.

I sincerely hope the council abandons this motion to remove their license. It will be an irreparable loss.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: by**  
**OBJECTION**

I am writing in support of The Cow Public House, Westbourne Park Road, who Premises License is, I hear, under review.

The Cow is, in my opinion, the best pub in West London. I have been a customer for more years than I care to count. It regularly appears on top lists and has an outstanding record for food and drink. It is a huge asset to the area. Furthermore I have never experienced anything but a friendly and gregarious customer base and staff retinue. The only negative I can level is that the bar is sometimes too popular.

The long and painful period of Covid restrictions has been an inconvenience for most of us but for the hospitality sector it has been a fight for survival. It is therefore not unexpected that desperation and exasperation has occurred amongst landlords. For Westminster Council to withdraw The Cow's license at this time would be beyond cruel and would surely be a very unpopular move.

Licensed premises in general, and The Cow in particular, should receive your approbation not your prohibition.

Yours faithfully,  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED],  
**Received: by**  
**OBJECTION**

Please allow the Cow to renew its license-  
I live in Hereford Road- and have celebrated good and commiserated bad times there- the same staff have tirelessly served the community- and i have never seen any anti social behavior or trouble.

Its a part of so many local lives- and such a positive part of the local community and support to so many-

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**



Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you to plead the case for The Cow restaurant and public house as an asset to the district of Westminster Council.

I used to live in the area and now work locally, with many friends and family in the same street as The Cow, I can honestly say that I have never witnessed any crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues when visiting the Cow, or even passing it in the street day and night.

I have dined in the restaurant upstairs on family occasions with children, parents and friends. All generations are welcomed warmly and the atmosphere has been consistently friendly, warm hearted and local.

It is one of the very few pubs downstairs where I feel comfortable going to on my own as a single, now middle aged woman. I will always see a friendly face and would greatly miss the opportunity to feel safe, looked after and around friends, new and old. It is a truly neighbourly establishment.

This is an Independent pub and restaurant and it greatly saddens me that its existence should be threatened in an ever increasing environment of branded chains of restaurants. Its loss would be a devastating blow to the good character of Westminster.

It is exasperating to think that an establishment that has played such a large part of my family life, my social life and now my grown children's life could be threatened by false information and reports such as these.

Please keep The Cow premises licensed.

Regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To Whom it May Concern,

As such a pillar of the community, I am very disheartened to hear of The Cow's license review. A place that is the backdrop for so many memories deserves to stay open for the next chapter and chapters to come.

Please kindly reconsider.

Kindest regards,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

I am writing to give my fervant support to the renewal of the license for The Cow, Westbourne Park Road. For many years I was a resident in neighbouring Kensington and Chelsea and, like many people who know the area well, cannot affirm strongly enough how important a part of the community The Cow is. Losing an institution like The Cow would be the first step in ripping the heart out of the community, stripping away its uniquely special character and homogenising the area. Sadly we have seen battles like this rage across London, and in most cases the only winners are real estate developers and big money corporate chains. Nearby Portobello road has been the epicentre of such recent battles, with some small concessions being finally made due to massive public outcry after various irreversible losses of age old institutions to faceless corporate brands. It would be tragic if this happened to that magical corner of Westminster that draws in so many people from far and wide. I would like to explain what makes The Cow so special. Firstly, it is a pioneer. One of the very first pubs to be able to genuinely call itself a gastropub, serving classics such as provençal Fish Stew, served with the saffron alioli bread - one of my favourite dishes of all time, amazing selection of oysters and seafood, beautiful selected meat of known quality and provenance plus great vegetarian options. Secondly the staff. Often the same faces for years and years, always recognising you and treating you with professionalism and respect, with great knowledge of the food and drinks that they serve. Also the clientele. They are an eclectic bunch but with a

hardcore of regulars, and a large percentage of people in their forties and fifties. I have never walked into The Cow and not met someone I know. In fact, several times, I have met people whom I didn't know I knew but after a friendly conversation have realised we have many friends in common. In short,

In short, The Cow represents everything a great community pub should. Great food, great company in an unpretentious and egalitarian setting. It is like a community living room, which in this world of increasing social isolation is an absolute lifeline for some. Never once, by the way, have I ever experienced any crime, violence or anti-social behaviour there. It is an absolute asset to the community.

People need great places to enjoy themselves. If they are taken away it will force people elsewhere or into private homes, a process that will remove the pillars upon which community sits. Without community what do we have? Simply places to live. We must not be short sighted. What made these areas great to start with? What makes people flood to them from all over the world? It is their uniqueness and their character. We should be celebrating and promoting institutions like The Cow for they provide the colour and flavour of the area that draws people in, keeping it vibrant both economically and socially.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

Very best regards,

Received: 2 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

I'm a Londoner born and bred, and I come back all the time (other than in lockdown). The place I always meet people is, needless to say, The Cow.

Nowhere has the same conviviality, bonhomie and quality, measured with sensible prices, in an area of London that's central and accessible. It's a proper, old-fashioned pub with that something extra that makes it special. You'll appreciate that with regulations that only the big chains can hope to meet with ease and huge overheads these individually-run places are becoming increasingly hard to find. Which should make the Cow only more precious: London needs establishments with character, not a plethora of faceless chains.

I've ever, ever, witnessed any rowdy behaviour there, had any health or safety issues or seen any crime take place: it's the essence of civilised after-work socialising or weekend family gatherings - for me and all my family, now, it's a home away from home.

If the neighbours are complaining, might I suggest, maybe, they just need to get out more?

Yours,

Received: 2 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

ear Sir/Madam

I am writing you in support of keeping The Cow pub part of the community.

The Cow has been an integral part of the community and I am shocked to hear that you are considering revoking it's license.

The Cow is one of the few remaining traditional pubs in the area that serves a diverse community - from locals to tourists to celebrities. It's a place for all that offers joy and welcome arms no matter who you are. I don't understand why Westminster would choose to revoke the licence of an employer (and a diverse employer at that) that has supported its staff through this pandemic and who offers positivity and happiness to so many.

but still consider the Cow as my local. I look forward to being served my half of Guinness by Petro at the bar and then sharing a story with a local builder or an old teddy boy! It's a fascinating and interesting place that is utterly unique. It's not a excluding gastro pub with over inflated prices.. it's a local pub. Let's keep it as it is.. please!!!

Please contact me at any time should you want to discuss

Please take this into consideration

Received: 2 Mar 2021 by





been witness to disorder, public nuisance, or misconduct and would be absolutely devastated to see The Cow go. It would leave a gaping hole in the neighbourhoods' hearts. Please don't rob us of a lifetime of fun, delicious food and community!

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

I am writing in regards to the review of the license for the Cow pub- reference number quoted above. I have lived and worked in and around Notting hill for twenty six years. The same year I came to London the Cow opened its doors round the corner from my first flat - and year in year out I have passed through it's familiar doors for a glass of wine, something to eat and to socialise with friends. This has always been the BEST public house in the area. Its everything a pub should be; Its relaxed and easy going, playing host to this unique community of the local area. It's been a hard year for everyone, and many businesses have struggled, but hospitality, as we know has been hit the hardest. Despite this, the obvious passion that the pub has for the business to survive is very evident; having turned its hand to delivering their classic dishes to our door..

To come this far, and as we finally see some light at the end of the tunnel, this kick in the teeth, with the uncertainty of this absolutely unnecessary review, must be utterly soul destroying. The Cow is only an asset to this area, and should be supported by the council to ensure that these business owners can reopen their doors, and start to rebuild their business, and us locals given the opportunity to enjoy this establishment for many, many years to come. Lastly and most importantly, I have never in all my years of visiting have ever encountered anything other than great food, drink, service and company. I can confirm that I have never experienced any of the allegations, no crime and disorder, or safety issues at all. I very much hope you listen to these heartfelt appeals from the heart of this vibrant community and do the right thing, and help this asset to the area to thrive as we start to reopen the businesses that the owners have poured so much love, dedication, hard work and energy. I look forward to a positive outcome and visiting as soon as I can.

Local

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

I am writing nervously on behalf of my favourite place in London and the quite surprising news that its licence is in jeopardy. I want to start by saying how ridiculous an idea it is that this almost family sitting room is dangerous in any way. This would be laughable to be honest if this situation wasn't so personally worrying to me. The Cow, since I made a move here from Ireland five years ago has been has been a great comfort to me as a man away from home forming new friendships and learning about a new city. There hasn't been a bad time ( and there have been many) in this experience that the mighty Petro and his wonderful smile didn't fix. It is coming up to my birthday and every birthday over the last few years have been spent in the same corner of the pub with the same woman that I love doing the same thing. Eating Oysters and drinking pints of Guinness. Those Pints and bivalves are the only constant during those special times as The Cows magic is in the wonderful and welcoming cast of characters and friends that also call it their front room just like me. Belly full, heart full and home each March 12th.

I am not going to waste my time telling whose lap this letter lands on of how vital a local pub is to its community or how especially important it will be to us after the horrors of the year we have all had. It would be flippant of me to state the obvious to someone who has been trusted as a custodian to special places like this.

I will however appeal to your better judgement to trust the voices in these letters and especially trust the true word of Thomas Conron who brought us all together and has been adding to this this city for many years just like his great father before him. Let him continue his work especially when our London is going to need all the help she can get over the coming months.

Throw open the doors of The Cow, Don't close them.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Moooo

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I write regarding*

*Westminster City Council's licensing review  
reference number: 21/00981/LIREVP*

*The Cow public house is a one off, non chain enterprise that needs to be protected, a review of the licence is not appropriate especially during this time of such hardship to local people, and struggling hospitality businesses.*

*The Cow is more than just a pub, it's a uniquely curated venue that provides more than usual pub fare, it provide a place to celebrate all occasions, it provides good creatively considered high quality food, it is a socially mixed local establishment that welcomes anyone and everyone, to review the licence effects all the normal local people that enjoy what it has to offer, not only the establishment itself.*

*During the last 25 years of enjoying the occasional visit to the Cow I have not seen the alleged crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues that have been bought to question in this review. My experience is that it is well managed, and a creative asset to the neighbourhood that would be hugely missed if it's ability to trade was hindered or curtailed.*

*Please recognise the local support for Tom Conran and the Cow.*

*Yours sincerely*  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Westminster City Council,*

*I am writing to you in regards of the license review for The Cow. Reference # 21/00981/LIREVP.*

*To whom this may concern,*

*Although this was previously assumed to be common knowledge, it now needs to be stated: The Cow is an asset, and plays a clear and crucial role in the local community.*

*The Cow is my favourite pub in London, not only for the amazing food and delicious Guinness but also for it being the place where I first met my fiancée.*

*I always look forward to going to the Cow, whether it's just for a quiet afternoon for a pint and some oysters, going for a lovely dinner, or celebrating a cultural holiday. Regardless of the occasion, the Cow is always an enchanting and joyous place to be!*

*After living through a pandemic and being forced to stay inside, it has become clear how important it is, for our mental well being, to have some sort of human connection and being able to spend time with loved ones. Right as we begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel (restriction easing and normal life returning), it feels as though our community is now being robbed of an important location; a beacon, known both locally and famously. I have longed for the Cow to finally re-open and to think that may not be possible, (due to the Westminster Council), breaks my heart.*

*The Cow is unlike any other establishment! For many, including myself, it is like a second home. It is a safe haven, where everyone feels welcomed and included, as if we are a big family. The aesthetic details speak for themselves; from the decorations for any event, down to the juke box updated weekly, loaded with vintage records and hand-written lists of songs! The Cow is loved by locals and well-known socialites alike. As a famous location is also important to discuss the positive fiscal implications of keeping the Cow alive. Have we have not even considered the positive financial impact of the community? In short, the Cow needs to stay and the people who support it will continue to do so.*

*Sincerely,*  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*I understand that you are due to conduct a licensing review of The Cow and I wanted to share with you my affection for this fine establishment and encourage you to renew the license in question.*

[REDACTED]. However my friends and I still head

back to The Cow. It is an experience like no other; the quality of the food, the welcoming staff and close quartered seating create a wonderful atmosphere.

It's a shame that in the current circumstances you can't head over to see what I mean because words cannot do it justice.

To lose a place like The Cow would be a tragedy and I hope that after due consideration you'll make the right decision.

Best

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

To whom this my concern

I am writing in connection with your licence review of the Cow, Westbourne Park Road and I am extremely saddened by this news that the licence of this Notting Hill legendary pub is under threat.

I have never experienced any crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues at this pub in the 25 years that I have lived in the area.

This pub is iconic and part of the social, cultural and economic fabric of Notting Hill.

People move into the area close to a pub like this and buy more cheaply because of their proximity to a potentially noisy pub, take the benefit of that reduced price and then try and close down the pub. It simply is not fair. It will make the area poorer for it if the licence of this famous establishment is revoked.

I have eaten succulent pints of prawns and imbibed many pints of beer amongst friends in the four walls of the Cow over the years and would miss it dearly.

The pub sector is struggling enough without upsets like this. Please save The Cow for the collective mental health of the area.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

The cow is a cornerstone of the larger west London community! It is absurd that closure is even being considered. Particularly in light of such trying times for the service industry?

This will get media attention.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

To Whom It May Concern,  
Ref: 21/00981/LIREVP

I am writing in regards to the license review on The Cow Public House.

It will explicable sadden me if The Cow Public House were to permanently close. I feel as do all my neighbours: that an 'Asset of Community Value' will be forever lost. I believe The Cow Public House is vitally important for the community's social and economic wellbeing and that of the west London area - particularly, during these difficult times.

I am closely associated to individuals that are struggling with social and financial issues - they see the pub as a place to meet friends, chat to the locals and to get some respite from their own problems.

As a resident of the area for over 26 years, I have never experience anything but polite and friendly service from the staff at the Cow. There are many public houses in the local area, all of which have undergone new management and ownership - sadly most have lost their character and community support. Please do not let The Cow Public House be another statistic.

Yours sincerely,

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear all,

I wanted to send a quick email regarding the potential closure of The Cow pub (Ref: 21/00981/LIREVP).

In my view it would be a deeply saddening event if this pub were to close. This really is an institution and an excellent showcase for London pubs and London's culture generally. I have friends who travel across the whole of London to visit the Cow and have an unique experience every time.

The Cow, so much more than any other pub in the surrounding area, is a beacon of multi-culturalism and a perfect spot where people of all backgrounds, colours and ages meet and mingle and I'm always so proud of London when I experience the vast diversity of the crowds there - without a doubt this is what gives the venue an energy that can't just be replicated but has taken years to mature. I cant think of how it would benefit the local area for this pub to close. The benefits it brings to the community, which more then ever have been tested this year, must far outweigh any negatives which are generally associated with pubs, noise, drinking etc.

I really do beg you to keep The Cow open and ensure that the local community - the rich and poor, the old and young - have this pub at their disposal to ensure that when we emerge from the darkness of 2020 and lockdown we all have our favourite pub to return to and make up for lost time and rebuild friendships and a feeling of community spirit and togetherness (and also to once again enjoy the outstanding fish stew).

Many thanks for reading

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to express my support of The Cow Bar & Dining Rooms. I have frequented this pub over the last twenty five years and it is a very important meeting place for the local community. It has an atmosphere that is very rare to find these days and brings a whole cross section of Portobello residents together, where socialising and meeting new people still exists. I have always felt it's a friendly and safe environment and I have never witnessed any disorder or crime. The loss of the pub would leave a huge hole in the fabric of the community.

Best,

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

I just wanted to register some thoughts on the Cow. And unqualified support.

I have lived in Notting Hill since 2002 and I think I first visited the Cow in around 2005. I remember the towering seafood platter I ordered and the unique feel of the place. I am pretty sure I was served Guinness by Pietro that day. And I remember the amazing combination of Guinness and oysters, which was new to me at the time. The Cow became my regular pub and I refer to the number 7 bus as "The Cow Bus".

I have met a bunch of my best friends there on mid week nights, sitting in a booth or propped up at the bar. Pietro and Lute are there seemingly every day and everyone considers them the best barmen in West London. The fish stew is magical and can't be replicated !

(I have never met the owner Tom, but I have seen him at the pub a bunch of times. )

The pub is exceptionally diverse - an old mans pub, mixed with a bunch of creatives , dentists, thespns, Irishmen,

Aussies and kiwis.. I really can't think of a racial group that doesn't wonder into the place and it is the ultimate community melting pot. I love the place and it is no exaggeration to say I would actually cry if it was ever closed down. I have always felt safe there and it's a lovely welcoming sanctuary.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my opinion about the premises license review of The Cow Pub at 89 Westbourne Park Rd, W2 5QH London, which I strongly believe is an indispensable asset for the neighbourhood.

[REDACTED]

We always considered The Cow the living hearth of the neighbourhood, a second (if not first) home, where locals could meet in peace.

We always found peace and happiness there, I really can't imagine how The Cow could represent a source of nuisance or, even more absurdly, crime.

The withdrawal of The Cow's license would represent an unbearable loss and a damage for us and undoubtedly for many other residents.

The Cow is our common house, it is the soul of this neighbourhood, its best social asset. Please don't take it away from us.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you both as a term resident of West London.

The Cow public house has been an institution for over 25 years and a real backbone to the local community. It provides a well respected hub for the area and serves high quality food/drink at affordable prices.

The Cow is a very important asset to the area and should be cherished.

I never witnessed any anti social behaviour, crime or public nuisance during my visits.

The Cow provides a refreshing change from the high street chains.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern ,

I write to you dismayed at hearing of the impending licence review for The Cow pub on Westbourne Park Road . I have been a regular customer of this wonderful community asset for well over 20 years . My working life has been and still is predominantly in [REDACTED] - and this place really has been a pillar of the local social scene for a diverse and wonderful mixture of professional and artistic people .

Even though i moved from the area 5 years ago and now live in Suffolk i spend time in the area every single week and still consider The Cow to be my 'local'. And it continues to be an important - perhaps more important

than ever - social hub in my life .

As well as the locals , It's no exaggeration to say that people travel from far and wide to eat the wonderful food and soak in the atmosphere - this establishment really is a unique and important attribute to the Notting Hill and Westminster scene.

We are all just emerging from an incredibly difficult time for individuals, communities and businesses alike ; social hubs such as The Cow will be critical for the well being of many - perhaps more than ever in the coming months ahead . To be contemplating it's forced closure seems almost unbelievable to me - and would be a huge blow to many in the community .

I do hope that you will take this into serious consideration .

Kind Regards , [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing with regards to the proposed conditions on the licence for The Cow.

I have visited the pub on many occasions over the last five years and never witnessed any criminal or disruptive behaviour. The pub is a really valuable asset to the area and would be a great loss to the local community if it were to close

I hope that your concerns can be met and The Cow can remain open.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council

I was deeply saddened by the news you are reviewing the licence for The Cow on Westbourne Park Road.

The Cow has been at the centre of the area for so many years. It's both an important place culturally and culinary. Where so many meet from all walks of life. The perfect example of local culture and a very important lynchpin to so many who live in the area and beyond. The loss of local pubs is such a blow to British heritage. A relaxed place to meet and be, to connect and talk. With technology taking over our lives and so many with their heads in a device the loss of a place for real connecting would be a real blow. It would be a huge shame for the area to lose an iconic place. It's British at its best, it's diverse honest and great. Its a safe warm and wonderful place.

I have never experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow and have been there over 100 times.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Council,

[REDACTED] and have never had any crime or safety issues whatsoever.

*The Cow draws an eclectic bunch of interesting people where all walks of life, rich, poor, varying colours and creeds all get together for the love of creativity and a social gathering.*

*The food and drink are great and it is an integral part of the Westbourne/Notting hill fabric. The pub provides a great social centre for all of the locale, to remove the license will remove part of the soul of the area, we need to preserve and look after these long-standing, respectful, independent local businesses for as long as we possibly can.*

*I trust that with all of the support you will receive from the Cow patrons, many of whom live or have lived in the direct surrounding area that the license will be preserved.*

*Thank you for your consideration,*

*Kindest*

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**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To Whom it may Concern,*

*I write to you regarding the Cow pub and dining rooms on Westbourne Park Road. I have been a regular at the Cow for many years and am concerned to hear that you are reviewing their license.*

*The Cow is a rare thing in a city like London. It creates a welcome space for locals, as well as tourists and occasional visitors. Everyone is equal, treated well and fairly. The staff, food and atmosphere is entirely unique. It has been the setting for so many important moments in my life in London, including the place I chose to take my infant baby daughter to meet her godparents, and my elderly parents for countless dinners and lunches. As a woman I have always completely comfortable stopping in alone for a glass of wine or supper. Day or night. In my professional capacity working on relocating international clients to live in London it's always where I take my most important and valued clients. It's authentic and special, and the long-standing staff and locals, many of whom have become good friends would be devastated at its loss.*

*I have never experienced any sort of issue relating to safety, public nuisance, crime or disorder. In fact I can honestly say it's one of the better establishments for creating a warm and safe environment for its patrons.*

*In these incredibly hard times, it's so important to value the hospitality industry in our amazing city. The Cow is integral to the locality, the culture and vibrancy of London. It is so much more than just a place to eat and drink. Please accept this letter as a sincere plea to do all you can to allow it to continue.*

*Sincerely,* ██████████

• ██████████ -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Madam/Sir,*

*I am writing to you in support of The Cow restaurant and pub on Westbourne Park Rd. W2, London. It made me very sad and a bit anxious to hear that this long-standing local establishment is currently being challenged to keep its doors open.*

*The Cow has, for many, many years, been a place for locals to gather and socialize, celebrate, meet new people, and let's not forget, enjoy GREAT food. It's a family business run by a local resident who only ever wanted and still does, only the best for his guests, friends, and family. The memories I have of this establishment are many. Beautiful times, fun times, sad days have turned brighter at The Cow. It's a place to gather and laugh and forget your worries for a bit, which we all have our fair share, especially in the current climate. I celebrated my wedding at The Cow, many birthdays, shared other friends numerous special days there and I am only one of many who can say the exact same about this little gem.*

*Taking away this local pub and restaurant would be a huge disappointment for many people all around the world; I still meet people in different countries who know and love The Cow and always smile when the name is brought up. That says something about a place. It's part of the neighborhood and it's good times, good vibes, and happiness in a world where sometimes that's hard to come by.*



*I hope this letter will give you some insight into what this place means to me and so many others.*

*Please don't take it away.:*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear licensing officers,*

*We [REDACTED], are writing to you about our favourite pub in west London "The Cow" on Westbourne Park road. We have always lived in this area and were so happy when it opened 26years ago as it provided a very nice civilised local place we could all meet in, providing delicious food and cosy, welcoming ambiance. It felt safe and clean and happy. We never saw rowdy elements, nor crime, nor disorder, no public nuisance either and great safety in place.*

*We need places like this to keep communities together and leading example of behaviour for other establishments around, it creates a happy environment and has always been in control. We never encountered problems and as many lovely pubs have closed locally it remains important to keep those special ones going, just like in France or Spain or Italy where locals can gather to their cafés, bars to exchange news and chatter. This pub "The Cow" has been a front runner for offering fantastic food upstairs and in pub a choice of freshly cooked or fished fare. How lucky we are.*

*Taking this life away will transform this area into another dormitory town, where everyone stays in their house and having this pub means I feel safe walking the street as there is people! Keep our city alive and happy, not another high street clothes shop, or chain coffee shop, this is still Portobello, Notting Hill, why is there a threat to close such gems.*

*Sincerely yours,*  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir or Madam,*

*I am writing to you in order to give my full support and love for The Cow in response to the bizarre news that Westminster City Council have issued a review of The Cow's premises license.*

*The Cow is one of the greatest establishments in our city, housing beautiful food, wine, experiences and people. The diverse array of patrons married with the tantalisingly tasty delights result in The Cow being a true gem of West London.*

*I have been a patron in The Cow with family, friends, colleagues and the lot - and have even been supporting them throughout lockdown by ordering via Deliveroo. The Cow is truly a unique institute of Notting Hill and must be saved at all costs. I have been frequenting for years across many different days of the week and I have never once experienced crime or disorder, safety issues or public nuisances in my hundreds of times of being there.*

*I hope common sense prevails and this majestic and special place can continue to stay open and be the cultural hub of society, fun and friendship of which it is.*

*Reference No: 21/00981/LIREVP*

*Best,*  
[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Licensing Team,*

*I am writing to provide a strong endorsement of The Cow, both as a high quality restaurant and as an important part of our local culture and neighbourhood culture.*

*I understand that there is a review of their licence, reviewing claims of public nuisance, safety and crime/disorder in the area.*

*In my experience of The Cow, living locally in Westminster, I have never experienced any of the above in relation to their operation. In fact, quite the opposite. I regularly choose The Cow to take clients for meals, bring family for a treat or simply enjoy an evening with my spouse.*

*I would be interested to learn how such claims have arisen, as they are so far from my experience of the business. I have been looking forward to a return to The Cow since the start of lockdown and I fully intend to support them in any way they need, so that this important asset to our community can continue.*

*Kind regards,*

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir or Madam,*

[REDACTED]  
*I can say with total confidence and sincerity that The Cow is a crucial part of both the local community and the wider community.*

*It has a well deserved reputation for being an inclusive, welcoming and vibrant pub and on several occasions I have met tourists from Europe and further afield who considered it, rightly, one of the highlights of their visits to London.*

*It would be an indescribable shame if The Cow were to be closed and it would be an irreplaceable loss to both Notting Hill and London.*

*I hope that the above is considered to prevent any shortsighted and foolish decisions being made.*

*Yours faithfully,*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*We are writing in support of the Cow pub and restaurant, which I understand is having its license reviewed.*

*We have been customers of The Cow for many years as locals. We consider it a real asset to the community that our parents and we have enjoyed for decades. There is no pub/restaurant that offers such a cosy atmosphere and delicious food in Notting Hill and Guinness and Oysters at the Cow is an institution!*

*We have never experienced any issues with crime, anti-social behaviour or anything of the like at The Cow.*

*We hope you reach the correct decision!*

*Best regards*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*Hi,*

*I have heard you are thinking of revoking the license of the Cow Pub. I would wish to strongly Protest I have*

been going there for the Last 21 Years.

*It is a great Pub, they do fantastic food in a safe environment I always bring friends and family who are visiting London. I have never seen any trouble either. it is a great asset to the community and the Jewel in the crown of pubs in Westminster for locals and tourists alike to meet and enjoy.*

*I would urge you to help to keep it open.*

Yours Sincerely

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern

[REDACTED].  
*The Cow is is a much treasured landmark amongst the local residents and has long fostered a sense of community in the neighbourhood, something that is sadly missing in many areas of London.*

*It brings character to the area, warmth, good food and a friendly convivial atmosphere.*

*In all our many years living [REDACTED] (and not far away previously) we have NEVER experienced or witnessed any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues. In fact, I would say the opposite is true, that the Cow is a place of neighbourly safety and coming together - almost akin to a village pub.*

*We implore you to allow The Cow to retain its premises license as, without The Cow, the local area will be much depleted.*

Yours, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs

*I hope this email finds you well.*

*I'm writing to say that The Cow pub is an institution, it sits at the heart of the community of Westbourne grove, in no way is it disorderly or causes nuisance it is one of the most fantastic pubs in London ever to exist and needs to be looked after - especially after this terrible time.*

*I hope this email offers some kind of reassurance and helps you see clearer at how much it means to myself and many, many other people all over London.*

Kind regards,

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Good Morning,

*I woke up today to see the distressing news that The Cow's License may be under review and up for change? I just can't understand why?*

*The Cow is a thriving and vibrant local Pub in the heart of Notting Hill with a wonderful array of people who visit it. I have been going there for the last 17 Years (since I was of the legal age to drink) and some of my best memories involve this establishment.*

*It is safe, family friendly and above all the staff and ownership are a lovely bunch who take great pride in producing this environment. I ask you to please question the motive of anyone saying otherwise as it is simply not the case.*

*The Cow is a truly great Pub and should be protected under all circumstances. We have lost so many great venues in Notting Hill, please don't take the best one we have.*

*Kind Regards,*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Good morning*

*The cow is a place for friends to meet, a place to make new friends. It's a bright spot of Notting Hill.*

*I have spent many happy afternoons with friends eating there, watching sport there, bumping into old friends there.*

*The food is delicious, the atmosphere is wonderful. It's a great way to get out of the house. It's a cultural hot spot of Notting hill. Please don't take it away.*

*I've never experienced any crime or safety issues there. In fact I feel safer walking around there as there are often people around rather than an empty street where I feel more vulnerable.*

*Notting hill would be a worse place without the Cow*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Council,*

*The cow needs to stay and stay the same with Notting Hill. It's honestly one of the only authentic pubs left in the area.*

*When I was working in the area - people would ask "do you know where the cow is? I want to go to the cow"*

*Celebrity's all around the world talk of the Cow in Notting Hill. That comes from the the way it's ran, the ambience, the legendary history and preserved class. IT MUST STAY THE SAME for Notting Hill, the gentrification of the area is ruining the style and the area has - The Cow keeps the cool in Notting Hill.*

*I've been going to the Cow for 5 years and have never ever experienced a crime or miss-conduct. So please don't disturb their work*

*Kindest regards*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Good evening,*

*I hope you are well?*

*I read earlier that my local pub, The Cow was having its licence reviewed "for the prevention of public nuisance".*

*If you ever eaten or drank at The Cow you will already know the only public nuisance is whoever complained in first place. If you haven't spent time in The Cow, please check the reviews online. They will do a better job than I can in convincing you what an invaluable pillar of the community this place is.*

*It would be a terrible mistake to take away their licence. I hope this email and others like will ensure that doesn't happen.*

*Thank you and best wishes,*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*I have no doubt whatsoever that this e-mail will join hundreds if not thousands of similar e-mails & letters imploring you to see what an asset The Cow is to the local area, indeed to London itself. Such is the importance of this pub, a testament to the place it holds in its patrons hearts.*

[REDACTED]  
*During my time working in and frequenting the London hospitality sector (sympiotically, I should add) I have learnt that there are good pubs, there are ok pubs and there are a few really really great pubs. The Cow is one of those rarities - a truly great pub.*

*We should support our great pubs, these institutions which have stood tall despite everything being thrown at them - to serve us a pint with a smile and some jolly good food.*

*I was 18 when I moved to London and my first visit to The Cow was around the same time. As a young woman in a new City, I always felt incredibly safe and well-looked after. In all my visits since, I have never seen any threatening or untoward behaviour, crime or public nuisance. I've always experienced a safe place filled with laughter & bloody good chicken Kiev.*

*We are so excited to re-open our venues in a few months but for me, it would be devastating to think we were doing so without The Cow in our ranks.*

*Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope this goes some small way to repay all the amazing times I've had at this place.*

*Best wishes,*

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom this may concern,*

*I can not believe you would close an iconic land mark of true authentic 'pub' culture and most importantly local community centre for so many people.*

*The Cow is not just a pub with fantastic staff, incredible food and an iconic landmark to Westminster council is luckily enough to have on their boarders but is a place where local people (or not so local as I am, Shepherds Bush) to go and always know it is fantastic across the board, ALWAYS!*

*Taking away their license would be changing the area, creating less jobs and having a community centre for those long life people who The Cow is so important too.*

*With what has happened over the last year I can not believe you would stoop so low to affect more people's jobs when what we need and more than ever before is community believing in community who helps community and makes community thrive... This will change the community and affect jobs and hope.*

*I hope you want to be apart of the HELP in keeping the community alive not killing what is already a more than hard hit area from corona.*

Many thanks, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir,

Subject: The Cow Saloon Bar & Dining Room Licensing Review

*I am very concerned to hear that the Cows premises license is up for a review.*

*People are attracted to these once bohemian areas because of the family run establishments that add excitement and character to a otherwise sterile environment filled with furniture, hairdressers, kebab shops etc. In fact it is businesses like this that make the area so desirable and affluent in the first place. London is rapidly becoming a waste land of banality. No longer a attraction to locals and tourists.*

*You would be making a mistake to even think about closing down this much loved business. I walk passed regularly and have never felt threatened, nor upset because of anti social behavior, and if it is criminal activities you are looking for you might want to focus more towards Queensway where i have witnessed numerous drug deals taking place openly amongst groups loitering. It doesn't take a trained eye to see the nefarious hand shakes.*

*If people moving into the area are making noise complaints etc they really shouldn't have chosen to live there in the first place.*

Your faithfully, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council,

*I heard that there's some issues in reopening The Cow Pub.*

*I am really sorry to find out this.*

*I have been going to The Cow since 2007, and i always found it as place were i can meet up people from every background, and from many ages. I also brought my mum and my dad when on holiday, to appreciate the bedt Guinness beer in town, and the excellency of their fish stew.*

*They are flveey friendly with me and with everyone.*

*Friends come with their kids, with their family, and is always full of dogs owners that make the place very homie. I never had any issues, never seen any violence, apart from kids that live in front of it ( that aren't clients ) that provoke peaceful clients, throwing things into the pub, but I have never see any violence or anything starting from the pub clients.*

*I always find it very safe and friendly, even vip like David Beckam come along to find an human environment, and not fake or full of paparazzi, one day he came with Tom Cruise, and that was hilarious and fun, and nobody bother them with autographs and so on.*

*I used to live by the pub for about 10 years, and now that I live in South London, can't wait for this pandemic to end, and to finally meet up friends again in the pub.*

*Please think twice before you break my heart and the one of 100's other people one.*

*I am spending this pandemic by myself and hearing of this is making me very sad.*

*I am a foreigner and that it was alveys my second home.*

*I hope you understand that The Cow pubbis an assett for all those people that like to talk about philosophy art, music and culture in general.*

*I hope you understand*

kindest Regards  
[REDACTED]

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Regarding The Cow.

The Cow and have frequented with regularity it since it opened 20years+ ago.

Vibrant pubs are the heart of a community- one can eat or drink inexpensively while conducting business or engaging with friends and family.

Notting Hill has become a dormitory for elitist ex-pat banker types, who no doubt complain at the 'great unwashed' hubbub that is the very essence of what a socially integrated community should be.

To suggest that a busy, inclusive community venue that brings life to the increasingly desolate streets of Notting Hill in some way incites anti-social behaviour or crime surely misses the very concept of the 'Public House.'

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council,

It has come to my attention that The Cow's licence is up for review. The review has been sought on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

The Cow is a huge asset to the local area. It is the most welcoming and friendly pub in Notting Hill and makes no judgement on their customers. They have served me and my friends so incredibly well over the years and seeing Petro and the team is always a highlight of my week. They always go above and beyond to help us when needed.

The Cow has been a regular part of my life for the last 10 year and I really couldn't live without it - not only the best Guinness in London but the food is spectacular, the staff amazing and the atmosphere incredible.

In all my visits to the Cow, I would say I have been there every single week for the last 10 years, have I ever experienced any crime & disorder, any public nuisance or safety issue.

I cannot re-inforce how crucial this pub is to the local area - this is an establishment that drew me to Notting Hill & the surrounding area.

I love the Cow.

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

I understand there is to be a review of The Cow's premises license. As a local resident for more than thirty years I'd like to say that this pub is exactly the sort of characterful, friendly, interesting and well-run place that makes this part of the world so pleasant to live in or indeed visit. I have never seen any significant trouble or disorder there - if you are concerned with public nuisance you might want to take a look at some of the major fast food franchises in the area which regularly generate huge amounts of litter.

In short The Cow is a gem of a pub and I hope that it continues to serve the neighbourhood for years to come.

Regards,

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To Whom it may concern

I am writing in about the Cow Pub and restaurant to say what an ASSET it is to the community around Westbourne Grove & Notting Hill.

I live in Shrewsbury Mews around the corner and being able to go to the Cow has brought me so much joy in it being my local.

and didn't know anyone in the area until I started going to the Cow. I met such a friendly, eclectic and diverse bunch of people who have now become life long friends and made me so welcome. The Cow gives for people like myself a social change to their daily lives and is known around Notting Hill & West London as an Institution. It is renowned for having great food, great Guinness and a great atmosphere.

While I have been a patron of the Cow I have only ever experienced a friendly and caring atmosphere full of laughter.

I can't understand why Westminster council have issued a review of the cows premises and I think this should be re-considered.

I hope to hear a response.

Kind regards,

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/ Madame

Ref 21/00981/ LIREVP

I am writing to express my concern that Westminster Council is trying to revoke a license for a pub (The Cow) at the heart of the community. I frequent this establishment regularly and have always found it safe and friendly. I am disappointed that Westminster would take such action against a local independent business that is a pillar and support network for so many people from all walks of life. It's fills me with doubt that the council is fit to make decisions and these actions show it has little understanding of the community and local businesses. Pubs are a vital part of society and the represent a very special part of the unique English identity.

I hope that you will now see and understand this infringement.

Kind regards

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern

I'm alarmed and saddened that this email needs to be sent.

The cow is the definition of a great neighborhood pub and something this country, city and borough should be clinging to and encouraging now more than ever.

A welcoming environment for every shape, size, creed, colour and persuasion.

It's value as a community melting pot is unmatched in this area and the idea that its survival is even up for debate is grim and scary.

It's is not only loved but needed.



Please make sure It's remains intact and cherished.

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I understand you are conducting a review of the Cow's Premises licence, on the grounds of "prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of public disorder."

and regular patron of the Cow for nearly 20 years, I would like to state that I see the Cow as a haven of safety where locals and tourists alike can enjoy good food, drink and company, in an area that has always been somewhat edgy in terms of crime. Indeed the number of burglaries in the area seems to have increased during lockdown, while the Cow has of course been closed.

The Cow is a local institution, enjoyed by countless people from within and outside the area. In contrast to some other popular venues, I have never witnessed any sort of violent altercations in or just outside the Cow, not even verbal. The atmosphere has always been very friendly, people looking out for each other.

It would be a disaster for the local community if the Cow had its license revoked. Especially at a time when pubs and other community venues are having such a hard time just staying alive as a result of pandemic restrictions.

I also note that in my experience in the past (ie pre-pandemic) management has been vigilant about not allowing people to take their drinks onto the street and enforcing correct closing time. However it is possible that such vigilance may need to be reinforced, to help allay potential complaints from local residents.

I entreat you to allow the Cow to continue to operate and serve as an important social hub for the local community, under the terms of its current Premises License.

Yours sincerely,

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Please don't revoke the licence The Cow Pub

It's an institution in the area and one of the best pubs in the UK.  
It would really be missed.

I met my wife in The Cow. I went there on a summer evening to have a pint and we have been married for 17 years.  
It would really be missed.

I am sure that what ever issues you have will be listened to and dealt with by the management.

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

We are members of the local community having lived at our property on , London for over 10 years.

and frequent the Cow pub and restaurant and have never had any issues with crime or noise.

Given the economic crisis that we are in for the hospitality industry, I can see no benefit from penalising them for the overall crime rate and noise in the neighbourhood. We should be looking to do the exact opposite given hospitality is providing important employment to many people in the low-wage sector of the economy which

needs help.

Moreover, pubs are an important part of the Notting Hill community and they are continually diminishing in number as property developers step-in. It would be a huge shame to lose another landmark pub in London.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

I am writing this letter in regards to the pub "THE COW". Reference number 21/00981/LIREVP

I strongly believe that "THE COW" is an asset of the neighbourhood. This pub was there for years and became a favourite spot for the locals of the area and also some people coming from far. It gathers a unique interesting crowd and always has such a great atmosphere!

The food is absolutely delicious! The staff is extremely friendly and they make you feel so welcome every time I go there. This place means so much to me and I can't believe you are considering shutting it down!

I have never experienced any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues while visiting this amazing pub, and I am a regular there.

I really hope you will let "THE COW" still be there for us after the lock down. I really can't wait to be there again and see all the familiar faces.

Thanks a lot for your consideration!

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write to you distressed to hear that my local pub, The Cow on Westbourne Park Road, is facing a review of its licence.

The Cow has been a mainstay of my social life since moving to the area way back in 2008 (which would certainly make me one of the newer locals!). Over the years I've had many a pleasant evening or afternoon enjoying a pint of Guinness and eating from their superb menu. Many of my friends are those I have met whilst there.

I believe the licence review has been sought on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

Given this I feel I should state that I have never had issues in the pub relating to any of those issues. Indeed, that is precisely WHY I have returned time after time to the Cow, as I am grateful in the knowledge that I can enjoy my time in a happy, safe environment free of the issues that plague some of the venues at Notting Hill Gate and beyond. Not once have I experienced aggravation, had anything stolen or witnessed any fighting or threatening behaviour.

I recognise the need to review and monitor pubs and bars to ensure they are providing a safe and reliable venue to the public. As such I write to you to ensure you that that is entirely the case with The Cow and wholeheartedly express my desire for it to continue for another 26 years and long beyond!

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern

I am writing in regard to the license review of The Cow public house and restaurant, 89 Westbourne Park Road, London.

[REDACTED]. Over the last four decades, I have seen this area develop and change, in some ways for the better, but also at the cost of the community as gentrification has crept through, closing pubs and social spaces, and turning more and more businesses into unaffordable housing.

Too many of the venues that bring the unique and diverse community of Notting Hill together have closed, and in the wake of the pandemic, I fear many more will not survive. The Cow on Westbourne Park Road is a lifeline of togetherness, neighbourhood spirit, and a huge asset to the wider community.

As a busy working single woman, The Cow is the one pub in the area I happily stop into alone for a meal, because it is safe, civilised, and friendly.

I have never seen an argument take place, let alone any kind of disturbance. I have never seen any unruly or unpleasant behaviour, as the clientele are respectful, and as the pub's motto goes, intent on "giving the house a good name".

The food is outstanding, the pub is always clean and well managed, and the atmosphere is always that of a locals pub, rather than a city drinking hole.

The staff of The Cow are second to none, knowing most if not all the patrons by name, if not at the start of the night, certainly by the end. They very strictly enforce opening hours, more strictly I would argue than any other pub in the area, and I have never witnessed any unlicensed late openings or lock ins of any kind in the last ten years of being a regular.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

I have been a victim of theft in several of the area's pubs in my lifetime, but never in The Cow. On busy nights and special occasions they always have excellent security staff, and I know that any person no matter how regular their patronage will be barred from the pub on the first instance of bad behaviour. I have witnessed this, and have friends who still are not permitted to return to the pub due to one off discrepancies many years prior.

I have met a great many new friends and collaborators in The Cow, and as a gathering place for local residents, especially those in the creative industries, it is unparalleled. It is also renowned globally among colleagues in these industries.

Any future restrictions on The Cow's license would have a negative impact on my life personally, as well as on the community as a whole. I would feel like a genuine asset of the community has been unjustly targeted, and I would support an appeal of the decision.

If as a business they have managed to survive the pandemic and still have the means to operate once lockdown is lifted, I feel they should be given every support and encouragement by the local council to do so.

Yours sincerely  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Letter in support of The Cow

The Cow is a West London institution and I strongly support the renewal of its licence.

The Cow remains one of the few remnants of the vibrancy and diversity that once typified our local area.

As a resident [REDACTED] for the last 25 years, I have never had any concerns if respect of public nuisance, safety or crime and disorder relating to The Cow. Conversely the staff and management of the Cow have always been respectful of and helpful to local residents and I consider the area safer as a result of their vigilance and diligent management of the premises.

I trust that Westminster council will renew their licence and I would be grateful if you kept me informed.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir, Madam,

I hope this email lands in your heart for kind approval in relationship to The Cow based in West London.

This place holds a million memories, a million more delicious bites & sips and not to mention its infinite exuberance of joy, fun & permission to forget a few moments of weary daily life.

In these times of emotional hardship, threat of livelihood and physical well being, The Cow represents our pathway home to a happier time, a bite & sip of reassurance that maybe we can find the energy to "do" it again, rebuild. A quirky cornerstone of West London that has so much more to offer for the next generations to come.

This is the approval we seek for, not just a simple license but a slice of goodness that we can still rely on that wasn't taken away in this bizarre historic time.

With gratitude for your consideration,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Today I have been shocked by the entirely ridiculous news that Westminster council is reviewing the premises license of an outstanding neighbourhood institution, The Cow Pub on Westbourne Park road, W11.

I have frequented the pub for more than 20 years. Regularly. I also, do not drink and have been in the bar/restaurant business for over 20 years.

Why in gods name would you review their license? I have sat in that pub, sober, for amazing nights with friends and family, young and old and it is run to the highest standard and not once in my time as a customer have I witnessed any trouble, fighting or illicit behaviour. The place is a neighbourhood institution and loved both on a local and global level.

The Cow is the type of place Westminster council should be holding up as an example of what a proper pub/restaurant should look like. It is exactly what every neighbourhood should have. What are you doing? It's wrong.

My suggestion is that you should maybe look at about 100 other licensed premises within the borough of Westminster that should be closed for all types of illicit carry on.

I feel Westminster will feel the wrath of a large part of the local community that frequent the pub, not to mention the swarms of celebrities that will No doubt jump on a campaign to save this pub. The council will be laughed at at a national and international level of this review is carried out.

I am a Westminster council tax payer. I do not want my tax to fund this sort of rubbish. Leave the pub and it's license alone.

*It's a fantastic pub.*

*Thank you. [REDACTED].*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*I am writing in response to the issue of a Review of The Cow's premises Licence by Westminster Council.*

*I would like to share my experiences which are at direct odds with the grounds sought, namely prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.*

*My experiences of this public house couldn't be further from the charges of public nuisance or public safety. It is one of the cornerstones of the community in the area and truly represents the diverse nature of the surrounding community. Folks from all walks of life are welcomed with kindness, goodwill and cheer. It is well known establishment on the tourist route during the first half of 2020 continued to be so. It brings folk from all over the globe to the area which is a great asset to the local community assisting other public houses and restaurants.*

*This past year has provided numerous challenges for the industry with confusing and ever changing rules as well as a desire to serve faithful guests who are passionate about this institution. If any infractions have been made during this pandemic period, reason should take hold and common sense should prevail, although I am well aware that Westminster Council is not famed for this trait. This has been a miserable 12 months for all people, folk are fed up, they want something to hold onto. Revoking The Cows licence will be damaging to so many people. A kick in the teeth that will create a strong reaction in the community, I have no doubt. I again urge reason and common sense.*

*[REDACTED] for 24 months leading up to March 2020. This, as I am sure you know, is located [REDACTED] from The Cow. I have never had any issue which i could describe as a public nuisance or indeed disorder. I have had no noise issues, no disorder issues.*

*I hope the above is given due care and attention, as I hope you give to the no doubt countless submissions you will receive.*

*Kind regards,*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir / Madam,*

*I was surprised to hear that The Cow's Premises Licence is under review.*

*Whilst there will always be those who are anti any establishment selling alcohol on their doorstep, as an enterprise The Cow deserves your full support.*

*It is a friendly and welcoming establishment and in my multiple visits I have never witnessed any improper activity or felt remotely unsafe / intimidated. It is a popular venue with a buzzy atmosphere but always the right side of boisterous in my experience. My wife is not a pub goer but we both have female friends that select the Cow as a meeting point or to visit on their own which I think is testament to its benign nature.*

*We are lucky to have three thriving businesses (The Cow, The Westbourne and The Bonaparte) within a small area all of which provide a different offering. The fact that they can all survive in a difficult era for pubs highlights good management and their enduring appeal to a wide audience both locally and from further afield.*

*I view the Cow as an integral local institution and it would be a crying shame for any restriction to be imposed on it that hampers its ability to be a viable business moving forward.*

Best, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,  
I am writing to you to share my thoughts about The Cow pub (89 Westbourne Park Rd, London W2 5QH)  
Excuse the rambling but i promise it will make sense in the end.....

[REDACTED] i  
was so grateful to have found The Cow.

It reminds me of a London i thought had been lost, the ones you see in movies and people say, "nah it's not really like that anyone", "it's too gentrified now, you don't get any real characters" etc...  
People of every demographic come to The Cow to chat, hang out, catch up and chill out.  
It's full of life and laughter and AMAZING food! - This if you have eaten in any "gastropub" in the past is a real asset not to be under valued.

The Cow is somewhere i will head to on a rainy Sunday afternoon when i can't be bothered to cook, or a mid week lunch with my dad (who is probably more opinionated about food than he is politics).  
My partner and i stop in for a glass of wine or a pint of (the best) Guinness when we've had a tough day at work, my boyfriend desperate to make the bar man Pietro his friend.

It is a shining beacon in the community, not one who's importance should be underestimated.

We are currently in the process of moving to [REDACTED] and as well as the fact that our new place remains a sub 20minute walk to my best friend and godchildren, it is also a swift [REDACTED] to The Cow. Isn't this what community is about? Having these places that mean something to you, places that bring people together, where you can recall that insane fregola di mare you shared with your old man or the chicken kiev your cousin had to take home in a doggie bag because she underestimated the portion size.

It's one of those places you hate to brag about incase it gets too over crowded and you can't nab a seat at the back for dinner!

I walk in and feel like i'm so lucky this is my neighbourhood. We have never experience any crime or disorder - even when the football is on! which really is something.  
I doubt you'll hear anything but love from it's patrons and all i can say is long may she reign!

Kind Regards,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

I am shocked & concerned to hear that The Cow, one of West London's most iconic & singularly authentic venues, is having it's premise license reviewed.

It is rare in today's London to find an independently owned, community-focused asset like The Cow occupying a prime location & most importantly, offering a friendly, family oriented service at a price level that makes it accessible to all of the local patrons. It goes without saying that the nearby Portobello Road, once a fruit a veg market, bears little resemblance to what it once was. Companies like 'Five Guys', Tesco/Sainsburys, All Saints... All diminish the authenticity of the area & reduce opportunity for entrepreneurs.

Which brings me to why The Cow is so important. The Cow has been observed by friends as one of the only truly cosmopolitan venues in London. It is impossible to nail it down to one clique, social group or nationality that feels welcome there & finds the space accessible. The staff are incredibly accommodating, the crowd of locals are the most loyal of any pub I have frequented during my life in London & I can honestly say, as much as a pub can be, it is a community asset which is irreplaceable. For many who live in small flats such as in the Trelick

*Tower, it is a warm and welcoming home away from home. I personally believe The Cow could easily raise prices or adapt it's offering to the wealthy audience in Notting Hill; the value to the community is that The Cow does not yield to maximising profit. It values the purpose it serves the local community over turning a profit.*

*I can personally say that I have never experienced crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues when visiting The Cow, and would like to understand why, after the year that the hospitality industry has had to endure, this venue is coming under review?*

*Within the local area, there is extremely low cost housing that would bring with it an element of anti-social behaviour. I can't see how The Cow could have acted any better over my 5 years frequenting it to change that.*

*Please come back to me so that I can understand the logic from Westminster Council in this review. Reference number 21/00981/LIREVP*

Regards,

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To Whom It May Concern,

Reference number: 21/00981/LIREVP

*I am writing this to support a local establishment that has been in my life since before I can remember. The Cow has been a cherished asset for myself and many others around the community for well over 20 years and as a result, holds numerous fond memories. It is where I celebrated my 21st birthday party as well as other less formal birthday celebrations, it is where I held my fathers wake, and where I have spent most national days of celebration such as St Davids day since I was of legal age.*

*For many The Cow is more than just a public house, for them it is THEIR house, THEIR front room where they go to spend time with friends and loved ones. Some of the elder members of the community have nowhere else they can rely on to go and receive some human interaction that is integral to their mental health. The cow never turns it's back on them or anyone for that matter.*

*From a culinary prosepitive the cow holds its head high above most restaurants in the community. People travel from far and wide to indulge in The Cows famous fish stew or their chicken kiev or the variety of seafood it is known for. Not to mention the fact it famously serves the best pint of Guinness in London.*

*Overall The Cow is a space that people from all aspects of life come to to enjoy its warm inviting atmosphere and on most occasions are met by the smiley face of its loyal Barman Pedro who regardless of how many drinks he is juggling, finds time to make you feel welcome and loved. There are only a handful of establishments left in the whole of London that offer this and The Cow is by far the one I personally would choose every time. Without it countless people would be without a place to simply go and surely as a result the community's spirit and morale would suffer hugely. Over the years it has embedded itself in the areas cultures and traditions and for that reason as well as numerous others it should be seen as a cultural monument that needs to be preserved as much as possible.*

Yours Sincerely,

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

*The Cow is a great institution. To close or limit it would be to attack the very nature of what it is to be a British man or woman. It encapsulates what every person should do with their weekends - have fun, make merry and laugh.*

*At this time, we all need a smile and some light at the end of the tunnel.*

*If The Cow was to be closed permanently - God help us all.  
I have never experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues at The Cow (or any pub in Britain).  
To close it, or to remove the licence of any pub in Britain right now would be amongst the gravest crime imaginable.*

*Give us hope, and keep our pubs open.*

*Kind Regards, [REDACTED]*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Westminster licensing team,*

*I am writing to you as a 21-old student who has never written to the council in support of anything in my life. I hope that this indicates how shocked I was to hear that the Cow's license was under review.*

*In short, the Cow is a community institution. No other pub attracts such a diverse demographic of patrons: any age, any class and background. It is the only pub in the area where you feel that the community looks after you. I feel far safer at the Cow than any other pub because the patrons know the area and care about you. I vividly remember a time I was bitten by a dog in the street and the Cow was the first place I went into because I knew that the bar staff would look after me and they fixed me up with first aid.*

*Over lockdown many pubs have had to increase security measures to comply with government guidelines. The Cow stands out in my mind as exemplary since they not only complied with these measures (unlike many local pubs I could name) but did so in a way that did not alienate the community that depend on the pub for company and good cheer. I have never witnessed crime or disorder in or around the Cow - and feel sure that there would be far greater antisocial behavior if Petro, Luti, Tom and the Cow bar staff were not there to keep an eye on that stretch of Westbourne Park Road.*

*Anyway...I think you get the idea. I love the Cow and you should too. I would be happy to stand any of the licensing committee a pint of prawns and Guinness at the Cow on June 21st if they remain unconvinced.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear whomever it may concern,*

*I am writing to express my support for The Cow Pub. A place that provides a hub for a diverse community and a place that is an asset to your local community.*

*As a pub in the heart of a community, the Cow provides all it must provide:*

*- A place of social and meaningful interaction, the employees of The Cow are always polite, welcoming and conscientious in their manner towards customers. Further, an occurrence that is often quite rare, the owner Thomas is often at the heart of the pub. He is conscious of making sure that he serves his local community, providing quality and comfort.*

*- Communities often build a sense of shared values and The Cow is no different. The cow runs respectfully, politely and in a law-abiding manner. I have visited the cow on numerous occasions and not once have I witnessed anything that could be deemed as breaking the law, nuisance or disorder.*

*It is not necessary to say, as the heightened awareness is obvious. We are in turbulent times, people feel isolated, the community you represent is facing another few months of uncertainty and hardship. The Cow Pub will unarguably be a beacon of hope for many, a place that they will be eagerly awaiting the reopening of. The Cow has and continues to be endorsed by high profile members of the public, who I do not believe would endorse a place that acts unlawfully and against core values of society.*

*Personally, I have always felt safe, comfortable and overall content on my visits to The Cow. It is highly likely that you will receive a high volume of emails as The Cow really is a pub that the community would simply be lost*



without.

Thankyou for your time in reading this email and I hope that this is resolved in a manner that is representative of the collective opinion of your local community.

Yours Sincerely, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Hi there,

I would like to write to advocate the Cow staying open. It offers community and culture to the Notting Hill community and provides the highest standard food and service to the community.

Best, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear whomever this concerns,

I understand that The Cow Saloon Bar & Dining room has had a review issued by Westminster City Council and therefore I feel compelled to speak on behalf of the community by what an utter joy it is to have the pub in my community and to what wonderful experiences I have at this pub.

The Cow for me is a symbol of many happy memories of my time in Notting Hill, through changing flats, trials and tribulations in my personal life, this restaurant and bar has always felt like returning to a dear friend's home. Where the warm interior greets you, along with the charming, friendly long time staff. The Cow Saloon Bar & Dining room feels like a port in a storm, somewhere that is safe and friendly. Where I have shared some of my best memories, with my dearest friends over delicious food, most notably the chicken kiev! It really would be a travesty if anything were to happen to The Cow.

I have never experienced any such crime, disorder or safety issues at The Cow. Rather of the contrary kind, on one occasion where I myself dropped my card holder in the bathroom, 10 minutes later another lovely customer had hunted me down and returned it to me, with help from the staff! Hardly a hotbed of crime but rather, somewhere people genuinely take care of you.. In addition, I not only have many lovely memories of The Cow but I have also made many dear friends in the community thanks to The Cow, which in a world of facebook and instagram feels so incredibly rare. Some of those, I have even gone on to work on creative projects with. The very essence and environment is one of joy, cosiness and security. As a young woman in London, there are very few pubs I would consider pitching up to alone and yet, The Cow I often do!

Should you have any further questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact me!

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to articulate my support for The Cow Pub, which is an absolute pillar of our community.

The pub is an asset to the area, it makes Notting Hill feel like home, it is an institution which welcomes ALL members of the community. It is by far the friendliest pub in the area, where all members of the community welcome each other and visitors.

The food is of fine quality, it provides jobs, from bar staff, to kitchen staff, to security to cleaners. The team is friendly and you can all tell that they are proud to work at The Cow.



Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear sir,

*This is the pub with the best and friendliest clientèle in London.*

*I have never in 15 years come close to have any altercation or reason to be offended in the cow premises, until now.*

*I have met old friends and new and enjoyed some of the best meals of my life in the cow. Everyone around has been enjoying the same due to the exceptional service and quality of the food.*

*It would be the utmost travesty and a very short sighted decision to even review this licence. It is shocking to read, especially when hospitality is at the wall - some would say disgraceful.*

*I do hope everyone can see some sense and let business resume as normal at the cow when permitted.*

Best,

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

*I do hope you are all well in these troubled times.*

*I am contacting you in regards of the above premises, as I have just learnt that the licence for the Public House is in jeopardy.*

*I cannot understand how this establishment can ever be under threat. I have been a very happy customer of the Cow since I moved into the area in 1996. In that time I have seen Portobello's independency and charm be completely eradicated by large corporate retailers and supermarkets. The road will soon be irrelevant to any visitor to the area. Thankfully the Cow among a few other has remained. It really should be treated as a Notting Hill Heritage Site. It is a massive part of the community and a its identity in a time where the local pub trade is being eradicated.*

*The pub and restaurant upstairs is just a pleasure to visit. It is a pub that is committed to great high quality drink, food, ambience and service with an honest homely feel. I have been a customer for over 25 years and have never seen one case of trouble or disorder. As a publicans son that's is unheard of, but it just is not that kind of pub. Its one of the finest pubs in London.*

*I implore you to keep this great pub open. It would be a disaster and a disgrace not to.*

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Ref: 21/00981/LIREVP

Dear Sir/Madam,

*The idea that this iconic and wonderfully popular pub is cause of nuisance and should have its license withdrawn is an utter nonsense.*

*I defy your offices to find a friendlier, less troublesome, more socially and age mixed and better-dressed crowd anywhere in London.*

*Notting Hill has changed greatly over the 30 years I've lived in and around it. This pub is one of the few spots that still offers a warm and lively (without being boisterous) atmosphere and that still plays host all walks of residential life.*

*Upon any visit you light be ordering at the bar alongside young and old from the estate, we'll known musicians or premier league footballers. The food is excellent and reasonably priced, the staff warm but characterful.*

*Where else can you drink Guinness sitting next to David Beckham or Tom cruise, have a chat with a plasterer*

*from the estate while a Rasta chef prepares you oysters while playing incredible roots reggae?*

*I rarely get involved in these 'save' campaigns - in many cases when pubs get sold off or developed it tends to be from lack of local support/patronage. Nothing could be further from the truth with The Cow. I've never seen any trouble at The Cow over the 25 years I've been a regular there and I'll gladly stand up and be counted as an avid supporter and petition whomever I need to.*

*London needs more spots like The Cow not less.*

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I'm writing to confirm and document my utmost support for The Cow pub, Westbourne Park Road, remaining in place and continuing to operate as a public house for all to enjoy.*

*It is shocking to learn that their Licence is under review on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.*

*The Cow has been a regular destination of mine from the moment I moved to West London 25 years ago. From the age of 21 to now (age 46) it has always been, and still is, in my list of top 5 of pubs to go to. Whenever friends visit London from overseas, I ALWAYS take them for dinner at The Cow. Simply put, it's a London Institution. I am proud of London for having pubs like The Cow. I can't think of one other pub that has as many qualities as The Cow. The staff are amazing and I have formed relationships with all of them over the years. The Cow's atmosphere and environment feels like an extended family. The lengthy service of the staff is a testament to the brilliant work/life culture The Cow stands for. It is also important to point out that I have NEVER experienced personally or heard of, for that matter, any form of public nuisance, public safety issues, crime or disorder whilst visiting The Cow. In fact, as a woman, it is one of the only places that I would feel comfortable going on my own for a meal or a drink.*

*We have continued to support The Cow throughout the Covid-19 pandemic by ordering food for home delivery most weekends. It's kept us going throughout these testing and challenging times and has brought much needed relief to very stressful and anxious lockdowns.*

*We are looking forward to the day The Cow reopens its doors following the lockdown, when we will continue to frequent and support this wonderful, friendly, fun establishment. The Cow losing its premises license is an unimaginable thought. The community needs The Cow now more than ever before.*

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am writing to express my support for The Cow pub & dining rooms on Westbourne Park Road. I have been going to the pub for 25 years now since I first moved into the area as a student, and have always appreciated its friendly staff and welcoming environment, whether for a quiet drink with friends or a fantastic meal with local produce upstairs. Unlike many of the restaurants and pubs in the area it has maintained roots with the local community and not just tried to upgrade itself and squeeze out its old customers. I have never felt any sense of danger or public nuisance around there, just a sense of the vibrant local community that we are so lucky to have at this time.*

*And particularly in a period when so many hospitality venues are at risk of closing after Covid, I cannot think why there should be a desire to close a successful and popular local venue like The Cow.*

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*I would like to write in and voice my disappointment in hearing about the review of The Cow's premises License. The Cow has been a part of my life since early childhood, a cornerstone and essence of Notting Hill that brings together a community and lends itself as a rare place that you can retreat to and always know you'll bump into a familiar face.*

*It's a wonderful place to socialise, relax and meet new people. The food is divine and it's a favourite haunt for many from far and wide, and an establishment that would be truly missed.*

*I myself have never felt in danger or at ill-ease there, and have never witnessed any unrest in the establish itself.*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I feel that this pub is an integral part of our community. Moreover I am shocked to hear that it could be shut on safety reasons. I feel so much safer in streets where there are pubs and shop than empty residential streets. It is so much safer to have mixed used streets than purely gentrified areas with council house ghettos among them. Keep this neighbour real by keeping The Cow pub open and other shops and restaurants too. It has been there for years. Please do get in touch for further information, assistance etc*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am writing regarding the review of the Cow's Premises licence I believe the cow to be one of the best run pubs In London The Cow is the only Pub I frequent , I'm pretty fussy and usually don't like pubs very much I go there for the food which is incredible and the atmosphere which is unrivalled . The cow also holds a lot of sentimental value for me as I am sure it will for others Being in business for an incredible 25 years I have never seen or witnessed any crime or disorder , public nuisance or safety issues while at the cow . I find it incredulous to need to write this email however here it is I hope I won't need to write again*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am writing in support of my local dining restaurant and pub, The Cow. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I have frequented The Cow and The Westbourne opposite for many years. I have never experienced any anti social behaviour associated with either venue. The Cow has been a source of comfort with their easy takeaway food during this current lockdown. My husband who is shielding and I (both in our seventies) have been able to order by phone and collect delicious home-cooked food from The Cow during their opening hours. The main door is locked and the side door opened courteously and quietly by one of the staff on duty. Everyone I see there is wearing a mask and observing social distancing. There is no loud music. The lighting outside is not obtrusive. It is a charming venue within the tradition of great London gastropubs. I do hope the Licensing Committee can be assured by my comments and those of other locals living nearby. The Cow provides an important social amenity with a family history of significance in London. Please keep it alive and well for us all to enjoy.*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I'm writing in reference to The Cow pub in Notting Hill. I understand that there is a move to try and suspend its license. I wanted to write with my support for the pub. I live close by and have never experienced and issues with noise or violence. I strongly feel that the pub should be allowed to continue running and is an integral part of this community. It would be a great shame is this pub ceased to exist.*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**



families and friends. It has fostered rising culinary talent, it has hosted weddings and wakes, and as come to represent the very last bastion of good old-fashioned, down-to-earth British hospitality. And if the past pandemic year has taught us anything, it is just how fundamental places such as The Cow play in fostering and maintaining the well-being and prosperity of a community.

It is impossible to think The Cow's presence encourages crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues - indeed one would argue that with its positioning, right in the heart of a very densely-packed residential area (with housing estates on one side, and terrace housing on the other), The Cow's very existence helps to maintain a higher degree of neighbourhood safety than would exist otherwise.

The staff keep an eye on the comings and goings of the neighbourhood, and both residents and out-of-borough visitors feel reassured by the fact that there is life in the area, especially at night, and that on the whole, everyone looks out for one another.

While it would clearly be naive to suggest that no pub is without an occasional scuffle, I can't possibly imagine Tom and his team don't do all they can to ensure their presence on Westbourne Park Road is a positive one. After all, they have been at the very heart of this community for a quarter of a century - how many pubs or restaurants can boast being around for that long these days? They are as invested in their community as their loyal following is invested in them. The Cow is a vital lifeline to what still makes London one of the greatest cities in the world - equality, integrity, and damn fine food, ales and wines. Now is the time to support and nurture much-loved institutions such as The Cow, especially after the immense difficulties and heartbreaking challenges of the past year; it is NOT the time to be threatening its existence. Notting Hill would be much poorer - culturally, emotionally and gastronomically - without The Cow.

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

I am writing today to advocate for The Cow's Premises License to not be revoked.

The Cow was the one of the first pubs I remember going to with my family to eat when I moved to England at the age of 8. It is where I go to have oysters and beers with my dad after work, and if someone were to ask me to book my favourite place for an evening with friends, I would always choose the Cow. The Cow defines the epitome of excellence in terms of the pub experience: its food, atmosphere, and drink are all great. When you have the opportunity to patronise this sort of establishment, it is abundantly clear the hard work that would have been required to create and maintain such a special place. In my years long experiences at the cow, never have I experienced any safety, public nuisance, or crime and disorder issues.

This pandemic has already crippled so much of the pub industry which forms an integral and historic part of British social life: it would be beyond a shame that the Cow should also have to close because of the strains of the pandemic. I truly believe that whatever fine they have or will pay is enough in terms of a punishment. The Cow does not deserve to have its license revoked.

Moreover, [REDACTED], which infamously hosted a birthday party in lockdown and was fined, went on to be reviewed, and ultimately did not, have its license revoked. Although different circumstances and in different remits, I firmly believe that The Cow, which I can assure you means much more to many more local people than Casa Cruz does, deserves to keep its doors open as well.

I implore you to consider what I, and I'm sure countless others have said in support of The Cow.

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

As you will appreciate, I live near the the Cow, pub and restaurant, 89 Westbourne Park Road, London W2 5QH, whose licence you are apparently reviewing.

I consider that you should definitely permit the Cow's continued operation, for the following two reasons.

First, I have been fortunate enough to have enjoyed spending time in the Cow over the past 25 years, and I do not recollect ever once having seen any violence, disorder, or other unruly conduct in or outside by any of its





celebrated so much, and value your presence, influence and contribution towards the great spirit of our establishment. When we emerge from this isolation period, we hope to welcome you back with open arms over a never-ending supply of great food, Guinness and good cheer.

Today, we share important news with you that Westminster City Council have issued a Review of The Cow's Premises Licence. The review has been sought on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

We are personally reaching out to YOU for your support to share your sentiments for The Cow in writing with Westminster City Council to help them understand why The Cow is an asset to the community.

Why do you believe The Cow is an asset?

What does The Cow mean to you?

What are all the great things about The Cow does Westminster Council need to hear from you?

Importantly, can you confirm that you have not experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow?

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**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council,

Good Afternoon

I'm very saddened to hear that Westminster council are reviewing the license of the Cow Pub on Westbourne Park Road.

The Cow is such a unique and interesting pub that is very much a stalwart of the local Notting Hill drinking and dining scene. Where other establishments have fallen by the wayside to gentrification, the Cow has very kept its unique character, charm and originality.

The Cow personally means so much to me for a number of reasons. It's a home away from home where the staff are kept on and feel like family. People always have a smile on their face when you walk in and you know that you will be well looked after by their wonderful array of staff. It smells and feels like a pub from a different era, that I can pop in and out of for a hit of nostalgia. Within a 20 Metre Space there is a jukebox, bar and fish kitchen all providing different functions tying in with one another to give the pub its unique sense of character. The pub almost feels like a secret despite being so close to the main thoroughfares of Notting Hill. The Cow is not just a Pub, it's a community of like minded people enjoying themselves in a friendly and cosy environment.

What harder time in History have publicans faced during the last year. The Cow has plugged on, keeping some of its staff in work, serving wonderful takeaway meals for locals craving a slice of culinary love during such hard times. With other pubs, food can very much be a side thought, this is not the case with the Cow. The Fish Stew is well known to be one of the best in London and where else can you enjoy a pint of Guinness and Oysters at the bar listening to the Doors. I agree with Jim 'some people are strange' but I love it.

In all the years I have been a regular, I have always been taken aback by courtesy and friendly nature of the staff and customers at the Cow. I have never experienced crime and disorder and would honestly say that it's one of the safest establishments in the area, which is no easy feat given it's a pub serving alcohol.

I hope my message will go a small way to ensuring the Cows licence is renewed, as I along with many other locals would be devastated to lose the place we call home.

Best Regards,

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**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council,

I am writing to you because of your recent issuing of a review of the Cow's Premises License. Reference

number: 21/00981/LIREVP

*Closing down the Cow would be a huge loss for the neighborhood. It is the only pub in which all types of people come together and the only pub in Notting Hill in which you can have a decent meal.*

*I have never experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting the Cow. On the contrary, I have met my future husband there while celebrating mothers day with my mum :) My grandma had her first ever oyster at the cow, and I could continue all day with the cutest and most innocent "cow stories" if you would like me to.*

*I am even attaching a couple of photos for you, so you understand how much this means to me. There are not many places with a soul and if I had to describe NH to someone, the cow would certainly be an important asset of the neighborhood.*

All the best,

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council,

*I write in the strongest possible terms to support the Cow pub in its appeal against the quite ludicrous claim that it is a possible public nuisance. [REDACTED] when Tom opened the pub. Quite frankly it proved to be one of the most pivotal days of my life. Almost every major event in my life has involved that pub and wonderful upstairs dining room.*

*I now live in north london but make regular pilgrimages to the Cow. It is a labour of love, Tom and his team have put everything into it From interiors, fantastic sea food, Guinness and the craic. The best and most sacred place in Notting Hill. It's not unrealistic to say thousands of peoples life will be the poorer if it goes. Closing it down will make closing the Mangrove on All Saints seem like a minor kerfuffle. Don't!*

Sincerely,

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

*I have been visiting the Cow for over twenty years since I was first legally allowed to drink.*

*My family, friends and I have always felt welcome and safe. I've never experienced or witnessed any criminal or disorderly activity, even as a young, single, woman of colour two decades ago.*

*I am happy to provide further details, answer questions and put you in touch with others who can attest to the same.*

Yours sincerely,

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To Whom it may concern,

*We have heard that Westminster council have issued a review of The cow's premises licence. We feel that this would be a very poor decision especially in the current climate. As we sit here in lockdown one of the few things that ables us to keep going is looking forward to going back to the cow, meeting friends in a good old traditional English way. There is a real sense of community , the locals that go there are like family , and it gives people*

security and friendships that you can't get any where else. we have been going to The cow for over 20 years , we even met each other in The cow and then went onto marry. ( we go every week and have lunch at the same table we met at )

We have never encountered crime there and always feel completely safe . It is our favourite place to go and hopefully the first place we will go and eat at when the government allows.

please don t take away our beloved pub and give The cow the licence it deserves.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern

My husband and I are writing in response to the review of The Cow's license.

The Cow is a local institution that has been at the centre of our community for many years. During lockdown, the pub has shifted its approach multiple times, responding to exceptionally difficult circumstances in order to maintain basic services - providing food and drink to many.

We are regulars, and are shocked to hear that the Cow's license is under review. Not once have we ever experienced crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues - before or during Covid. From our point of view, it is exceptionally well managed, by a great team - we've have never seen any kind of trouble there.

The Cow is one of few pubs which is open, friendly and inclusive, bringing together a true mix of ages and backgrounds, something that makes it uniquely special to us local residents.

With businesses closing all over NH and Westminster, it seems shortsighted to be threatening such a long standing pillar of the community that brings people together and stimulates our local economy.

This community needs the Cow, and would be infinitely the worse without it.

Yours

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs,

I write in support of the Cow Public house retaining its licence.

As a local resident ( [REDACTED] ) for the last 20+ years, The Cow is not only my "local" (and that of my family, as my children have become of legal age), but is very much a long established "local institution" for the community.

With the continued decimation of the High Street, avaricious Landlords demanding too much rent in W2 and W11, not to mention the ongoing struggles of the Public House sector - even pre COVID 19, much of the "established" local amenity that once gave the area its unique character has been forced to close with little of any amenity value to the local community coming in to replace it. Indeed, in many instances either nothing, or "yet another" Private Equity backed restaurant chain that fails after 3-4 months, whereby leaving a hole where a once widely used and well loved local business once existed.

*I strongly urge you not to risk more wholly unnecessary decimation of the local community's amenity by challenging The Cow's right to continue as a local business and to remain at the heart of the local community. Post the COVID 19 pandemic, as a result of the inability of people and communities to meet at all for over 12 months at the diktat of Government, we will need as much local amenity and convivial places to gather, plus as many "local institutions" as possible - particularly viable ones - in order for local communities to be able to gather, remember and relish what an actual "community" feels like. The Cow is, and has been for a number of years, very much at the heart of this for the local area.*

*In support of the Cow,*

*Yours sincerely,* [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*I wish to contact the council to explain my thoughts and experiences at The Cow pub on Westbourne Park Rd, W2.*

*Having been a regular visitor to the pub for nearly 10 years i certainly believe this pub to be the one of the only pubs in the area to have a feeling where you are always welcome. Regardless of who you are the atmosphere is always that of friendliness and positivity. If you have had a bad day the staff or other patrons will always be there for a chat whether being sat at the bar, by the fire or outside. I can not think of any area of the country that wouldn't want an establishment like The Cow in their borough, village or district. The Cow is truly unique and i love it.*

*This country would be for the better if more establishments like the cow existed where everyone is welcome regardless if you live across the road, a castle or straight of a plane arriving in London for a holiday. Westminster council would be foolish if they were to take the pubs licence away from them. I can't wait to come "home" for a Cow Special of 6 Oysters and a pint of Guinness.*

*During a period of unemployment and regular unhappiness i would regularly sit outside the pub working on my CV and i never felt any sort of issues being there on my own, the staff again always there for a friendly chat.*

*With all of the time i have spent in the pub i have never seen any form of crime or anti social behaviour and have always felt safe whilst there, in fact i think i have used the cow as a safe haven when not feeling safe when walking home at night. I would never have any health or safety concerns whilst visiting the pub. The staff and management of the pub should feel very proud of themselves for creating a safe and friendly establishment well away from any anti-social behaviour, public nuisance or criminal element.*

*I hope that my words go some way to help sustain the future of The Cow.*

*Kind regards*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Good evening,*

*I am writing to you with regards to the proposed review of premises license for The Cow on Westbourne Park Road.*

*Although I am not a resident of the area, I have patronized this establishment frequently on trips to London from Glasgow where I work in the drinks industry.*

*By virtue of my career I visit many pubs and bars in many countries and I have rarely been in one as well-run as this.*

*I believe the grounds this review has been sought on are public nuisance, public safety and the prevent of crime and disorder. On no occasion have I visited The Cow and experienced or observed any behaviour which could remotely fall under any of these categories, with even the widest interpretation of what might be considered dangerous or irresponsible.*

*I have mostly visited the pub on weekends, which by any account should be the time when one would expect such behaviour to be most prevalent, and even at 'chucking out time' I have never heard or seen anything untoward even when patrons have moved into the street to head home. There is a community spirit present whether one is part of the local community or not and this extends to the warm, welcoming and safe atmosphere even as a group of lone females, which is sadly rare in most licensed premises.*

*I am a personal license holder and have never seen any behaviour which by any stretch of the imagination would make me question whether I would hypothetically take responsibility for the venue.*

*I would urge the council, especially at a time where our valuable pub culture in Britain is in such a precarious position given the events of the last year, to rethink this course of action and allow The Cow to keep serving its loyal customers.*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*I am a neighbour and regular patron of the Cow Pub and Restaurant in Notting Hill. I have recently been made aware that you are reviewing the Cow's Licence.*

*I think it would be a terrible mistake to revoke their licence. This is a local cultural institution. It is one of the few establishments that continues to cross the cultural divide and reflect the traditional mixed demographic Notting Hill. It is a wonderful venue where young and old, rich and poor can socialise in peace.*

*As an Irish man and long term resident of Notting hill, this venue represents much of the neighbourhood has lost as upmarket chichi venues have replaced independent, characterful and cultural establishments. I am often greeted with exceptional hospitality by long-term staff, which is a rarity in the neighbourhood which is so often staffed by short-term journeypeople.*

*I have never witnessed any criminality at the Cow. Even during various stages of government lockdowns, the staff made every effort to disperse crowds and comply with government guidance.*

*Sincerely,*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*I am writing to highlight how important The Cow has been within my life for the past 19 years that I have lived in Notting Hill. It has been the one pub that really represents the local area and offers a unique refuge to a real mix of local residents. I have never ever experienced any crime or disorder during the whole time I have lived in the area, even when Carnival has been on.*

*I really hope for my sake and the communities surrounding that The Cow's license will be renewed.*

*Kind regards*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**

## **OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

Notting Hill is an incredible medley of diverse people, cultures, and attitude with a creative atmosphere unique to this neighbourhood in London.

I have lived In Nottinghill since 2001 and I never want to leave if it can stay this way. We as a community care and pull together and we find that places like The Cow represents that. The Cow felt personal and welcoming and a place that embraced and embodies the Creativity, diversity and culture of Nottinghill.

The Cow Is an institution here that I still so many years on frequent whenever I can , with my friends , and their dogs!. The staff is wonderful, looking after us with care and always make you feel personally welcome. The Cow is the most wholesome pub in Notting Hill.

Not only have I never experienced or seen anything dodgy here - I have experienced great community with diversity.

Always there is a neighbourly feel and you chat to people you know from around here and the new faces you meet are always brought in by a local so you meet similar minds and share smiles this ease. This is the Cow in its essence - it's a great place.

London has lost so many of it's wonderful pubs. Some just disappear. and become restaurants (The Chepstow) Some get bought by big groups and lose their charm (The Walmer Castle (now sold again) and The Ladbroke Arms, The Cock and Bottle). Some belong to the young (The Westbourne) and some belong to the tourists (Portobello Road). But The Cow belongs to us, the neighbourhood.

Please don't take it from us. In a year when we have lost so much - please let us recover as a community at the places we love.

Please save the Cow.

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Good evening,

Like many other local (and indeed not so local) residents I was shocked and dismayed to hear that Westminster Council have decided to review The Cow's premises license. On what grounds such a review could take place of what can easily be argued as one of the best pubs in London I struggle to see.

To say that The Cow is an asset to the local community would be an understatement, it is an institution of which Westminster City Council should be proud of. I cannot recall a single visit to The Cow (of which there have been many) that has been a disappointment, let alone one where the issues of crime, disorder, public nuisance or concerns of safety have arisen. It is an increasingly rare thing in London to find a proper local pub serving fantastic food and excellent drinks in a warm and welcoming environment and it should be a priority of local councils to be protecting such places.

Furthermore, to undertake such a review at such a time as this, where we are all striving for the kind of social interaction and sense of community that only a great local pub can offer is not only disheartening but also a worrying step for Westminster City Council to be taking when so many of our beloved local institutions are already under so much pressure from this previous 12 months of economic hardship.

I hope, as do so many others, that The Cow will continue to be able to serve the local community and London as a whole in its capacity as one of the city's finest pubs.

Yours sincerely,

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by

## **OBJECTION**

Dear Sir or Madam,

[REDACTED], and I am writing in support of renewing The Cow's premise license. As a resident of over 10 years in the neighborhood, I view The Cow as part of the vibrant, diverse, welcoming energy that is so critical to this part of W2. [REDACTED] from the establishment and have not experienced any nuisance or security issues. I have always found the proprietors very welcoming and conscientious as a much-loved part of the neighborhood.

Sincerely your,

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am and have been for many years a patron of the Cow. Since first visiting in 2012 until its doors have temporarily closed, I have never witnessed any instances or issues of public nuisance, public safety or crime and disorder take place on or outside its premises. Quite the opposite, the pub is something that is becoming increasingly rare in London, as that of a genuine public house with warmth and good behaviour shared by anyone who has the opportunity to visit.

The Cow is one of the reasons I have returned to live in the area after moving back from Chelsea this year. It will be the first establishment my wife [REDACTED], copied) and I will visit when lockdown ends, as it was the last we visited before entering lockdown.

My wife's parents count it as the best gastro pub in London and exposing my in-laws to public nuisance, public safety concerns, crime or disorder would not be a wise move for a son-in-law (however good the Guinness and Fish Stew are). Thankfully, this is never the case.

To revoke the Cow's licence would genuinely see me lose faith in what good regulation looks like. Of all the establishments I have visited in London the Cow tops all of them as a place to visit, eat, enjoy a drink responsibly and do so without fear of any of the issues cited on this licence review. I implore you to confirm its continued operations and role as a central hub in a community that values it hugely. Notting Hill and London would be a poorer place without the Cow and its team.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

I understand Westminster City Council are reviewing the Cow's Premises License. This deeply concerns me as the Cow has been at the heart of the local community for years. It has a very wide and broad spectrum of customers. Including many locals, who use the pub as a meeting place. It is not a typical pub, focused on the young, being accessed by a very wide and older demographic who respect its unique charm, friendly character and quality food.

For me, it is one place where you can get away from trend, fashion and just enjoy good old fashioned quality food and drink, with familiar faces.

I would also like to add I have not experienced any crime or disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting the Cow. Infact I have found the staff, helping local vagrants and also, many of the regulars buying local elderly residents, who are a little down at heal, dinners. Something you rarely see.

It is a one of the most unique pubs in London. A venue that defines London - gives London its charm.





community resource and I trust will continue to be with the support of the council, kind regards [REDACTED],  
Westminster resident

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in relation to the review of the Cow's premises licence in Notting Hill W2.

[REDACTED]  
My business background has primarily been in the City but I have been involved in entertainment and hospitality as a side business.

I have been a local at the Cow since it was opened.  
Notting Hill as my adopted home has always held a special place in my heart.  
I have watched its transformation over the past few decades with a front row seat.  
I regularly put on music and charity events and as a result have been intimately connected with the many diverse and socio-economic communities in the area.  
It is well known there has been a grand gentrification of the area which has its ups and downsides.  
Often there is a grave danger to the communities with gentrification with the destruction of culture.

The Cow is much more than just a pub/restaurant.  
It is a major centre of a community.  
Whenever I speak to people about my adopted home of Notting Hill the Cow is always at the forefront of that conversation.  
As a permanent resident of London who grew up in the US, the Notting Hill community, with the Cow as a major social hub, has given me a sense of a home from home as all my family live abroad.  
I regularly tell visitors not familiar with Notting Hill that the Cow is the best pub I've ever been to in the entire country.  
The main reason as I often explain is, unlike most pubs, it is a place where everyone talks to everyone.  
It is an eccentric mix of cultures, ages, classes and characters which I find unrivalled.  
It is a place where a woman can go on their own for a drink (many female friends of mine often relate this) and not worry about being harassed as the regulars and staff create a safe, friendly atmosphere that is unrivalled imo.

I imagine that the majority of the concerns for this review arose solely to the environment created by Covid.  
As there was a lack of social outlets last summer the Notting Hill area became a magnet for people looking for an outlet to connect socially.  
It is well known the unusual scenes during last summer where abnormally hundreds of youths poured into the streets which was a concern for many residents I know and for the police as I had witnessed impromptu street gatherings that imo were a funneling of people towards any semblance of a social gathering.  
There were scenes outside the Cow and the Westbourne pub (across the road) were highly unusual for what I had witnessed for over 20 years.  
As I know the staff, security etc well at the Cow I knew intimately the measures they enacted and did their best to enforce which they did to the best of their ability but at times were beyond their remit or even responsibility.  
Until these unusual happenings due to Covid the Cow never had to have a security presence like it undertook to observe distancing rules.  
And I suspect that once Covid is behind us later in the summer this will be merely the unusual anomaly of a strained social situation.  
A few days here and there, like the Portobello crowds, were not down to the customers of the Cow but merely young people gathering anywhere they could find a place outside their homes to congregate.  
Often they had their own drinks and the Cow was merely collateral damage of this unusual situation we have all been faced with.  
I was shocked to learn of this review because the concerns and unwanted events were not typical or the fault of the management themselves.  
I could almost understand if it was new management and undesirable anti-social behaviour took residence as happens often with clubs I have witnessed over the years.  
But it has been open for over 25 years and this has never been the case.

This review feels like a scapegoat witch hunt that unfairly targets the Cow and lays blame for events which were not of their own doing or even responsibility.

*If you are reviewing the Cow then every place in the area would be deserve equal scrutiny and blame. Every supermarket, restaurant and establishment on Portobello would be culpable for the almost hundreds who gathered there during Covid.*

*Notting Hill happens to be a popular area and as I mentioned sadly became a funnel for many who, but for Covid would not venture there.*

*The only situation that should be under review is the handling of the pandemic.*

*The closing of the Cow would be for one, unjust, but worse it would be destroying a valuable and indispenible serivce,benefit and positive asset to the local community and to London itself.*

*It would be akin to cutting down a beautiful street lined street and filling it with lifeless concrete that serves no-one.*

*This review is an affront to the soul of Notting Hill and the soul of London.*

*Its one of the very reasons a foreign immigrant like myself appreciates and desires to visit the magic of London, Its value is beyond any price that could ever be put on it.*

*It is the definition of grassroots community values.*

Sincerely

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council,

*I am writing to you because of your recent issuing of a review of The Cow.*

*Closing Down the Cow would be like tearing down a landmark. It would be a huge loss to our neighbourhood. I have been going there with my family and friends for over 20 years now and have met fantastic people from all walks of life. It has been the friendly place that people can gather and socialise and is always a fantastic place to eat.*

*I have never experienced crime, disorder or public nuisance there. I have taken my boys there many times and have hosted some of the most memorable dinners there for my husbands birthday. It has also been a go to place for my staff Christmas parties and after work drinks.*

*Closing down The Cow would be removing the beating heart of the area. An authentic, friendly place with soul. A place I was looking forward to revisiting when this lockdown is over.*

*I do hope you will reconsider.*

Best wishes,

**Received: by  
OBJECTION**

Hello there,

*I love The Cow and would be very sad indeed to see it go. It's such an unassuming place and so welcoming to the whole community that I think the neighbourhood would be vastly diminished if it were to go.*

*We often have lunch there during the week and love that it's dog friendly too. It's such a focus for that stretch of road that otherwise seems to have businesses that come and go frequently.*

*It's a real asset that I think we need to protect.*

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council,

The Cow Pub in West London is a fantastic asset to the community. There have been many occasions, get togethers, birthdays and delicious dinners where The Cow has served as a special place for friends and family to get together.

It is (in my opinion and many of my friends), one of the best pubs in west london, even London altogether.

I have never experienced any violence, disorder or any nuisance generally since going there to drink and eat in the 10 years that I've been visiting.

It remains a special landmark with great patrons, both famous and most ordinary down to earth locals, who seamlessly mix together, harmlessly and always full of cheer. It's a positive place for the community I feel. The food is fantastic and it's regularly recommended to visit for any of my friends who are visiting or moving to London.

It would be a great loss to the community and London as a whole for the Cow to lose its license. A travesty that should not happen.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

[REDACTED] In that time I have been a regular patron of The cow. It is one of the finest and most respected establishments in the area with its relaxed atmosphere and respectable well behaved clientele. it is a institution which makes it a huge asset to the community and in all honesty I cannot imagine a Notting Hill with out it and certainly would not want to.

In that time I have never experienced anything that I would consider to shine anything near a bad light on The Cow. With its low key atmosphere I have never experience anything negative or anything associated with Crime and Disorder or safety issues. I love visiting The Cow for these exact reasons. I have always felt safe and relaxed.

In my time in Notting Hill the cow quickly become mine and my brothers favourite place and now means so much as it is a place I will regularly meet with him and spend time with him as and when we can. There is no other place I know of that has as much character and community associated with it.

In short The Cow is Notting Hill.

Thank you and kindest regards

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear sir/madam

I have been going to the Cow pub for over 20 years.

It's a London institution, with great food, great atmosphere and great staff.

Not once in 20 years have I seen any sort of trouble or commotion and feel very strongly that it must remain a pub and remain open.

Closing it would be a travesty for London AND most importantly for the local community it serves so well.

Best

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

*The Cow is a great local asset, it's one of the few pubs remaining that can provide a community atmosphere in a friendly environment with great food & drink. I look forward to spending afternoons there catching up with friends and making new friends - never once have I thought there were issues with public disorder, nuisance or issues with safety.*

*It really is Notting Hill institution providing Great British classics as well as influences from further a field, whilst remaining inclusive of all cultures/nationalities/race. I recommend trying the Pie or Chicken Kiev - they're both fantastic.*

*I look forward to returning when covid allows. Please do not close The Cow.*

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

*I wish to petition in regard to the licensing review of The Cow on Westbourne Park Road.*

*The Cow is a cornerstone of cultural life in the Bayswater, Notting Hill, and Ladbroke Grove community and one of the most unique pubs in London. It is rare to find a public house where all customers are welcomed warmly, rub shoulders, and engage in lively conversation no matter what their social status. It is a unique establishment that holds a high reputation amongst public houses and restaurants in London.*

*As a regular customer over the past 26 years I have never witnessed public disorder, crime, or public nuisance at any time. It is a warm and convivial place to be.*

*In regard to its cultural service, The Cow celebrates the saints days of all nations in Great Britain, and Burns night is celebrated with poetry and music. Our city and community needs pubs like The Cow to be protected by Westminster council.*

*The council must not rescind the license of The Cow, its importance to the community can not be overstated.*

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

*[REDACTED], so very near The Cow. I wanted to write to express my utter dismay at the the fact that this pub's license is under review. The Cow has been, for as long as I can remember, an institution in this neighborhood. When visiting, the staff have only been professional and friendly. There have never been any disturbances or noise or safety issues. I really feel it is a pillar in our community and even the thought that it might not be there is truly a tragedy.*

*I have young children now and am not able to dine there or visit as often as i used to, but I like knowing it is there and that some of the traditions of our neighborhood are being upheld. Pre-COVID when it was open, I have often driven past and only seen people coming together to have friendly conversations, a bit of fun and connect - all things we are VERY much hoping to be able to go back to once this terrible pandemic is over. We need places like The Cow for this to happen.*

*I am happy to discuss this matter if you wish.*

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

*I write to you to show support for the beloved Cow Pub in Notting Hill who I read have been issued with a Review of their Premises Licence.*

*I was shocked and saddened to hear the pub has been issued the review into its license - it seems completely unjust.*

*I wanted to write to explain what The Cow means to locals and how important it is for the local community. I've been going there for over a decade and it remains an institution - as it has for over 26 years.*

*Whether it's a swift pint and catch up with a friend, a marvellous chicken kiev catching up with friends or just a summer pit stop - The Cow delivers two incredibly vital things...heart and soul.*

*In a world where venues up and down the country are being closed to make way for disastrous chains, fast food restaurants or developed into flats for people to buy (and hardly ever live in) The Cow is truly unique.*

*It's vital venues like these are protected and looked after and I'm quite shocked this infamous venue is under extra strain at a time when we should be supporting small business owners that have faced the most tragic of years thanks to the pandemic.*

*I feel extremely strongly that The Cow deserves to have this review withdrawn on the grounds of the fact it adds so much the community surrounding it, delivers an epic service and to be frank would change the landscape of an entire area if it were to be closed.*

*Please think about this case seriously if you can and I urge you to realise the simple fact that a place like The Cow doesn't deserve to be placed under any extra pressure right now or have a licence review. The Cow is a pub that needs to be allowed to thrive off the back of the pandemic and I hope it will be given the space to do that.*

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by [REDACTED]

**OBJECTION**

*I live around the corner from The Cow in Westminster council. This pub is not only a neighbourhood institution but an important part of our community. Living so close to the pub, I can assure you that it has only brought warm memories and has never been a nuisance nor any level of disorder. Being near this pub is one of the best and proudest things about my area of residence and hope that it will be there for any years and decades to come.*

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by [REDACTED]

**OBJECTION**

*I'd like to state my support for The Cow, certainly an asset for the community in Notting Hill and the Borough of Westminster, a place that keeps both of them authentic and vibrant.*

*A place that we all miss these days and we look fwd to seeing open again very very soon.*

*Food is amazing and unique, cheap also, which is an important feat these days - this crisis has killed so many local businesses.*

*And most importantly, I never experienced any crime, nuisance, disorder, or any other issues.*

*We want The Cow back!*

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by [REDACTED]

**OBJECTION**

*I've been coming to the Cow twice weekly for the last 15 years and sometimes more often. I think I'm still a newbie!*

*We've celebrated birthdays, weddings, mourned loved ones and I've also wowed a few dates there (more because of the place rather than my company) ... but mostly have just made friends and found neighbours to talk to and share stories with etc ... and of course, enjoy amazing real food and the odd pint of Guinness in a relaxed and truly welcoming environment.*

*The staff have become friends and are helpful and compassionate too, this place is very special and I couldn't bear to think of life without it.*

*Never have I experienced any disorder or crime of any sort - just good banter, interesting characters and human nature at its loveliest - and that's it really. We are a lovely herd, everyone is welcome and we look after each other ... something we need more of in the world ... and never more so than now.*

*In short The Cow is a bedrock of our community ... and I hope and look forward to coming for many years to*

come.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am writing in support of The Cow which is an incredibly special place and indeed a Notting Hill institution. I have never witnessed any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues when visiting. It would be a real loss to the area if The Cow were to lose its Premises Licence.*

*The Cow offers a real heart to the community, somewhere people know each other and bump into friends, but also greet strangers. Needless to say this is a real rarity in London, and in particular in an area such as Notting Hill that has changed so much in recent years.*

*I feel it would be a great sadness and a huge loss if The Cow's Premises Licence was not renewed.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
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[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Alongside many others I would like to express my wholehearted support for The Cow.*

*Simply being an institution is not enough, and frankly that's not what makes The Cow great. I have never been to a more welcoming, hospitable and safe pub in my life and it is without doubt one of London's best pubs.*

*It would be a great shame to lose such a place.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am writing in reference to the current review of The Cow's premises licence 21/00981/LIREVP:*

*The Cow ties together an entire community. This establishment has integrity, which is fundamentally served and upheld by the wonderful people from all walks of life who frequent it. Locations to gather, share, enjoy, laugh and cry together are vanishing in London. The Cow is a rarity in an environment increasingly becoming devoid of character. Perhaps this is why The Cow is treasured by so many.*

*As a frequent local, I have never experienced any sort of disruptive or disorderly behaviour at The Cow. It is a well run and well respected establishment. The team is adored by the community, and ensures excellent professional standards in all respects.*

*It is outrageous that The Cow is under-review, particularly given the context of the struggle the hospitality sector has faced in the last year. I hope your review is carefully conducted with consideration for the wide reaching implications of closing an establishment that sits at the heart of our community. The implications for the staff (many of whom have worked there for decades) and the customers if you revoke the license is devastating and deeply saddening.*



**OBJECTION**

Dear Licensing Department of Westminster,

I understand The Cow of Westbourne Park Road, London has a License Review with you and I would like to make a few points of reference to be considered.

- 1. I had been a visitor to The Cow in the mid 90's and then even more frequent after moving into the local area in 1999.
- 2. I have always experienced a local, family atmosphere and I never experienced any type of criminal activity inside the premises or outside.
- 3. Patrons are respectful that the local surrounding area is a residential neighbourhood.
- 4. I have walked or driven past The Cow on my way home and have always enjoyed seeing the patrons on the outdoor seating or inside in happy and jovial moods.
- 5. The Cow is part of the character of Notting Hill and the locals have come to treasure it. It not only boasts a tourist patronage but also has many celebrities as customers.

It has been very difficult in the lockdown periods where you can not convene to meet old friends and make new ones in The Cow.

- 6. I am very proud to put my name amongst those who are regulars to The Cow and would love to see the owners, staff and patrons enjoy the safe and family environment that has been built up over the past 26 years.

Please allow The Cow to continue to trade in the Manner it has always done.

Thanking you,

Respectfully yours, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council

The Cow pub W2 - reference 21/00981/LIREVP - is an asset to the community. I live locally and have been a regular customer for over two decades, I love it and I and my family have never experienced any crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues while visiting The Cow. Please let it continue.

[REDACTED]

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear representatives,

I am a resident of Westminster Council, W11, [REDACTED]. I have never found it to be a nuisance [REDACTED]. As a diner, I have found it to be a welcoming and safe environment where I am able to socialise with a diverse group of fellow Londoners, both from the area and from other neighbourhoods.

It would be a grave mistake to revoke this establishment's license. It provides great food, drink, music and atmosphere for everyone as well as employment for students. It is impeccably run by the management.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

I'm writing to document my complete and definitive support for The Cow pub in Notting Hill.

I've been frequenting the pub for almost 20 years as a resident of Notting Hill and [REDACTED]. The pub symbolises everything that's great about London. Its low ego, high quality food, friendly







Dear Sir or Madam,

Further to my notice of support on your website I wanted to put into words my 100% support of the Cow Public house and their management team of the business they operate on Westbourne Park Road.

[REDACTED] and have never once seen a crime, public disorder or nuisance in those years, in fact I've seen quite the opposite. The Cow's management team have been a positive influence on the road and surrounding area, always engaged with the residents and their lives on the road. Helping where they can and offering a safe pair of hands when in need. They have a low turn over of staff which means they have a team who have managed the pub responsibly for many many years and understand how to operate a safe, well run business.

The Cow has an outstanding reputation for being a positive influence in Notting Hill life and long may it continue.

Please feel free to contact me on the above correspondence for any further clarification.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that Westminster council has issued a license review for The Cow Pub and Dining Rooms. I am writing to express my deep concern at the thought that our council, which exists to service and contribute to the betterment of the area, is contemplating the closure of a pillar in the social life of our local community.

At a time where the hospitality sector is increasingly dominated by chains and driven by commercial profit, The Cow stands as one of the few surviving independent establishments committed to its customers above all else. The Cow is a family business, and this familial atmosphere is extended to each and every individual that comes through its doors. I cannot stress enough how precious this quality is, and what a valuable asset it is to the area. It is also what makes The Cow an invaluable contributor to social cohesion throughout the locality; everyone is welcome, creating a genuine sense of kinship between visitors from all walks of life.

Each day at the Cow brings passing visitors, in addition to the unusually large group of regulars testifying to the popularity and value of this establishment. For those in the latter category, The Cow is often the epicentre of sociability; it is where friends, family, work colleagues, romantic encounters and spontaneous meetings all blossom in unity. This is where the appeal of The Cow lies. I have never experienced crime or disorder, public nuisance or safety issues there. The staff are strict in directing customers to the exit at closing time, instruct people exiting to keep noise to a minimum so as not to disturb surrounding residents and implement a strict no-tolerance policy where any violence, inappropriate conduct or illegal substances are concerned. As a young woman, it is one of the places I feel safest to go, whatever day or time it is.

I hope you will take this in consideration as you review their license. Like all businesses in the hospitality sector this year, The Cow has been under massive financial strain and fought to survive the pandemic. Its customers have waited in anticipation to find one another again there after the interruption of normal human contact and the cessation of social enjoyment. Please do dash the efforts and hopes of the residents of your council.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best wishes,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Hello, I'm writing to support The Cow in remaining open, but to also express disappointment that they continue to not engage properly with local residents on some of the issues around the pub. Hopefully the below summarises our thoughts - we have now called and emailed many times over an extended period of time and

get no engagement from them.

We like having the pub at the end of the road, but things like litter need to be addressed.

Thanks, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern

I understand that there is a review of the licence of "The Cow" ...reference 21/00981/LIREVP  
I have been a very regular customer at The Cow for the past ten years both in the restaurant and in the pub. I have eaten there at least once a week either on my own or with my wife and grown up children on numerous occasions and have used the first floor for family functions numerous times.  
I have had nothing but good experiences at The Cow and while often being busy the atmosphere is always friendly, welcoming and very safe. There has not been a single occasion when I have witnessed any trouble of any sort.  
The staff are so helpful, professional, kind and courteous and The Cow is undoubtedly an extremely important part of the local community in which I live and it has been greatly missed during lockdown.  
If I can give any further details do please let me know,  
all the best  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

It is as well a great employer that hires the young local kids from both the council estates as well as the more privileged. There are not many work opportunities for the young kids in the area. Having work experience from the hospitality industry is a great and will open many doors for other work.

Reflecting even more on the importance of a public house during the pandemic you realise what important part it has for us all but mainly all the single / lonely people in the local community.

We live across the road from The Bonaparte so we know how it is and we miss the buzz, the light...

All the best!

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir,

I wish to write in support of The Cow at 89 Westbourne Park Road. I have over the years much enjoyed dining there and it has provided a safe, comfortable experience for me and my friends. As an older Westminster resident I have always found it not only a great dining experience but also a pleasant place for us to meet. It is a convenient neighbourhood gastropub where I can meet a girlfriend for supper and both can get home easily and indeed safely.

I recognise that any restaurant or pub in a residential area will give rise to some noise but without such facilities, those who wish to go out for a drink and a meal will have to travel much further afield. The presence of such establishments adds to local community and a sense of neighbourhood more than it detracts.

yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

*I fully support the Cow in its licence application.*

*I have been a local for many years and the pub/restaurant is a much loved & valuable local institution bringing great hospitality to the area and much needed high class and sophistication.*

Yours  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

*Since moving to Notting Hill from abroad 8 years ago The Cow pub has become a very central point of my life in the area as this is where I come after work with my colleagues, with my friends and my family when they visit London. All this due to the lovely atmosphere The Cow offers, it's crowd of amazing talented visitors as well as their staff and first and foremost their amazing food. It's one of the best sea food and pub food restaurants I have been to in London.*

*Not have I only had amazing food in The Cow but I have also met most of my friends in the area in The Cow, to close this pub would be a great loss to Notting Hill area as well as the people from all around London who come to The Cow for their food and atmosphere. Never have I during the many times in the Cow experienced crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting the Cow, rather the opposite - The Cow is home and is a great meeting point and cultural spot of the area that offers great food and lovely people, The Cow is part of Notting Hill as much as Notting Hill is part of The Cow.*

Thank you,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

To Whom It May Concern,

*I am writing in support of The Cow being able to continue to trade. I have been a returning customer over 25 years and in my opinion The Cow is an establishment which is deeply embedded in and valuable to the local community and beyond.*

*To revoke their license to trade would be shortsighted and a great loss, so many people near and far journey to enjoy the warm hospitality, good food and friendly atmosphere. The Cow is a haven for many. A gem.*

Yours Sincerely, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear sir/Madam,

*I am writing this brief note in support of the Cow Westbourne Grove whose licence is currently under review.*

*I am an occasional customer of this establishment who hugely values its service, warmth of welcome and quality of their product. In these times we especially need to value places like the Cow that places enormous*

store in creating a convivial and community spirited environment that is so very much a part of what the Notting Hill area represents. Moreover, it's quickly become an iconic pub that appeals far and wide to visitors from across the city and overseas. Its food and beverage service is of a high quality that is much needed as we emerge from this awful pandemic.

I have never witnessed anything other than warmth of hospitality at the Cow. And, there has never been any sign of trouble, crime and disorder to my knowledge. I'd respectfully ask that you please take seriously my comments when making any decisions that may affect the future of the Cow and the surrounding neighbourhood.

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council,

Having grown up in the area I have been going to the Cow from a young age with my father. We used to go most Sundays before lunch to have a drink and some oysters. The service has always been incredible and the staff very friendly. Now I go there and enjoy it with my friends who live in the area. We regularly go for a drink or Sunday lunch. It is an institution and no place like it in west London. I have many fond memories there and look forward to having many more with friends and family. It is one of the main parts of the neighbourhood and we are very lucky to have this gem very close to where I live. I have never experienced any sort of crime or disorder whilst at the cow. They have always been very good at making sure you're inside at the right time and not too loud. It has always been very well managed.

It is a uniquely special place and it would be devastating if anything happened to it.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Sirs

Reference: 21/00981/LIREVP

I think the above premises should not lose their licence or see it further restricted. London is losing too many pubs. They are a vital part of local communities and provide refreshment and opportunities for people to socialise. They have been an element of English society for centuries. The management at The Cow provide excellent food, drink and hospitality. Pubs also provide jobs and pay significant amounts of tax, which helps fund public services like the NHS.

Please do not shut The Cow or prevent it from trading.

I live fairly nearby and it is a valuable amenity: closing it would detract from the choice and facilities in the area.

Best

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Hi there,

Reference number - 21/00981/LIREVP

*The Cow is the most wonderful local establishment, a complete asset to Notting Hill. It has amazing service, great food and a wonderful atmosphere.*

*The area would not be the same if it wasn't there!*

*I have been going to The Cow regularly ivwra few years and have never come across any anti social, crime or disorderly behaviour. In fact quite the opposite. People obey the rules, are well mannered and the staff keep it in check. It absolutely stuck with all rules out in place over the Covid 19 pandemic.*

*It is a favourite of many and a reason for people to come to the area. It is certainly loved by all!*

Many thanks,

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Hello Westminster council,

*I am writing to you to plead for the renewal of The Cow's license.*

*The Cow has been a hub, a haven and a home for me and my community for as long as I can remember. It is a warm and friendly place where you can find every type of person, all happy to be together under it's roof. So much has changed about the area, some good and some bad, but you can always rely on the Cow to provide a safe space. Just the thought of it inspires warmth in your belly. It embodies everything good about the area - friends, family, history & community. To take it away would be to destroy an artefact of Notting Hill spirit. It's a tourist attraction that hasn't been lost to tacky merchandise. That enriches the community rather than taking from them. It isn't a place, it is a heart. After such an awful year, where so many have lost so much, it would be so heartbreaking to see another thing taken from us. You would be breaking so many hearts and letting so many people in your borough down.*

*Thank you for your time and I whole heartedly hope you do the right thing and leave our home alone,*

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Licencing,

*and have done for a little over 4 years. During that time I've visited the pub on several hundred occasions and have never once seen any sort of anti-social behaviour or miss management in any way shape or form.*

*Im not originally from London and had it not been for the welcoming atmosphere and open mindedness of the regulars who frequent The Cow, I would have felt very lonely. I've made many friends there and in fact managed to court my fiancée there, so naturally it's close to my heart.*

*To lose this pub would not only be a real loss for this special part of Bayswater, but further add to the decline in all of London nightlife- a great source of employment for the younger generations as well as a draw for tourists. a terrible trend which will no doubt lead to my (and many others) departure form this city.*

*I sincerely hope that you, (my council) listen my (your resident) voice.*

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

*It is alarming to hear of Westminster Council's ongoing review of The Cow's licence. As someone who has lived locally for well over a decade, I cannot overstate the instrumental role The Cow plays in local life. Its loss would be deeply damaging to the many and varied communities that constitute its customer base.*

*An impeccably civilised example of what a British pub ought to be, The Cow boasts an impressive history of delicious food and drink and exceptional service. Its famed Guinness and oyster offering - that attracts customers from all corners of London, Britain and beyond - is but one string in an extensive culinary bow. I challenge you to find a better Chicken Kiev west of the Dnieper. It is no surprise there has been such widespread concern surrounding its possible closure.*

*In a pre-pandemic world, I would find myself in The Cow on a fortnightly basis. I have never witnessed any questionable behaviour. All members of staff and fellow punters I have encountered have been charming.*

*Please allow The Cow to continue trading.*

Kind regards,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted signature]

**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*The Cow is the heart and soul of the community. By closing it, you are denying many thousands of people a place that they call home. This includes their amazing staff.*

*I have been going to The Cow for the past 6 years and have never experienced any issues, never felt threatened or unsafe going there.*

*I met lots of my friends at The Cow. I know lots of people who selected their new homes based on their proximity to The Cow. The staff and the community they build there feel like family for so many of us.*

*With this, I truly hope that you will reconsider and allow "The Cow" to keep its doors open.*

Ref no: 21/00981/LIREVP

Kind regards,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted signature]

**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Hi there,

*I am writing to write about this terrible news that is circulating about The Cow.*

*The Cow has been a huge asset to the neighbourhood for many many years. I work locally and go there at least once a week. The atmosphere, staff, drinks and food are all so unique and special to London as a whole - people travel all over to it so it brings a lot to the area. It creates a real neighbourhood feel due to its authenticity which you rarely get with pubs and restaurants in London anymore - we need to be saving places like this. London is becoming filled with cookie cutter, gentrified pubs and it needs this quality and genuine character to keep not only the area but London interesting and real. The quality is fantastic, it's a comforting atmosphere and we need places like this to go to for people's wellbeing, happiness and human connection and never have I ever experienced any disorder, crime or nuisance there. It's a relaxed and comfortable place to be.*

*I truly believe from the bottom of my heart this would create a negative effect not only for the local area but for*



Westminster as a whole as people will travel elsewhere to gain what they get from there - it's not any old pub, its genuine and needs to last for as long as it can.

I urge you to please keep them open - for the sake for locals and beyond.

Kind regards,

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I have been frequenting The Cow for over 20 years. It is a hub of culture and center for gatherings and conversation.

I have never witnessed any disorder, public unrest or safety issues, ever!

I hope to be able to take my kids here one day..

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madame,

I am writing with reference to the recently announced review on the premises license for The Cow. I have been drinking in this delightful establishment for at least 8 years now and more regularly in the last 5 years since moving to [REDACTED]. In this time I have not once experienced any crime or disturbance associated with the venue or witnessed any public nuisance. All I ever see is happy patrons enjoying the fine Guinness they serve alongside some fantastic sea food.

One thing that I will never understand and perhaps you could enlighten me to is the fascination with Westminster Council to pander to local residents with respect to pubs and bars. I have worked in the vicinity of Shepherd's Market for the last 10 years and the residents have single handedly destroyed my local pub (The Market Tavern) with their incessant complaints. These establishments have been around for years, way before these residents moved in and if you don't want to hear the noises from people socialising with their friends then do not move next to a drinking establishment it really is that simple.

Given what the world has been through over the last year and the sacrifices the hospitality industry has been forced to endure I cannot for the life of me understand why this review is necessary. Once we are finally allowed to enjoy our personal freedoms my wife and I very much look forward to visiting The Cow and hopefully you will see sense and allow the proprietors to carry out the valuable service they provide to the local community.

Yours sincerely,

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/madam,

I am writing to you to express my utter disbelief at hearing that The Cow's license may be in jeopardy [REDACTED]. The Cow is really one of only two drinking Establishments in London I think worthy of drinking in. Why its license would be in question is beyond me as it's such an amazing little local pub renowned well beyond the boundaries of London. The food and the Guinness is amazing and the bar staff are so friendly and accommodating. Its been my home from home now for years now

and to not have it would be a disaster to me and many many local people !!!... it's a place i feel more than comfortable to walk in on my own as a woman and chat to anyone, its safe, friendly and welcoming to everyone

Theres always a vibrant mixture of local folk mixing with people from just about anywhere in the country/world that have been told they cannot miss a visit to The Cow if in London.

I know friends that have moved areas in London just so The Cow is their local ! As well as the excellent food and beverages the live music they put on for special Occasions is second to none. They celebrate Burns Night, St Patricks day, St Davids and St Georges Day all with exactly the same amazing enthusiasm showing appropriate live music and food, for each night, its really unbeatable fin there for atmosphere on every one ! As well as this their carnival party is the only one i will bother going to as its such a fun well run night.

Since all my time in The Cow i have never seen any fights or aggravation, its really not that sort of pub. West London has had so many of its better bars taken away now its a dreadful state of affairs. No live music exists, and mostly now just dull posh members bars remain only to be frequented by a certain person with a certain amount of cash !

West London has had so many of its better bars taken away now its a dreadful state of affairs. No live music exists, and mostly now just dull posh members bars remain only to be frequented by a certain person with a certain amount of cash ! West London is losing its life ... don't take away our only good places to meet and socialise !!! the Cow is such a special local place and so loved by everyone.

Thank you for listening

Regards

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

I believe British photographer, [REDACTED], has so eloquently said everything I have to say about the wonderful and unique West London pub - The Cow.

"The Cow in Westbourne Park, west London, is my favourite pub in all of the world. A place that truly represents the meaning and value of the words 'Public House'. You're as likely to find yourself partaking in conversation with a pop star as much as someone who sells melons on Portobello Market. Throw in to the mix the long serving bar staff and the house staples; Guinness, decent wine, fish stew, oysters, pint of prawns and tagliolini and you have everything you'll ever need. But unnerving news arrives with the announcement by Westminster Council that the pub's license is under review. For what good reason I have no idea. In over 20 years of frequenting The Cow I have never seen disorder, disturbance or troubling behaviour of any kind. It is a civilised house for civilised people and to deny it its right to exist is the removal of one more brick from the foundations of the greatest city in the world."

I can't imagine my beloved borough without this fine establishment, please, please do not rob us of guaranteed good times, delicious food, and excellent Guinness.

Many thanks,

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

chances are that you have at least once in your life enjoyed yourself inside the Cow, so it is no coincidence that you agree with me when I say that this is the only pub, in London, with an unparalleled reputation for being friendly, filled with tossers, wannabes and locals that have made the Cow their pub 'au choix'. — [REDACTED]

May I draw to your attention the date of establishment, 26 years in operation in April 2021, as this without a shadow of a doubt means that most current locals, and your parents, have been and enjoyed the vibrancy of the pub. Closing it down serves nobody but Saddist Khan and his destructive passion of the hospitality industry.

Here are some examples of how the local community enjoys its presence, and as you can see, other services like the Metropolitan Police.

<https://thecowlondon.com/25-years-at-the-cow/>

[REDACTED]  
I totally and whole heartedly oppose this abhorrent challenging of their license.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern

As a frequent visitor to London one of my most special and favourite destinations is The Cow Saloon Bar and Dining Rooms.

The Cow has an inviting, unpretentious ambience that epitomises the warmth and character that, as a foreigner, I have come to expect as a truly London welcome embrace back home from home after a lengthy absence.

Never in my visits over many years have I experienced any disorderly or criminal issues, only a sense of community, friendship and a shining example of what one of Londons finest pubs can offer, a pub that contributes to what makes London great.

Besides, the dining room serves the best Fish Stew that I have ever encountered in my many travels around the world.

Yours truly, [REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir,

The Cow Public House in Westbourne Park Road ,is a London institution, is excellently managed, serves a wide variety of British produce , provides much needed employment and is an asset to the local community. I see no good reason for a review of the license at this property.

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 5 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to support The Cow Pub and its publican Tom Conran in their bid to renew their licence from Westminster City Council.

I have had the great pleasure of visiting The Cow since its opening in c.1995. [REDACTED] and was a regular customer throughout those years. I still enjoy visiting the pub when I am in the area.

In the many years that I have been a customer of The Cow I have always felt extremely secure in the pub. The staff, some of whom have been with the pub since the beginning, are extremely professional and make sure they preside over a safe and happy environment. Trouble-makers and anti-social elements are not tolerated and

have always been dealt with swiftly and with great discretion. I have never witnessed any criminal acts in the pub, including any violent ones.

The Cow serves wonderful food and well-kept beer, and is a vital social hub for many people within the neighbourhood and beyond. To deprive The Cow of its licence would be to deprive the area of one of its greatest assets.

Therefore, please add me to long list of people writing in to support the renewal of the pub's licence.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by email or telephone if you require.

Your sincerely

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 5 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to implore you to grant "The Cow" pub, 89 Westbourne Park Road, London W2 5QH a licence.

I have lived on [REDACTED] for 22 years it is an excellent local and a service to the community. It has always had very good food and good drinks. It is the only place I go ! Always friendly and always seems safe to me, even on dark wintery nights. I have never ever had a a security problem over the 20 years I have been going there.

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 5 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I'm writing to you all to express my concern and push my support with regards to The Cow remaining open.

Why is The Cow an asset?

In a City where by it is rare for staple places of drink and cuisine - are dwindling - the unique and wonderful asset and persona that The cow has always had in abundance, is an accepting and welcoming policy for all.

Why remove or not support a local establishment that over its tenure has only sought to bring people together within the community, mixing all classes of the W2 microcosm that it sits in

What does The Cow mean to me?

Of course The Cow has amazing memories for me. Introductions to new people and gathering of old friends. It brings a lovely unusual mix of people within the area and also further afield

For all the years that I have enjoyed leisure time at The Cow -spanning a decade - I have never experienced any crime or disorder.

For some years I have been living on and off at

With Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 5 Mar 2021 by**

## **OBJECTION**

Dear Sir / Madam ,

I would just like to put a word in to support The Cow pub . It has been my local Pub for 26 years , it excels as one of the very best Pubs in London for so many reasons firstly the variety of the customers is unique .... an incredible tapestry of amazing people from all walks of life .... intellectuals , actors , musicians, artists, sportsmen, surgeons, doctors ,chefs I could go on indefinitely....

Truly a wonderful melange of interesting and friendly , kind people.... civilised and very sociable .... as well of course a core of local regulars who I know all of for many many years ..... like a family.... trustworthy and fun people with a mutual spirit to eat and drink heartily and merrily . And literally no better place in London to randomly meet good folk with a story to tell ..... never a dull moment!

Also The Cow is a genuinely gastronomic Pub .. Tom Conran it's owner is a true gourmand and takes pride in a fantastic menu of delectable Anglo/ French cuisine that people travel far and wide to enjoy.... one of the best Oyster and Guinness spots in London Town and famous for it !

Ultimately it's a home away from home to many people .... it's ambiance is very cozy and friendly and it marks all the important days in the year like St George's , St Patrick's, St David's Days .... as well as all the great British and Global sporting events from Six nations Rugby to the World Cup and so on ....

Suffice as to say a great many people would literally be devastated should it's LISCENCE be revoked and it close ....

Also I have literally never witnessed any crime situations or unsavoury behaviour ever .... and I'm there a lot .... the worst you could say is utter enthusiasm and joy when there are certain days occur that everyone celebrates a sporting event or National Saints Day ....

I love this Pub , all the staff , especially Petro the main manager, who is brilliantly skilled at dealing with all customers....

And the Owner Tom Conran who is an old friend dedicated and proud overseer of all that goes on .... himself part of a legacy and great contribution to London generally....

please take this all into consideration when reviewing the situation.....

I trust that such a shining light in the Westminster community will not be extinguished!

Yours very sincerely,

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

I am writing in support of the management and employees of The Cow pub and restaurant.

It is distressing and perplexing that the council have issued a review of the licence on the grounds of public disorder. I have been a customer there for over 20 years, probably longer, and never experienced any such behaviour or felt any personal sense of threat.

By contrast, The Cow has been, and I hope will continue to be, a haven of good food, congenial company and represents an increasingly rare, working example of traditional hospitality and community.

I would ask the council to get behind a success story in the borough, and support The Cow during what have been crippling times for the hospitality industry as a whole.

sincerely,

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

The Cow is an amazing institution and should be allowed to remain as one. It has one of the friendliest atmospheres in London. Incredibly talented people work at The Cow, providing the upmost customer love and care.

I can confirm that I have never experienced crime and disorder, a public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow.

SAVE THE COW

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To the licensor

*I have been a regular at The Cow since it opened, for lunch or drinks in the evening. I can confirm that I have not experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting the pub.*

*I have recently discovered to my horror that Westminster City Council have issued a Review of The Cow's Premises Licence. This seems to be extraordinary since it is not only a much loved institution that has served locals royally but is also world renowned as a modern version of the English pub, one of the original 'gastropubs' from before the word was devalued. It combines the qualities of a community pub with the exacting standards of a high class restaurant.*

*The only thing the Cow lacks is sunshine but that has a silver lining. Almost everyone who goes there is local. It's an allure that outweighs the sunny terrace over the road. It is the only place in the neighbourhood where you can drop in alone, safe in the knowledge that you'll bump into friend, neighbour or family member. This creates a delightful social cohesion and certainly furthers the sense of community. I know of a number of lonely elders who must be desperately missing their daily fix of social interaction at The Cow.*

*That alone would make it a community asset. It is not uncommon to see three generations of the same family dining together. It's the sort of place a well known footballer might be seen chatting to the staff all afternoon. Everyone is made welcome.*

*I would strongly urge you to extend the licence at The Cow. [REDACTED] and cycle to the pub.*

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
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**SAVE THE COW**

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Hello,

*I am writing in regards to the review of The Cow's premise licence and why I believe that it is important that this wonderful pub remains open. The Cow has long been a place we go as a family to celebrate special occasions, in the December just gone I had the most perfect Sunday lunch there with my brother and dad on my 30th birthday, there is nowhere I would have rather eaten on that day. It is also somewhere we go together for a drink, for a quick catch up or because we have a particular craving for their pints of prawns and Guinness. It is a pub I have brought many of my friends too and it holds countless memories and I have been so looking forward to the many more that will be created once we are able to get back there. It is also a place I recommend anyone visiting London to go to for a quintessential British pub experience that actually serves good drinks, good food and brilliant atmosphere.*

*There are so few places left in London like The Cow and it is likely there will be even less when we find our way out of this pandemic and if they had to close their doors it would be a catastrophic loss to the community and to the London pub and gastro industry. The Cow is a proper local pub, it is almost impossible to go there and not run into someone you know or to leave without making a new friend. It is a place you can go to drink on your own and find company or with a group of your closest friends and enjoy your intimacy. At a time when we need to be protecting places like The Cow it seems mad to even be considering revoking its licence. I want to confirm that in my many visits there over the years I have never experienced any crime or disorder, public nuisance or*

safety issues. It is a safe and welcoming place, and it is absolutely essential it remains open.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been a customer of the Cow for over 20 years.

I love their delicious food, the quality is really high and always delivers. I bring my family for dinner and drinks regularly. The staff are always so accommodating, professional and helpful. All my friends love to meet at the Cow. I have made great friends through the Cow, I visit it weekly for my amazing Cow fish stew and the fun atmosphere. The Cow has been part of the community for 25 years, and is a landmark, an institution that Notting Hill could NOT do without.

I have always felt safe and secure, I have never experienced anything untoward.

It is my favourite place, and I consider myself a regular.

Please feel free to contact me if I can help ensure the Cow remains as it is, a great traditional pub.

Yours sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council,

I am writing on behalf of The Cow as a loyal patron and keen admirer of many years. Having grown up a stones throw away, The Cow has long been a fixture in my life, and a wholly positive one at that. I can say with certainty that it stands above all pubs in the area, not simply for the quality of food and service but for the atmosphere of friendship and community that it engenders. The Cow is a pub of Old London, a truly public house where all ages and creeds can be together with respect and libation. It has long served as a solace for locals, and a place of great safety. I have taken refuge in The Cow when I did not feel safe elsewhere, and in my many years of patronage I have never experienced anything but respect, kindness and lawfulness from all who were there. The Cow is the centre of our community and has always taken that role seriously, so it fights to ensure that there is always order and goodness amongst its patrons. It is not a place for crime, nuisance or disorder but rather one for friendship, conversation and exceptional food. To lose this beating heart would be a devastating blow to the values that London has always stood for.

Yours, with hope,  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Hi there,

To whom it may concern, I heard about the reviewing of The Cow's Premises Licence, and was heart broken! I am only 20 years old but personally The Cow is a west London gem and it holds a very special place in my heart. The food is the best in London, with a one of a kind, fun, warm atmosphere. I have only ever had positive, friendly experiences, with never ever any experience of crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues. In every one of my visits to The Cow, I have been looked after to the best degree, by the most incredible people and always can't wait for my next visit.

I hope this review has a positive result and it won't be long till I am back, sitting in The Cow soon!

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Please save The Cow.

*It is a local, fantastic pub that has bought the community together over many years.*

*For many years I worked locally to The Cow and it was always a safe, friendly meeting place. There was never any trouble, only a warm welcoming pub which is much needed in this local area.*

Best  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Reference: 21/00981/LIREVP

To whom it may concern,

*I am writing a letter because I love The Cow. It is my most favorite pub! The Cow has such a great community feeling every time I walk into the pub. It made me feel like one of the locals even when I stopped living in the area. The pints of Guinness there are amazing. Their food is really amazing, I love their sea food platter, oh the fish stew is my favorite! Their chicken Kiev is amazing and basically everything is great!*

*I never experienced any crime or disorder when I was at the Cow.*

*It felt very safe and cozy.*

*Please help keep the Cow open!*

*I can't wait to go back there in a socially distanced manner once we're allowed.*

Thank you,  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Ref:- 21/00981/LIREVP

To whom it may concern

Dear sir/madam please find hereafter my professional representation of the cow public house. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The venue was known to myself and I was aware that it was a busy and vibrant local community hub providing a safe, friendly and wholesome environment for its patrons to enjoy the company of other locals whilst being served good food and good drink. I myself have been involved in the security sector for 19 years now working at places and marquees alike, dealing with multimillionaire car and art collectors through to post graduate students putting on their first show.

*It really pains me to have heard that the cow's licence is up for review! I am shocked! I understand the venue is not perfect but, in my experience, dealing with local authorities they are normally much more interested in opening dialogue with a venue so that its issues can be rectified rather than depriving the community of what is clearly a very well-loved establishment.*

*I have been forwarded some images taken by some of your licencing officers. I am not able to comment fully as I believe I do not have all the associated images, but I will say that some of these images clearly show the before and after of when my team have arrived onsite and started clearing the overpopulated public footpath with no support from the authorities, I mention the support aspect as I believe its pertinent. Most of your complaints seem to be about the goings on over carnival weekend and associated days? This would have been the week before, the week during and the week after carnival. Portobello road? Police numbers? Approximately 40 officers!... Westbourne park road, opposite a well-known gang affiliated estate in an area known to have house parties over these weeks, Police numbers? Exactly 0. How is this providing support.*



There were several occasions over these weeks when my security team tried for several hours to get support from local officers to assist clearing the outside area of the venue which is the only area (a public footpath) we were having difficulties controlling. I myself tried to contact the police for assistance with no avail on at least 2 occasions, This became more and more of a problem as the weeks went by as people became aware that our venue was being neglected by the authorities with a complete lack of any kind of police presence and the crowds grew and grew, the management and my team had to make the decision to close the venue on several occasions as it was clear to all involved it was the only way to reduce the numbers of people outside without the appropriate support from the police and without causing a breach of the peace.

As far as drinking after hours go I can only say that this does not take place while my staff are on site, they generally finish at 23:30, and are given a single drink which is provided by the venue at no cost to my staff and is prepared before the final bell. I would also like to add that I myself have witnessed Mr T Conran giving drinks away for free to his patrons while the venue is in an open period on numerous occasions, it is known by all Toms staff that he is to be kept away from "behind" the bar so he doesn't give away to many drinks. With this in mind, I am struggling to believe that one of your officers witnessed Tom charging for drinks while the venue was supposed to be closed and in fact believe the officer to be mistaken. Thomas Conran does not "cash handle" I feel very strongly that with the pandemic in play we all have had a lot to learn very quickly and not all lessons are easily learned. As the director of the company that provides the cows security, I would welcome any dialog that would help me improve my services.

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

The Cow Sallon Bar and Dining Rooms ,  
89 Westbourne Park Road W2 5QH

To whom it may concern,

To describe the Cow as the hub of the community is selling it really most short. A hostelry that. not only proffers excellent food, wine , beer and spirits , it is also a massively important meeting place for the area's community most of whom have lived in the neighbourhood for 20 years or more. Perhaps the only true local in the area it is not, like many of the pubs nearby on Portobello, festooned with tourists and day trippers, it is a proper pub. Indeed, it is OUR pub. Our local . It is the only place where I, as a 60 something divorcee, can visit on a weekday afternoon and always find someone to talk to .It is the only place in the area that entertains a clientele that, aged 21 to 80 is totally multi-racial and absolutely classless - none of whom feel particularly young or old. We just feel comfortable .We simply feel at home.

I have been a regular customer since it opened in 1995 and would certainly say that, when I bought my flat, in 22 years ago, the fact that the Cow was nearby certainly influenced my decision to buy. This is because it is not a normal pub. People go there to eat and drink and talk. It is not a place where one sees folk falling over drunk or fighting. It is adult and sophisticated without being conscious of either. To add, the staff have been there for decades as have many patrons but, like a family pub in the middle of a village, the clientele is constantly reinvigorated by the adult offspring of the older regulars.

In truth, without the Cow many, me included, would be lost. We have seen ,in the last year over Covid, the mental devastation that enforced isolation can do to the vulnerable. One in every three UK women and one every five men in the UK admit to being depressed while suicide attempts have doubled in the last year in the London area.

We are social animals and need to meet our old friends and encounter new to survive and, as such, pubs like The Cow play a massively important role in the psychological well-being of their neighbourhoods.

Finally, this simple pub is integral to the well-being of a particular , albeit rather arty, West London resident for who there is no alternative. I think the theme song for the hit comedy series Cheers might have been written about the Cow :

"Sometimes you want to go, Where everybody knows your name,, And they're always glad you came, You want to be where you can see ,Our troubles are all the same ,You want to be where everybody knows your name"

The Cow is a great London institution that makes many ,many people happy. One can't ask more than that.

Yours sincerely,

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Hi Westminster Council,

I was shocked to see that you are considering closing The Cow because of what local residents have complained about.

First of all, I am a regular at The Cow and have been since 2002 when I moved to Ladbrooke Grove. I have never seen any criminal activity there or anything untoward that has given me cause for concern.

In fact, even though I now live in Wiltshire, since a couple of years, I make a point of always going to the Cow whenever I'm in London (pre-covid), it makes me feel grounded and like I still belong. I can't imagine a Ladbrooke Grove without The Cow and all the amazing locals I always bump into when I go there. Please don't turn Notting Hill into an airport lounge.

Yours sincerely,

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To Whom it may Concern,

It has come to my attention that the Council of Westminster has issued a review of the licensing of our beloved local pub The Cow, on Westbourne Park Road in Notting Hill.

I am a loyal local patron of the pub over the past 15 years and it's always been a place of welcoming, friendly staff & pub goers with excellent food & a staple of the local community.

I have never experienced any nuisance, trouble or anti-social behaviour of any kind from any of the crowd attending the establishment.

The Cow has real character and adds to the true culture of the neighbourhood.

Please allow it to continue as a focal point of respectful socialising for our community which is dire need of these gathering points.

Thank you

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Licensing Officer

I am writing to make you aware of what the Cow has meant to be and my wife, my dearest friends and so many more besides.

The Cow is an institution, it has been part of the fabric of the community for as long as I have been in London, it was the 'Cheers' moment for many of us, walking into a bar where everyone knows your name kinda thing. It is so hugely special, has played an integral part in our lives, for many of the special occasions, the many celebrations, the destination for friends seeking wise counsel and solace, for resetting your values when the world has gone topsy-turvy and for all the excellent food, ambiance and hospitality which is beyond reproach.

When I heard about the license review I was beyond shocked as in all my countless times there, I have never experienced a single incident like the ones you have referred to in the review, in fact I would go so far as to say they have an exemplary and unprecedented record. Tom, Pedro and the wider crew, as was ever the case genuinely care about the entire ecosystem of the local community and are always the first to lend a hand where



[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

Re: 21/00981/LIREVP

I understand that there is a threat to the license of The Cow pub (Westbourne Park Road), and I would like to raise my concern in this matter.

This is an establishment I have frequented since it's development by Tom Conran over 25 years ago, it is a place I regularly visit because of the warmth and familiarity. Great Ambience, great food and great memories of my life. I hold this pub as a cornerstone to my time in London and in Westminster. I have lived permanently in West London since 1991 and have been resident in [REDACTED] for the last 13 years, The Cow is the key pub that I visit and luckily it very near to me. There are a dwindling number of real pubs left in walking distance and none that I think can compete with the support the Cow gives consistently to myself.

I have held important occasions here, engagement, birthdays, leaving jobs, all my celebrations and I can't think of this important establishment changing without a very heavy heart. Little remains of the London I first came to love and few of the places so this would truly be a great loss to me personally and I know the whole community many of which I meet at The Cow.

I would like to know how we can help to prevent the license being taken away and preserve the integrity of the Cow, it is important for me to do all I can in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Greetings,

I hope this email finds you in good health.

I write to the Westminster Council today to give my support for the continued operation of The Cow.

The Cow is a 'real' establishment with real people, not just another site for a huge chain of low-effort, high-volume pubs, but an authentic and histories place to enjoy good drink and excellent food served by people who care about the place.

Several times I have drank and dined with my parents at The Cow, celebrating special occasions or just wanting to enjoy the friendly atmosphere, and I fondly remember our visits.

Not once have I experienced any sort of crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety concerns in my several visits. The Cow is welcoming and full of character and I would consider it a great loss to the area of The Cow were to be unnecessarily closed in the name of public order.

Over the past year of hard times and lockdown, I have hoped that The Cow will be there when life is more normal and I look forward to visiting again.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I have been going to The Cow since I moved to London over ten years ago. I was originally introduced by my Australian friends who lived nearby.*

*The Cow continues to be one of the best representations of what makes West London so unique. It is quirky and fun and full of people of all ages and backgrounds. Society tends to overuse the word "diversity" these days. Diversity is often something that has to be forced upon institutions and cultures. . However at The Cow, it just comes authentically. That is something Notting Hill should be proud of.*

*I am always made to feel welcome when I visit The Cow - whether by the fabulous bar staff or the other patrons. This is an important concept as not everyone has a pack of friends to go out with. As much as Notting Hill has changed over the years, The Cow remains one of the best the area has to offer - a true "local" that also welcomes visitors.*

*Please RENEW the license of The Cow!!!!*

*Best Regards,*

**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom this may concern,*

*I was made aware of the council's intentions of reviewing the premise licence for The Cow, my local pub, a few weeks ago.*

*The cow is a pillar of the community.*

*I have never known of it causing any harm or worry to the area. it is a place of joy, cheer, outstanding food and positive vibes.*

*I have never felt vulnerable or unsafe at the cow- i have some of my happiest memories there.*

*I very much hope that the council come to understand how special this pub is, and that encouraging it to close would be hugely upsetting for all of West London.*

*My thanks in advance,*

**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern*

*I am writing in connection with the current review of the license of The Cow in Westbourne Park, London.*

*I understand a question has been raised about the licensees' ability to keep the place in order and avoid public disturbance. I all my visits over the years I have been struck by the very civilised atmosphere within. At no time have I ever witnessed disorder or felt in any peril. Though not much of a drinker, I have spent many of my happiest hours in pubs; the Cow is, in my opinion, the best in West London.*

*We all dream of the return to normal life. For many of us that includes the reopening of the pub, one of our few noteworthy contributions to world culture. In my case, The Cow is the establishment I have in mind.*

*WCC went up in all our estimations when it demanded the reinstatement, brick-by-brick, of the illegally demolished Carlton Tavern. Any change to circumstances at the Cow would be a destruction of a much greater order.*

*I hope I join other voices in requesting that you leave this wonderful place as it is. Residents who demand it be changed will soon regret the decay of the something wonderful.*

*Sincerely*

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To Whom It May Concern,

I write in regard to the above reference number and recent news that the license of the Cow Dining Rooms are under review.

Though I am quite certain you will have received a large volume of support for the Cow since this review was announced, I should like to add my voice to that support. The Cow is not only a pub, it is an institution in the landscape that is Notting Hill and beyond - It was always a welcome sight on the advert for London that would play on the Heathrow Express! Having lived in the area for close to twenty years, the Cow has become somewhat of a landmark and always a welcome, safe place, where the community spirit can come together and thrive.

With two children at the local prep school I can also tell you, news of this review spread like wildfire. My conclusion to people's attitudes in the area is of overwhelming support for the Cow and even from those who rarely have the chance to go. Should the unimaginable happen, I am quite certain there would be outrage followed by outcry! Given the year our hospitality sector has had and how this pandemic has highlighted the importance of communal institutions, it is now, more than ever, we need places we can come together.

In nearly twenty years I have never seen or heard of any trouble at the Cow and have found the patrons to be a largely jovial bunch, whether local residents or passing Hollywood film stars, here everyone can mingle together, sharing their own stories, experiences and laughter, so that the area we live in, can be a richer place for everyone.

Long live the Cow,

Received: 26 Feb 2020 by  
**OBJECTION**

The Cow pub (21/00981/LIREVP)  
I would like to protest at the proposal to close the Cow pub as it is a well-run community asset - providing a great poetry venue and a safe place for women to drink alone (if required).

Many thanks for your attention

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam  
I was saddened to hear that the Cow's license is under review and would like to express my support for a licence renewal. I have visited it many times and have always found it to be a cheerful pub serving excellent food. I have never seen any evidence of crime or disorderly behaviour. It is a valued part of the neighbourhood  
Yours Faithfully

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

REF: 21/00981/LIREVP

The Cow Pub:

I have heard the news that the Cow is under threat from the council by not having its licence replaced. I would regard that as an outrage!

This superb establishment has been part of my life for over 20 years.

It is a huge asset to the local community in so many ways - as social meeting place - I myself have had business meetings there as well.

The food is fantastic and the staff always friendly and of course also part of the local community.

After the nightmare of Covid we are all going to need special places like the Cow to meet and rebuild our lives. I have never experienced crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues - The Cow is fabulous and MUST remain open for business!

Yours sincerely,

Received: 26 Feb 2020 by  
**OBJECTION**

Hello,

I am writing today as I have just seen The Cow pubs' license is under review on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

I work at Great Western Studios round the corner from The Cow, meaning I have spent many many hours at this pub, whether it's having an incredible lunch with my work colleagues, or enjoying a pint after work in the evening. In all the hours I've spent at this pub I have never witnessed public disorder or any crime.

What I have witnessed is an incredible community that love this pub and choose to spend their hours there. The Cow is also one of the best gastropubs in London, and I am very much looking forward to getting back in there once this lockdown is over!

Please do not take this away from all the people who enjoy The Cow.

Thank you,

Received: 26 Feb 2020 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs,

I am writing with regard to the review of The Cow's premise licences. Please find the pertinent points below. George Orwell wrote 'The Moon Under Water' in 1946 - it was his final contribution to The Evening Standard. At the end of the war, there was nowhere he'd rather be than his ideal public house.

But he was not alone in his thoughts. Many people eulogise about their local, a "special" place with a good atmosphere, where you meet people from different walks of life, expand your horizons, enjoy good food and drink good beer. And there is a reason for this: places with meaning are special, to be cherished and preserved. Sadly, in a world of instant gratification they are becoming a rare beast.

Rare, but not extinct - in my 30 years on this planet, never have I come across an establishment that gives such joy and meaning to its local community. For although the Guinness and chicken kiev are exceptional, it is the culture and atmosphere that gives The Cow its identity - truly, it is a melting pot of interesting people, with an atmosphere that warms the heart and enriches the soul, generating vibes for one and for all. It is not a cliché to say that it is - and Petro, Tom et. al are - very much the beating heart of the local community.

Having lived in Maida Vale for the past two years, I can honestly say that seeing The Cow back to its pre-pandemic self - rich with diversity, smiles, music, happiness and love - is an image that has got me through many dark nights. If there's a better chicken kiev or Guinness in London I'm yet to find it, and I know my desire to enjoy them once again, with good cheer and local people, and in support of a local business that has been through so much recently, is but one of many.

While I'm not entirely sure of the grounds on which the charge is levelled, I can confirm that I have never experienced crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues while on the premises. Like all hospitality venues, The Cow has had t

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2020 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/madam,

*I'm a Notting Hill resident and am writing in relation to my local pub that I've been going to for the past 20 years. The pub is practically on my doorstep and never, not once in the two decades of drinking and dining at this public house have I ever encountered any nuisance, disorder, crime or safety issues, ever!*

*The Cow is a legendary establishment with the loveliest staff it is a beacon of our community that now more than ever we need so desperately, a wonderfully idyllic home from home. It will be an utterly devastating loss to the neighbourhood and people's lives after the year we've had. I truly hope they can continue to operate and re-open when life returns as they are hands down the best pub in London.*

Yours sincerely  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 26 Feb 2020 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Council Members,

*I understand you have issued a Review of The Cow's Premises Licence. As I am in my [REDACTED] and quite frail I am very careful of the places I choose to meet friends and dine with them and enjoy the delicious food and unique and caring ambiance found at The Cow.*

*So I am bewildered to learn the Council have issued this Review. Over the years I have even felt safe enough to go to The Cow on my own, and have never experienced crime or disorder nor public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting this well run establishment.*

Yours faithfully [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2020 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am writing in connection with the licensing review at the Cow. This is such an institution in Westbourne Park Road. It is a buzzy fun place and an asset to the neighbourhood. Please renew the licence.*

*We have had problems with other venues locally - Ma Dame in Porchester Road has been an ongoing problematic issue and one of the few good things about lockdown has been to see it shut for the time being. But The Cow are responsible considerate licensees.*

Yours sincerely  
[REDACTED]

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Public House Collective  
[REDACTED]

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OBJECTION**

To Westminster Council,



*I am late to the game here I think but as soon as I learned the Cow's licence was under review I felt I had to say something.*

*I have lived in Notting Hill for nearly 20 years. The Cow is my favourite pub and a place I have consistently looked forward to visiting over the years. Whenever I have friends from out of town, I always recommend it. It invariably receives glowing reviews.*

*I have probably been to the Cow 50-100 times in my life. Not one bad experience. (Have had plenty in other pubs in Notting hill). I travel ALL over the world and the Cow is one of the few truly world class establishments I know in London. Great food, low key, lovely staff, an amazing duke box, cool vibe etc etc.*

*Now for lockdown ...*

*[REDACTED], and have been in london throughout COVID. I walk past often.*

*I have to say, I have been completely bemused as to what happened post the first lockdown. People I'd never seen before in Notting hill spilling out on the street. (Was it social media attracting that crowd to the pub?) They certainly weren't your typical Cow clientele! And I can completely see why people would take issue with the numbers of people etc. I won't defend this, but whenever I walked past it was genial and well meaning. (Though not my scene).*

*I very much hope/expect 'normal service' to be resumed at the Cow post lockdown. There will inevitably be merriment etc immediately post lockdown (but that will be the same the country over) and we expect our local pubs to behave responsibly and strike the right balance - which the Cow and our other pubs will I'm sure.*

*It will be such a shame if the Cow goes. For what it's worth I ask that you both do everything to find a solution. (Am sure you are). It's an amazing place. An institution. The best.*

*Kindest regards (and happy to help the cause of a resolution further if I can).*

**Received: 26 Feb 2020 by  
OBJECTION**

*to whom it may concern*

*i have been local for many years and enjoyed food and good times at The Cow.*

*It is an institution all year round with cozy fire, food and outdoor seating. Tom Conran keeps a close eye on the quality and atmosphere.*

*I strongly support THE COW license as has been for many years.*

*Sincerely*

**Received: 26 Feb 2020 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir or Madam,*

*I wanted to write to you in connection with the Review of the Premises License for The Cow Pub (ref 21/00981/LIREVP).*

*The Cow is a pub that has provided me (and many others) with some very special moments over the years. I have always found it to be a welcoming, respectful and, most of all, peaceful place. It is one of the few remaining pubs in London that has not sold its soul to become 'all about the money'. Indeed, this is the key to its loyal following. I know so many that travel from all parts of London to enjoy a good pint and some excellent food.*

*I have never witnessed any sort of misdemeanour on (or outside) the premises. I would be heartbroken if The Cow were to change in any way. Indeed, establishments like this should be cherished as part of London's rich culture, which has for years been under attack from large chains - which no one would miss if they were gone tomorrow.*

*I beg you to please support The Cow. Long may it continue.*

*Kind regards,*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 27 Feb 2020 by  
OBJECTION**

*REF number: 21/00981/LIREVP*

*To whom it may concern,*

*I write to you to put on record that The Cow Public House of 89 Westbourne Park Rd, London W2 5QH is, to me, an institution*

*The cow is my favourite place in London - It's a place to meet friends, make new friends, and will always be a local establishment that opens its doors and makes everyone welcome. In addition, it's a fabulous place to eat and drink and widely recognised for its quality of service*

*I met my wife at the cow, we regularly have dinner there, and regularly go after a hard days work or game of tennis.*

*I understand that you are currently reviewing The Cow's premises licence and I hope that the outcome of this is one which keeps The Cow open to business so that it can continue to serve the local community to the high standards that it always has*

*I can confirm whole heartedly that I have never witnessed crime, disorder, public nuisance, or any safety issues in, on or around the premises*

*If you have any questions or comments please respond*

*Thank you*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 27 Feb 2020 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Westminster Council,*

*I understand that you are reviewing The Cow's licence.*

*I have been a customer of The Cow for over ten years. To my mind it is an institution and represents much of what is best in London - a charming place to have a pint with a lovely little restaurant upstairs.*

*It is very special and there are very few places left like it. It should be protected.*

*Whilst I am sympathetic to the local residents, I have never seen any "issues" caused by the premises. Anyone who has bought a property there should have done so in the knowledge of The Cow and should be embracing it for the great institution that it is and not trying to change the rich fabric of their neighbourhood.*

*Yours faithfully,*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 27 Feb 2020 by**

## **OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs/Madams

*I'm writing with reference to The Cow and the question of whether its license should be renewed. I think that you should have no doubt that it should. The Cow is a landmark in our neighbourhood, I live very close by, and needs to be preserved as an institution. Places like The Cow, whether you frequent or not, make London the rich and diverse place that one wants to live in. Independent pubs are so rare these days. Ones that offer oysters or a place to have a divorce party or a wake, even rarer. What would New Years Eve be like if like me, you usually are at home but for a little outing to The Cow for one final drink before crawling into bed? Please don't take the license away. We would lose something more than just a pub, a destination and a hip joint. What that is I can't actually express in words. It's a feeling of a place, a neighbourhood, an aspiration of a community.*

Best wishes

Received: 27 Feb 2020 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir or Madam,

*I wanted to add my support to The Cow.*

*I moved to live with my Grandma not far from The Cow and have been in the area for about four years. The Cow is the place where I've felt the most sense of community. People just talk to you, yes - even in London. It's warm, it's inviting and I've had some very special evenings there with my partner. So it hold a nostalgic place in my heart.*

*I have never experienced any violence or disorder at The Cow. They've made an environment that feels very safe. They'll be a man and his dog reading a paper with a Guinness, that's the atmosphere.*

Best wishes,

Received: 28 Feb 2020 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

*This letter has been drafted in response to the recent license review for The Cow.*

*I live around the corner from The Cow.*

*And would like to highlight that I have never experienced any crime or nuisance ; quite the opposite: the venue, staff and patrons are excellent and friendly.*

*I have also read the letter addressed to you by C. Scott and while I understand the lockdown(s) and quarantine(s) have been very tough on some people, taking his/her frustration on the Cow is not a solution.*

*The Cow is not just a "pub" - it has become an integral part of the fabric of our community. Where people go to meet friends and make new ones without any prejudice whatsoever.*

*I urge you to treat the wonderful people who work here with the same warmth, generosity of spirit and kindness with which they treat their customers. Notting Hill and London would never be the same without The Cow, and were it to cease, it would leave a void that could never be filled.*

Kind Regards

Received: 28 Feb 2020 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster licensing department,

I'm writing you today to express my deepest dissatisfaction, anger, and fear regarding your decision to review The Cow's premises license.

Having lived in London for the past 11 years, moving here in 2010 from Stockholm, Sweden, I can safely say that my introduction to this city wouldn't have been as great if it wasn't for The Cow. It is a place where people from all walks of life can get together and enjoy each other's company, great food, and a safe atmosphere that is welcoming in this large city.

Not only has The Cow brought me and my family a great deal of joy, but it is also an institution to which I bring any visitor from abroad so that they too can have the opportunity of visiting what is arguably one of the greatest establishments in London.

To suspend The Cow's operating license wouldn't be a shame, it would be outright criminal to rob the neighbourhood, the city, and residents of the world of this one-of-a-kind home away from home.

I urge you to dismiss your review and to allow The Cow to continue to bring joy, happiness, and a sense of belonging to our neighbourhood and members of the world.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 28 Feb 2020 by  
OBJECTION**

The cow London licence needs to be renewed as it is absolutely vital to the local community. I was a regular patron pre-pandemic and never once experienced any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 28 Feb 2020 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Madam or Sir,

Ref: 21/00981/LIREVP

I understand that The Cow's license is now under review. This local pub is such a landmark in our local community and neighbourhood. It has been there for 26 years which is slightly longer than we have lived within a 5 minute walk from the pub, but we visited it regularly when living in Kensington & Chelsea borough too. I have so many fond memories of great evenings there. The restaurant is always a treat with delicious food and welcoming staff, but it's the pub and casual diner that I am so fond of. Always a great atmosphere and such an eclectic crowd of people, young and old. It has real atmosphere, it is unique and such an asset to the neighbourhood

The summer months attract a friendly crowd to gather with the doors open to the street and the atmosphere is great. There has never been a bad time or incident there. It's a small, friendly local pub and I would be greatly saddened to think there would ever be the possibility of The Cow having to close. All neighbourhoods in London have their local pub and this is part of our London culture. The Cow is our local pub and it is loved by it's patrons.

Please consider the loss to us if the pub was to close. I can't imagine not having it there. It is one of the few pubs I would meet my family in to have a good chat and a catch up, before enjoying their delicious fish dish of the day.

Kind regards  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Received: 28 Feb 2020 by**

**OBJECTION**

*I had a stroke. I love The Cow. The restaurant and beer - even wine - is great. I can watch rugby here. I have never see rowdiness. The upstairs for dinners is quiet.*

Received: 28 Feb 2020 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear whom it may concern.

*I'm writing with reference to the licensing issue with The Cow. As a very local resident in [REDACTED] for over a decade I only have positive things to say about the place which has been central to the local community and an icon of the neighbourhood. That is addition to being probably the finest and friendliest pubs I have ever experienced.*

*I personally can confirm I have not experienced public nuisance, crime or safety issues in The Cow in the hundreds of times I have been there, and feel that removal of it's license would be a sad loss to the culture of the area and to London.*

*Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything further*

Many thanks [REDACTED]

Received: 28 Feb 2020 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

REFERENCE #: 21/00981/LIREVP

*I am a Canadian living in Toronto, and I travel to London for work two or three times per year (in normal times).*

*From the time I was first taken there for Guinness and oysters, visits to The Cow have been an essential part of every trip. The Cow to me is the perfect neighbourhood pub: the staff are friendly and inviting, the food and beer are prepared and served with care, the patrons are relaxed and familiar. I often take long evening walks from my hotel in Soho and reward myself with a pint at The Cow. Truth be told, the long evening walks themselves are an elaborate means to justify repeat visits. I have done this on various nights during the week, at various times, including the busiest parts of a Friday night. I have never, ever experienced or seen any form of disruptive, violent, or excessively noisy behaviour.*

*For those of us who love London but live outside of it, a proper English pub is something revered and longed for. The Cow, to me, is a perfect London pub, and I would be devastated to see it closed.*

*Also, I have developed a physical dependency on their seafood stew. Seriously... you should try it.*

Thanks very much,  
[REDACTED]

Received: 28 Feb 2020 by  
**OBJECTION**

Hello

*I am writing in regard to the license review for the Cow Pub on Westbourne Park Road (21/00981/LIREVP)*

*I hope that their license will not be removed.  
I feel it would be a great loss to the city*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 27 Feb 202 by**  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

As a long-time patron of The Cow Westbourne, and someone who has worked in the general area for the past 20 years, I am writing in support of The Cow with reference to the above review.

I see The Cow as a local landmark which has served the community happily for longer than I've had the pleasure of visiting.

I have never once in all of this time witnessed any anti-social behaviour in or around the establishment and sincerely hope good sense will prevail.

Yours sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

I am writing to you as a Westminster resident and a long time patron of 'The Cow' Pub.

I have been going to 'the Cow' for as long as it has been open, it is like my own version of 'Cheers', the legendary American tv programme.

I am a single female and what I absolutely cherish, is feeling so comfortable, in being able to go to 'The Cow' on my own, but, at 'The Cow' you are never on your own for long...

There are so many of us 'regulars', we are such a brilliant melting pot of people, we are a fabulous representation of not just the local area, but of London and the world.

The crew that work at the pub also deserve a special mention, they have worked there for many years, go out of their way for you, save the chocolate mousse for me, love them.

I understand the licence is under review amid concerns raised, of crime and disorder and safety issues, well as I mentioned earlier, I feel safe going there on my own. I have never, in all the years, seen any trouble whatsoever.

The Cow pub is my local, I love it and I feel very strongly, that it is a local treasure, that has to stay.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

To Westminster City Council,

I have been a customer of The Cow Saloon Bar and Dining Rooms since it was first opened over twenty years ago.

It is an asset to the local community and the borough itself. It is an independent stand alone eatery that celebrates quality produce and good cooking and drinks to match.

To me it is an asset as it is a place where all stratas of the community are welcomed and valued.

It is a public house that performs its function admirably. A place where the local community can enjoy the company and conversation of others in a safe and warm environment, take on the of good cooking

It regularly celebrates local events.

I don't live locally but its core values of great customer service and excellence make it worth the journey.

I am a restaurateur and publican with forty years experience in the industry. I have been at The Cow at its busiest times and whilst it may be full of customers it is jolly not raucous and I have never experienced or felt concerned for my own or the public's safety. I have never been the victim of crime or witnessed any public disorder or nuisance. The management of The Cow are diligent at closing time in moving us customers out and away from the neighbourhood and where necessary advising us to be mindful that we are in a residential

neighbourhood. There is nowhere to the congregate outside The Cow so people move on naturally. Conversely there are other pubs and bars nearby with a greater outdoor square footage where one can witness this as a problem. The Westbourne pub on the opposing corner is such a pub and it would be easy to attribute their greater customer numbers who are harder to disperse as emanating for The Cow and it would be incorrect to attribute noise and nuisance emanating form The Westbourne to The Cow.

There has been a pub at 89 Westbourne Park Road for 170 years now. It is a historic establishment and needs to be protected and secured for the future as a historic public house by Westminster City Council so it can continue to be an integral part of the local area.

Your review of the pubs licence must result in its confirmation and its licensed status be secured. Please do not allow its future to be threatened or to contribute to removing a community asset from the local community. Neighbourhoods need these places and should not be allowed to convert into retail shops or residential housing when the building is designed and designated for a different function.

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Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To Whom It May Concern,

It is with enormous shock and sadness that such a social and cultural institution as The Cow in Westbourne Grove can possibly be up for a consideration of its license. This establishment is quite literally the beating heart of West London's creative and bohemian culture and without it, so goes one of the landmarks of the area. It has not only survived generations and decades, but it has helped to form them. It has always been a melting pot of fascinating people, eating fantastic food, served by wonderfully warm people. It's the antithesis of the sanitized corporate environments of chain restaurants or bars and West London desperately needs to protect this venue.

If there are issues around disorder and genuine concerns of safety, let's deal with those first as a community that want to support this venue.

Regards, [REDACTED]

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Licensing Team,

I am shocked and saddened to hear that the Cow's Premise License is under review.

As a personal license holder, I am fully aware of all the rules and regulations around having a premise license and from what I have seen, the Cow has always had the highest standards in how a public house should be run. I have visited this great establishment many times and never have I seen or been part of any failing of the four licensing objectives. I have never even heard of any complainants through the grapevine either which is why I am so shocked.

The Cow is a valuable asset to the local community as it has great variety in what most competitors offer. Not only does the Cow have incredible michelin-star esque food, but the choice of beverage behind the bar is second to none; a particular highlight has to be the Guinness - perhaps the best within the M25. The public house has a fantastic, cosy, safe 'vibe' unlike many soulless pubs in Westminster.

It would be a complete travesty should this great public house be closed, particularly with what's happened over the past 12 months for this industry and I hope you continue to let the Cow live on in their own words: "eat heartily and give the house a good name."

Kind regards,

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**





*I have been alerted to the news that The Cow, an extraordinary pub and part of the heart of the Notting Hill community, is having its licence reviewed. I wanted to write to you to voice how important it is that this pub does not get closed down. I know that this would be a huge loss to the neighbourhood, it's the lodestar pub - where everyone goes to catch up with old friends, drink a pint of Guinness and eat delicious seafood. Other pubs have come and gone - way too many have closed and been turned into houses - but this place has always remained a genuine centre of community. If all the pubs get closed down then it will tear the heart out of the neighbourhood.*

*I have been going to the Cow pretty much since it opened in the 90s, it has always been friendly, welcoming and filled to the brim with locals from across the borough, from both Westminster and Kensington & Chelsea. I have lived in various different spots around the area over the last 30 years, from tLadbroke Grove to Maida Vale, Kensington to Knightsbridge, Westbourne Grove to Latimer Road and it has remained my most regularly visited local. My first date with my husband was a meal in the Cow ten years ago. Everyone is unfailingly friendly and professional, the Guinness is the best in London and the food is delicious.*

*I would really ask you to put some hard thought into this decision - the pubs are our community living rooms and, when we finally emerge from this exhausting year, we will more than ever need places to come together and celebrate our shared connections and history.*

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**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*This is an email of support to The Cow in Notting Hill.*

*This pub is part of the soul of Notting Hill, it has contributed to the neighbourhood in many ways one cannot describe in an email. Closing it down would be detrimental to society, and so I urge you not to do so. I have never experienced nor crime nor disorder at The Cow, it's been nothing but love and good times!*

*Sincerely, Shereen*

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**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I have regularly visited the Cow over many years. I have always greatly enjoyed visits and meeting people from the surrounding area. It is a great asset for the community and I have never seen any behaviour that could be seen as a nuisance.*

*Thank you,*

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**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Subject  
The Cow's Premises Licence*

*Dear Sir, Madam,*

*It came to my attention that the seminal establishment The Cow's Premise Licence, is in danger of being revoked, and so, on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.*

*In the 20 years I have visited and enjoyed The Cow, I have never seen or experienced any crime, certainly nothing, jeopardising the public safety!*

*It would be an absolute shame, at a time when many local businesses are struggling and closing down, to further endanger a perfectly respectable Public House.*

*I strongly recommend that you keep in mind, the many years of impeccable service and involvement with the*

local community, when you take your decision.  
Let's keep this lovely traditional establishment open.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To Whom It May Concern

*I have been a resident of Notting Hill pretty much since 2007/08. During the time since then, I have come to build a life that I cherish and one the critical pieces of ghat life is The Cow.*

*The Cow is an institution for Notting Hill life. It is a place where dear friends get together after a tough day at work, a sunny bank holiday afternoon, or a cold rainy Sunday for a cozy meal with our urban family.*

*The Cow is not just a restaurant or just a pub. It helps build a social fabric, a community, that has been highlighted particularly during these covid times as an important ingredient in our wellbeing as people. Further to that, in doing so, it build a life and wealth to a neighbourhood to make it 'lived', instead of having a soul-less stream of storefronts street after street.*

*The Cow has always been mindful of its surroundings and encouraged its patrons to behave responsibly towards the neighbourhood and other people. As a resident I have never felt unsafe when walking past it or living close by.*

*It is because of this, that I urge you to renew/confirm its license.*

*Thank you for your time*  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Hello,

*I'm shocked to hear the Westminster Council is reviewing the Premises License of The Cow. I can think of no place in Notting Hill that better encapsulates the diversity, community and creativity of our neighbourhood. It is a fantastic intersection of people from all walks of life. Closing this establishment would be a punishment to the people of Notting Hill and unjust to the owners of this establishment, who have maintained one of the best, if not THE best pub in London.*

*In the past nine years of living in the neighbourhood, The Cow has been a constant source of phenomenal food and a cosy place to enjoy the company of my friends and family. There are few things we look forward to more than a Guinness and some oysters at The Cow, when the madness of this pandemic eases and our lives return to normalcy.*

*Please don't take this away from us.*

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council,

*The cow is my favourite place to drink with friends in the world and you would be robbing an already deprived public of four walls of publican bliss if it's license was suspended.*

*I loved it so much as a 19 year old that despite working at the Westbourne opposite I would still drink at the Cow.*

Here are a few reasons:

*It's rare in an area like Notting Hill that a place can unify all kinds of different folks under a shared banner. Many proudly call the cow a second home. It has an amusing take on pub food, it's a little bit french and in an almost ironically stuck up fashion they serve oysters. They're one of those kinds of familial places that has photographs of memories over the years plastered on the staircase down towards the toilet. The atmosphere is hard to quantify but there is a charm and authenticity that can only develop when somewhere has stood and evolved over decades and the sweat of their staff and customers has seeped into the walls. Intimacy is inevitable because of its size and rubbing shoulders like that with other people promotes empathy in a capitalistic culture that definitely needs more of that. I think i've sung more songs in there than anywhere else and the same for unexpected conversations with strangers. If I'm ever feeling a bit lost the Cow combined with the face of a friend is the first thing that jumps into my head. If a bit down I often deliberately walk by just to catch a whiff of merry people having a good time.*

*If you were able to calculate the sum of all the stress the cow has helped ease and then add up sum of all the experiences and stories that begun at 89 Westbourne Park road and then add up the joy of fulfilment felt by the staff who work there, the weight would sink any opposing argument to its existence on a utilitarian level alone.*

*I'm not sure why their license is up for review but if there any safety concerns, fortunately you have nothing to worry about. I have never seen anyth*

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**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs

*I am writing to you with reference to the review of The Cow's Premise's Licence.*

*When I first learned of this review and the reasons it was being initiated I was shocked as my experience of The Cow is only positive. I have been a patron since the year that it opened. In the early years I was almost literally a neighbour as I lived just around the corner and I found it a welcoming, community focused pub that also happened to sell excellent drinks and superb food. 26 years later, even though I no longer live quite so locally and visit slightly less, I still find it a welcoming, community focused pub with the same superb food and drink offering.*

*I'd like to share these thoughts and memories with you:*

- o *Through visiting The Cow I met people who are some of my closest friends in the world, decent, law-abiding professionals one and all.*
- o *No visit to London by my late father was complete without a lunch of The Cow's sausage & mash washed down with a couple of halves of London Pride*
- o *Being Welsh born the fact that The Cow celebrates St David's Day with the same passion that it celebrates the Saints Days of George, Andrew and Patrick is indicative of their approach towards inclusivity*
- o *As a former professional in the music industry The Cow has often been my venue of choice to entertain clients and associates either over drinks or dinner. Whether those clients were well known international rock and pop stars or powerful managers/agents/lawyers from the USA, I've never ended a visit without my guests wanting to come back*
- o *As a current senior executive with a leading UK broadcaster I continue to use The Cow for business entertainment purposes but absolutely would not do so if I thought that the premises were in any way disreputable as to do so would reflect poorly on my own professional reputation.*

*The Cow represents much that is good about the locale in which it is situated - inclusive, community spirited and a fine example of the modern tradition of a Pub that provides fine food and drink in a friendly, professional manner. The loss of such a venue would reflect poorly on the licensing authorities and represent a significant loss to the area and I urge you to look favourably at such a fine institution.*

Yours faithfully

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**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

*I am writing in support of the license renewal of The Cow Pub and Restaurant.*

*The Cow has accomplished a remarkable feat - it has remained relevant for over 20 years, both as a vibrant hub for the local community and as an aspirational destination venue.*

*It is also a truly inclusive and transgenerational place; our own experiences there include our own wedding lunch, taking Japanese clients for dinner, treating our builders to a pint, and a stylish 70th birthday party; my 88-year-old mother-in-law finds nothing more exciting than a seafood lunch in the Cow pub.*

*The quality of the offerings is consistently outstanding, and the (mostly long-standing and loyal) staff are warm, welcoming and personable.*

*In my view, The Cow provides a vital service to the Westbourne Park community; it is a colourful and unique place of encounter with a soul, and without it, this area would be much diminished.*

*I sincerely hope that The Cow will be allowed to continue providing its services to the fullest extent.*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs

*I'm a business owner in the area and a regular customer at the fabulous pub The Cow for many years, I go there not only for the great atmosphere but also for the great food they serve, each time I go there I see familiar faces from the neighbourhood, it's always been a safe place to go to.  
I recommend it various times to friends as a place to go to.*

*It would be such a loss to the area to not have The Cow pub.*

Yours sincerely

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Ref: 21/00981/LIREVP

Dear Westminster Council

*Regarding the above licensing application I would like to say that The Cow has been a valuable community asset for many years. It is an important part of my life and the lives of many of my friends in Notting Hill. It is well run and care is taken not to disturb the neighbourhood. I have never experienced any safety issues, public nuisance or disorder on my many visits there*

*I live just out of the area but it is where I meet friends regularly. It would be a disaster if it closed. It is one of the best places to eat or drink in central London. There are so few places of this quality, so please make sure it remains as it is.*

Kind regards

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Council,

*I am writing in reference to The Cow: 21/00981/LIREVP. I am sad and concerned to hear that a review is*

underway of The Cow's license. I sincerely hope the council decides to uphold The Cow's license and am writing to plead for this outcome.

The Cow is my favourite place to meet friends, eat great (and reasonably priced) food and drink London's finest pint of Guinness. I've lived in the area for many years and while the community around is changing, The Cow is part of the fabric that ties old and new together. People from a cross section of the community gather, speak to each other and rub shoulders with each other at the bustling bar.

The notion that I or anyone in or near to The Cow would experience crime, disorder, nuisance or a lack of safety is completely inconsistent with my experience. I have never experienced a single incident of this nature and would consider The Cow, if anything, a safe zone. A warm place of companionship that is a vital feature of the community's soul. A place where problems are unpicked, stories are told and joy is found.

It may seem "over the top" to talk about a pub in these terms, but I am not alone. The evidence is well recorded - Rick Muir, 2012, *The Social Value of Community Pubs*. Interpreting this report and the overall beneficial role The Cow in the community, I believe that if the council removes The Cow's license it will be doing a disservice to the community.

After a year of social isolation, I sincerely hope to be able to rediscover normality with a trip to The Cow.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council,

It is with concern that I write you regarding your review of The Cow Pub on Westbourne Park Road. My concern is twofold: 1) surely there is better use of council taxes and your time than causing administrative headaches and uncertainty for a business? It seems that if a pub has been in business for 26 years there should be a confidence and support from the council in which it sits.

Secondly, The Cow is such a tremendous asset to Notting Hill, one of my favourite pubs, and the place to go for amazing oysters and the perfect Guinness. It is hardly a 'divey boozer', so it is shocking to me that there would be complaints that you take seriously. The Cow is a charming, well-tended pub, with an excellent staff. It brings life to what otherwise is a bit of a dead end corner of Notting Hill, and even though I no longer live in Notting Hill, it is one of the few reasons I return to my old neighbourhood. I have been going to the pub from when I grew up in Chelsea, to when I moved to Notting Hill and lived a few streets away, to when I moved to East London, and it is near the top of my list of places to go when we can go to places again. It has never been a pub I have had any concerns about visiting alone as a woman, quite the contrary! The staff do a top notch job of looking after all their patron. I remember once visiting and whilst minding my own business a customer started bugging me (as is often the case when a woman just wants to go somewhere, read a book, and enjoy a nice pint). The staff were immediately on top of this person, politely but firmly ceasing to serve him and escorting him out. I didn't ask for this, as again, these things happen, but I always remember the bartender replying when I said 'you didn't have to go to all that trouble' 'yes I did'. North Notting Hill has problems as all residents know, especially with some of the 'bike gangs' that seem to congregate in the Kensal Rise/North Notting Hill area.

To penalise The Cow for this is ridiculous. From their door staff to their bartenders they are actively engaged in creating a safe and enjoyable environment. The Cow is a real gem, have you ever been? It is the place to hopefully get one of the tables in the back and chat with friends, and it is loved by everyone I know in the area.

I would be happy to offer any more feedback on this matter, and I do hope, for all of your sakes, that this is resolved soon.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]  
• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Please please save the cow !

[REDACTED]



*The place, the staff and the role that a place like that plays in a community are key factors that create an area that is attractive, full of life and pleasant.*

*I hope like many that you will allow the Cow to live due to its positive impact to so many.*

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*I was born in Westminster and lived within the Council's boundaries until two year ago, when I moved nearby, to Hammersmith. I have been a regular at The Cow since I was 18, and remain one. In fact, having a drink there is one of the things I am most looking forward to once this lockdown is relaxed.*

*In over a decade, I have never experienced crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting this establishment. Quite the contrary, it has always been a wonderful meeting place, where I have spent many of my best days and evenings with friends, having a few drinks, eating delicious food and sharing stories.*

*It is considered by those who know it, as the best pub in London, somewhere always welcoming, where you can meet interesting locals, and have a fantastic time. In many ways it typifies the best of what London has to offer. Indeed I always take people visiting the city from abroad, to show them this quintessentially English institution. I, and those I bring, always admire the way it has an old world charm and a modern crowd. Something I hope it continues to maintain and nurture for years to come.*

*This city, and country, is famous for its public houses, and The Cow is the embodiment of why this is the case. I urge Westminster Council to let it keep its license, as one of London's finest gems, and an incredible local asset.*

Best,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dears Sirs,*

*I am writing in support of The Cow Pub on Westbourne Park Road. The Cow is an outstanding pub and restaurant which is much loved by so many. It is a big part of the community in Notting Hill.*

*The staff are extremely friendly and welcoming to everyone who visits and there is always a lovely atmosphere when you visit. It is a pub where you often bump into the same people and have a nice conversation while waiting to be served. It is exactly the kind of local neighbourhood pub that everyone wants and needs.*

*I hope this email illustrates why the Cow is so important and why it would be very sorely missed if it was to suddenly close.*

*Feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss further.*

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Ref 21/00981/LIREVP

*My family and I have frequented this establishment for many years. We have celebrated many special occasions here and therefore have countless memories we treasure.  
The Cow is an asset to this area, it is a community. It is what London is all about. A true British pub and dining room serving British produce to locals for over 20 years.  
After the terrible year we are all experiencing, this, for many is one place that feels like a home from home that we are looking forward to returning to once the guidelines allow.  
I have never experienced any issues here, other than good, wholesome times.  
It would be criminal to prevent its wonderful reputation from continuing to flourish.*

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,  
This email is written in support of The Cow pub in Westbourne Park.  
It is a cornerstone of the community on the W11/W2 area and has been so for longer than most of you have been working in the licensing department.  
It is an essential fixture in the social life of many local people, including a large number of people who live alone. It is a welcome refuge with an excellent kitchen, serving freshly made, good quality food. What are you planning on replacing it with, another Dominoes pizza joint with noisy courier mopeds parked outside?  
A pub is not a church, it is by definition a place where people let off steam and expend energy and people who run pubs are probably not saints either.  
I remember the area before either The Cow and its neighbour The Westbourne and it was a quiet, lifeless area patrolled by drug dealers.  
Is that where you want to return it?  
Shame on you for even considering this.  
Yours, a local resident.*

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern;*

*It's come to our attention that The Cow's licensing is being reviewed.*

*As a very close neighbour ( ) we have only praise for this wonderful watering hole and eaterie. It's a pivotal part of our neighbourhood and losing The Cow would be losing the heart of this area ... sometimes known as Westbourne junction.*

*We have had no issues with noise, crime, disorder or public nuisance.  
I hope your review has a positive outcome not just for The Cow but for all of us.  
We need this pub in our area.  
With best wishes.*

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

*Dear to whom it may concern at Westminster City Council,*

*I'm writing to you in regards to the recent concerning news regarding your Review of The Cow's Premises Licence.*

*The coronavirus pandemic has been an incredibly tough period so many. When it struck, I very swiftly realised that happiness in my life depends on two important things: the ability to watch live sport and the freedom to go to the pub with my friends. Concerning the latter, the Cow has been the single biggest part of that element of my*



life. Perhaps it's sad that I rely on such simple pleasures, perhaps not. Since the pandemic, I've learned to enjoy all the cliched things like going on long runs, baking bread, and drinking by myself in the flat. But there has been a large Cow shaped hole in my life ever since 16 March and I have been dreaming of the day when I can return there with all my friends, unencumbered by the clutches of this evil virus.

I am 30 years old and have lived in Notting Hill for 25 of those years. Since I returned to London in July 2018 (I lived in Asia (Hong Kong and Singapore) for 5 years after leaving university), it's not an exaggeration to say that I would go to the Cow at least once or twice a week when it was open. Sometimes for just a quick pint mid-week evening pint of Guinness with a friend, sometimes for lunch on a Sunday, sometimes for the entire evening on a Friday and sometimes for the whole day on a Saturday. You will I'm sure be aware that there is no place in the whole of London that serves Guinness of comparable quality. I have also not, in my 25 years of living in this great city, found a pub that serves such exceptional food. But most of all, what this pub has, which cannot accurately be described in words, is a feeling of freedom, community and spirit that is simply not possible to be replicated anywhere else.

Luckily, many of my friends live in or around Notting Hill, so I'm never short of people to go to the Cow with, but that's not stopped me from meeting dozens of new interesting and lively people in there, as well as constantly bumping into old acquaintances and friends. When I have a friend visiting London who has never been before, I always recommend that they go to the Cow. It's a truly remarkable place, and the thought of it not being there when we emerge from this pandemic, honestly, breaks my heart. It's a melting pot of pure vibes.

In there, I've seen a whole host of celebrities, including Ian Wright (who famously told a captive national audience on I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here that he met his future wife in the Cow), Nasser Hussain and Ian Ward, Rita Ora and Stella McCartney, and many more. But it's not just a celebrity hotspot, it's a community meeting spot for people of all walks of life. I even bumped into the handy man (turns out he's a local) who built my bed in there for God's sake! None of this has any relevance whatsoever to the License Review of course, which I have no doubt has been undertaken for good reason, but I suppose what I'm trying to clumsily articulate is that I love this place, I have many memories of it, and I hope to god that I can make many more of them starting from 12 April.

I can't claim to have been a patron of the place over the 26 years it has been there, but I know that it takes a lot of hard work and special people to create what they have at the Cow. It's quite simply my favourite place in the whole of London and I ask that you please carefully consider what it means to so many people before you take it's licence away. It goes without saying, but for good order, I suppose I should also add that never have I ever once witnessed or experienced any crime, disorder or issues of safety when I have been at the Cow. On the contrary, the place is very much my safe haven.

The sun is shining in London today and it is Friday. I have not felt so positive about things in many weeks. However there is a dark cloud hovering over me, which I can only hope will be removed after this process has been completed.

Received: by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Licensing Team

I am concerned at the idea that you might be considering withdrawing The Cow's licence.

This is an excellent public house and a tremendous asset to the local community. It's been a great place to meet friends, eat and drink in a safe and convivial way for more than two decades.

I have personally never felt or experienced any discomfort, lack of safety, crime or disorder on any occasion when I have been fortunate to visit The Cow, either within the premises or travelling to or from it.

The notion that you might consider withdrawing its licence is shocking to me. Please do not do this

Received: by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom this may concern,



here, is. This isn't some sort of nationalist thing, The very beauty of London is as a city, what makes it great is that we have had people from all over the world here for two thousand years! If I remember rightly, the people pulling the pints at the cow are Albanian and as local to the boozier as I am.

Received: by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

Regarding The Cow pub, Westbourne Park Road.

21/00981/LIREVP

The Cow is the most special pub in West London, full of history and genuine locals who frequent not only for the excellent Guinness and Oysters, but also for the warm, cosy, fireside atmosphere. The ready smiles of the friendly bar staff, excellent music, and the intimate friendliness of a proper local pub.

There are people I know who live in LA as well as some who live in Australia that very much consider The Cow 'their pub' when they are back in London. It is a huge benefit to the local area and all the other businesses in the neighbourhood.

I have frequented the Cow for the last 15 years and have come to think of it as a home from home.

I have always felt completely safe at The Cow, it is one of the few pubs which doesn't seem to attract bad vibes or serious drunks. Even when I was a single woman I never felt uncomfortable arriving at the Cow before my friends got there or leaving on my own to find a taxi home again.

Along with many many others, I would be very sorry if this iconic West London landmark had to close.

Please keep me informed on what happens with this case.

Many thanks

Received: by  
**OBJECTION**

THE COW  
Westbourne Park Rd

Dear Sirs

I love this pub. I've have enjoyed so many moments in this place over the last 25 years. It's one of the most friendly, authentic, community driven quality public houses in London.

There has never been any signs of crime or disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow

This pub is a massive part of local culture, a hub, a vital asset to our community.

Please consider the people that have made this place what it is. A gem.

Yours most sincerely

Received: by  
**OBJECTION**

To those whom it may concern,

I would like to add my voice of support to The Cow: I believe it to be one of the highest quality public house establishments in London and one that improves the quality of the local area with its mere presence. The food and atmosphere are both terrific in equal measure and I can say with confidence that I have never been a victim of or witnessed any anti social behaviour or behaviour that may constitute public nuisance in any way by

patrons of The Cow.

I would consider it a tragedy if this highlight of the British culinary, social and cultural scene were to be taken away from us.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Received: by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern

for 16 years and continue to own the property and run it as a rental. I cannot stress how much The Cow means to us and what a fantastic establishment it is. The staff are second the none, the atmosphere is incredible and it has something so hard to define or replicate. We absolutely love it and continue to visit regularly even though we no longer live opposite.

In all our time and frequenting The Cow I have never seen or heard anything troubling. I have always felt extremely safe and have never found the patrons to be a nuisance. Since moving out of 4 years ago we have had tenants in our house and they all say that the pub is one of the reasons they love the house. It is an asset to the area in every sense.

Yours,

Received: by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern.

The Cow pub and restaurant is a pillar of Notting Hill within Westminster council. I moved to the area 8 years ago and it quickly became a place to go for a variety of occasions.

There is always friendly faces, from the bar staff to the patrons. It's a place where I take my partner Charlotte to enjoy their food, with probably one of the best pints of Guinness in London. Equally I have been with a group of friends, parents and grandparents (on sperate occasions). It's got a very civilised and rustic feel. Somewhat home from home, where you can throw your coat on a peg and relax in the environment.

Not ever have I experienced (in my many hundred's of visits) or seen any form of disturbance, nuisance, crime or any equivalent issue that would be deemed unsafe. This includes most visits on relatively busy Friday evenings and weekends. If anything I believe the patrons and owners to be sympathetic to people in the area less fortunate, whom frequently pass the doors. I hope Westminster is doing everything to assist these people!

This place deserves to be kept as is and allowed to thrive. We (as a community) need positive places to congregate with other local people, share a storey of the week and buy a drink. Not to mention the chicken Kiev and Fish stew, I would urge anyone reviewing this license to go and try it. I'm sure it will be clear as day the social and gastronomic wonders that this place is doing for our community and our own families and friends.

I would like to be contacted on updates and would happily be contacted if you require any further support.

Photo also attached of my latest birthday visit from October.

Received: by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern

*I am writing as a resident and business owner in Westminster to advocate my complete and utter support for 'The Cow' on Westbourne park road. This pub has been an institution in West London for as long as I can remember. It is a social hub for the community at large and a purveyor of excellent British produce. Supporting local producers in the process.*

*For me personally the pub has been the scene of many a happy gathering and celebration and hold a special place in my families heart. The pub is an amazing advertisement for the importance of local restaurant and bar, showing the community that a pub can be authentic, inspiring and nourishing for both body and soul. The Cow i believe holds the title for me as one of London's very best pubs and dining rooms and should be protected at all costs. The city is losing so many of its great pubs, it would be a travesty if we lost another in the means that are happening with the cow.*

*Please consider this a vote of unconditional support for the Cow pub.*

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I understand that you are considering revoking the licence for the THE COW.*

*THE COW represents the only proper restaurant and drinking establishment left in Notting Hill Gate. An establishment that has been a cultural melting pot for like minded creative individuals from music art and media. These people have helped put Notting Hill Gate on the Global map and after 25 years, attracting many tourists and foreign nationals who have chosen to live in the area as well as attracting the likes of Tom Cruise, Madonna, Keanu Reeves and too many other names to mention. Why would you want to throw that away. If you revoke it's license all that good PR will have been a waste.*

*People come to THE COW for its friendliness, its sense of home cooking and low fi comfort. Unlike many other establishments in the area, it has still retained it's original remit...to provide a space to eat and drink and remain as a truly authentic British pub without becoming just another high end restaurant or shop, for which there are already plenty within the area.*

*On a final note, I have never experienced any crime, disorder or safety issues while being a patron of THE COW over the last 25 years and have lived round the corner for the best part of 20 of those years.*

*I trust you will do the right thing and enable THE COW to continue to function as one of the last cultural meeting places left in the area.*

*If you revoke it's licence, you will rip the heart out of the area and that would be a very sad day.*

**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I wanted to write to express my deep concern in learning of a license review at The Cow on Westbourne Park road.*

*The Cow is my local pub and has been the cornerstone of local social interaction and an incredible place supporting locals and Notting hills individual personality since I moved to the area some 17 years ago.*

*It is truly one of the unique parts of the area. A place that allows creativity, personality and individuality to roam freely. It's a place that's shares diversity, loves everyone equally and promotes raw spirit.*

*People travel from all corners of the world to visit it for its amazing food, charismatic warm staff, and it's desire to stay as traditional a English pub as possible these days.*

*The Cow sucks the marrow from life, and before you consider taking that away, why don t you head down and see for yourself, I guarantee you will leave well fed and watered with a warm satisfying glow.*

*London is in danger of losing its spirit and is being suppressed into conformity, and it would break my heart to see this magical place bleed into mediocrity. We must live deliberately and protect our heritage.*

*Eat heartily and give the house a good name.*

**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I'm writing in support of The Cow pub. I've lived in the area for over 30 years and have been a regular visitor to The Cow with friends and family. It provides food at an incredibly high standard, (the fish stew is second to none and the Guinness is just perfect. To think that it's in danger of survival is unthinkable, I've never experienced any issues with crime, only a convivial atmosphere and a welcoming, caring staff who care about their clientele. I'm saddened that after all this time Westminster council could contemplate it's closure, the British pub forms an important part of our culture where communities talk, listen and shake off the rigours of life.*

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am writing with regards to 21/00981. As a long term resident of the area and recent home buyer in the neighbourhood, I wanted to express my support for The Cow in the context of its premises licence review.*

*I have been a long time visitor at The Cow and never once experienced any kind of crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues. In fact, I used to frequent The Cow because it was such a homely, friendly environment vs many of the alternative venues in the area. While the surrounding streets are not necessarily the safest or most pleasant, The Cow provides a safe haven to catch up with friends and meet other friendly locals from the community.*

*A notable example of their commitment to public safety was the way in which they repeatedly turned down my business due to overcrowding amidst the Covid pandemic - despite my being a regular and other venues being much more relaxed regarding the rules and regulations.*

*Fundamentally I believe The Cow to be one of the diamonds in the rough of the area, perhaps the best public venue in the region, and an essential staple of community life. It was genuinely a motivating factor in my purchasing a home nearby.*

*I hope my perspective can add value to your decision making and that the right choice is made - to allow an extremely high quality, safe and friendly social environment to continue to provide a rare and high quality service to local residents.*

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I'm writing to express my concern around the Cow's License review, The Cow is an exceptional place with amazing staff, amazing comfort food and it reminds me of what I'm missing back home in Ireland but lets me keep a small part of that very much alive each time myself and my family visit.*

*Myself, my family or friends have never experienced any crime or public safety issues when visiting the cow and we have been going there for years.*

*It also doesn't hurt that it has The Best Guinness in London!*

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*It is with a heavy heart that I write this email as I see that the licence of the beloved Cow is under review.*

*I've always lived in Notting Hill and the Cow represents one of my area's great beating hearts. It offers our community so much in the form of a safe, cosy, joyful environment to get together and share food and stories. The Cow represents a bastion of what a hospitality establishment should be - it is a standard setter which other like establishments should follow.*

*In all my years of going to the Cow I have never been witness to any antisocial or criminal behaviour. Quite to the contrary in fact - the Door Staff are an asset and perform their task with aplomb whilst also sharing a smile. I've been witness to the bar staff adhering to their licencing obligations (I myself am an alcohol licence holder) by challenging those under 25 and not serving those who are intoxicated. The safety of the staff and clientele is*

at the forefront of the Cow's mind - it is evident to see.

To revoke the Cow's licence would be to strike at the heart of an already fragile community. What we need now is hope and optimism and for that reason, I heartily believe the Cow should keep its licence and continue to be a servant to our community as the wonderful hospitality establishment it is.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

I write on behalf of [REDACTED] myself [REDACTED]. We are rate paying residents of Westminster Council - address W24DJ.

During normal circumstances when London hospitality venues are open, we both frequent The Cow often to enjoy the fantastic food, drinks and the atmosphere. We regularly take out of town visitors with us to the Cow as our number 1 pick for a friendly neighbourhood pub option.

The Cow offers excellent service and amenities for all walks of life to enjoy the restaurant quality food and beverage .

At NO point in the many years of being patrons of the Cow have we ever experienced or witnessed any form of crime, disorder, public nuisance or felt worried for our safety during our time at the Cow.

We strongly argue and wish to petition against any accusations that suggest otherwise.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

I am writing to support the continuation of The Cow Public House license in your forthcoming review.

The Cow is part of the social heritage in the area. At a time like now... when we will soon be coming out of isolation and lockdown, we more than ever need such welcoming places as part of the social fabric that keeps us linked together.

In particular The Cow holds a special place in the hearts of locals - having a rich history - a fine West London heritage and the place so many of us remember as central to our experience of growing up in the area.

I have never been disturbed by crime or public disorder matters related to The Cow.

Please keep the licence going.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

I write to you in regards to reference number 21/00981/LIREVP, The Cow Pub in Notting Hill, 89 Westbourne Park Road.

It has come to my attention that The Cow's license is being reviewed, therefore I wanted to write to you to explain what The Cow means not only to me but also to the Notting Hill Community.

I have lived in Notting Hill for over ten years and I am a regular weekly customer of The Cow. Not once in my entire time I have lived in Notting Hill and been to The Cow have I ever experienced crime, disorder, safety issues or public nuisance. The Cow is a wonderful establishment, The Cow creates a friendly and loving environment for the community. The staff are amazing, they are professional but also very welcoming and they are on top of everything. The cow means so much to me and to so many people, it is absolutely devastating to hear these false accusations against them. We need more places like it that look after the people in their community, showing the support they do for the locals. I have held everything from business meetings, to christmas lunches, meetups with friends or taken family when in the area. I am always welcomed like family, their food, etiquette, professionalism, care and general standards are exceptional. Please please consider what I have to say, The Cow is an institution in Notting Hill and loved by all.

If you have any further questions please let me know.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I write to you with concern on the upcoming review of the Premises License for the Cow Public House, 89 Westbourne Park Road, London W2 5QH.*

*The Cow is a key cultural centre for the area, it's patrons are typically those involved in the arts and they somewhat define Notting Hill culture.*

*I have often visited the Cow and believe that it uplifts the area and makes the area feel safe and inviting. I have never come across any negative aspects and certainly no crime, but if the COw was not there then I would think twice about travelling in that area on foot.*

*I strongly believe you are at risk of downgrading the area should you remove their licence, and the knock on effect on the surrounding businesses and restaurants will be very detrimental.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I would like to begin by sharing that in the last week, most of the conversations I've had in the neighbourhood have included the topic of The Cow - how amazing it is and how tragic it were it to be shut down.*

*The Cow is more than an institution. It has added so much value to my experience of living in London. As I am sure you will read in the many support letter that you are receiving, the Cow is so important to so many people. People feel welcome there, people feel at home there. I definitely do.*

*The Cow is such an asset to the community. It is a place where people come together on equal grounds to share ideas, connect and make bonds with other members of the community. I've met the most incredible people in this establishment. Everybody gets along, everyone can strike up a conversation - it is a place with a real sense of community. I cannot overstate how rare and precious that is in a city as big as London - in any city really.*

*Whenever someone has visited me from abroad (be it friends or my 70 year old father), the Cow is the first place I take them to make them experience the vibe of this very special community. They usually ask me to go back the next day - not only because is it the best (sea)food for miles... but because it has that special magic that makes every visit to The Cow unforgettable.*

*I have never felt unsafe and have never witnessed anyone fearing for their safety at the Cow. It is not a place for crime and disorder, but a place for community and culture.*

*I would be very sad to see the Cow close its doors. I wish I could better express how important the Cow is to the community. I for one cannot wait to be able to go back to The Cow to feel this sense of community and sense of home that we have been longing for all these months of lockdown.*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*It has been brought to my attention that you are currently reviewing the licence for The Cow on Westbourne Park Road, premises licence review 21/00981/LIREVP*

*I am writing in wholehearted support of The Cow, an establishment that has been a long favourite of my family. We can't wait to return to the Cow, once national restrictions have been lifted.*

*We regularly meet friends, business partners and clients for a quick drink at the ground floor bar. The dining room has hosted many of our business and more importantly family events: most recently a lunch following our son's confirmation and dinner marking our daughter's 18th Birthday. Here we have celebrated the wedding of one of our artists, or meet for lunch with local artists such as Belinda Cadbury, Douglas Allsop or John Carter. Clients, many based abroad, love going for dinner at the Cow, indeed it has become somewhat of a tradition*



with some of our biggest clients that we "seal a deal" over a pint of prawns and a beer at the Cow.

The Cow is an exemplary local business, the staff are exceptionally attentive to the needs of neighbours and during the brief period last year when limited restrictions were in place, the Cow was the only establishment I felt truly comfortable visiting, as their covid regime went beyond compliance and made me feel truly safe.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me and I trust you will renew the licence in due course, ensuring the Cow can once again become an integral part of the local community as we look forward to returning once restrictions are lifted.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

I have recently been made aware of the sad news that The Cows licence is under review - I am nothing less than utterly astounded.

I have been a customer of The Cow for over 8 years, The Cow doesn't just represent an establishment where people come together and drink or eat, its so very much more than that.

It is a place that serves the community and allows people to come together from all walks of life to meet, enjoy, connect and befriend.

There have been times where I have simply gone to meet a friend and then ended up meeting another local who I then went on to support in terms of friendship further down the line.

The Cow has a very special blend of good food, kindness, local friendship which is all underpinned with a lovely energy that welcomes and makes its customers feel incredibly at ease.

The staff have always been quick to ask customers to leave in a quiet fashion (when necessary).. not that I have ever seen any issues.

Alongside, I have never seen any unruly behaviour nor have I ever witnesses any problems in all my 8 years frequenting.

I hope this acts a demonstration that the threatened closure of The Cow, doesn't mean the closure of a "pub" but of a bit of the heartbeat of our community.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

I am personally reaching out to show my support and share my sentiments for The Cow in writing with Westminster City Council to help them understand why The Cow is an asset to the community.

Why do you believe The Cow is an asset?

The cow is an institution for us all, we are deeply connected to it's past and future. The food brings us together like a hug.

What does The Cow mean to you?

It means friendship, love and hope

What are all the great things about The Cow does Westminster Council need to hear from you?

It's a home from home. Incredible food. Staff and friendly and accommodating. It's part of our Dan living in west London

Importantly, can you confirm that you have not experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow?

Never have I experienced any of the above issues whilst visiting the Cow.

[REDACTED]  
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OBJECTION**



As a very nearby resident and business/shop owner I would like to express my heartfelt dismay at the thought of The Cow being denied its license. When I moved to the area 9 years ago I knew that it would be busy with its two pubs and then the café and gym [REDACTED]. Both café and gym disappeared and with them some of the life of the area has disappeared. I hear on the grapevine that some of the recent behaviour has been undesirable and I absolutely don't condone that; but I do hope you can allow them off with a serious warning and hope that they are very aware of the need to keep the peace in the future.

At The Cow the food and ambience are wonderful. We have often taken our artists and best clients to dinner there after our gallery openings and we are made to feel welcome and we thoroughly value the rare feeling of enjoying our local characterful pub. Too much of the wealthier areas of London are being made bland and characterless and The Cow plays a huge role as a venue for ordinary people enjoying a drink and food after work as well as a wonderful tourist destination; I've often seen people from all over the world eating upstairs and have felt happy that they've tracked down one of the less obvious venues.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

I am writing to express my support for The Cow in the Council's review of its premises license.

The Cow has been an asset to the area and to those from further afield throughout my adult life, and long before it. Most importantly, I have never experienced crime or disorder, public nuisance or safety issues while visiting the Cow. Its staff are hard working and polite, I feel safe when visiting and the variety of people who visit The Cow reflects an incredible, hallmark diversity that should be celebrated. London has its problems but The Cow is not one of them. Famous for its good food and service, for the energy of the people involved and for the cross-section of characters and backgrounds present, it would be an enormous sadness to people from all walks of life in the area.

I met the love of my life at The Cow; I have celebrated highs and consoled lows; it remains the best pub in the area and showcases British values and hospitality in so many, inexplicable ways.

I wholeheartedly support it as an institution and know that whatever trouble it finds itself in, it will be supported to the hilt by those who know it.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

I have been going to the Cow every so often for a number of year and am disappointed to see that its licence is up for renewal especially on the grounds stated. I have never witnessed any public nuisance or disorder in all my visits. Quite the opposite, one of the things I love about the Cow is that (like so many pubs in the UK) it feels that it is a real asset to the local community where people come together to eat and socialise. As we come out of lockdown pubs like the Cow will be crucial in getting us back to our social selves and reversing some of the damage that has been done to so many after such a long lockdown.

I implore the council to continue the cows licence so it can continue to bring people of the local community together.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

This pub has been a landmark pub for around 25 years. I have used it for at least 20 years and still meet friends there, and now it is enjoyed by my grown-up children (24 & 26) who also enjoy meeting their friends there. There are not many local pubs that happily mix generations while offering excellent food and good value for money. The excessive gentrification of Notting Hill killing traditional venues with lease competition being overrun by faceless chains of garbage food and bottled beer, this is one of the last bastions that has existed and thrived rather than be consumed by this trend. Most of those poorly-run chains will not be able to trade out of their problems post-lockdown, and goodness knows what pubs and bars in this area can survive.

Considering what they have had to try to absorb with government flip-flopping their policies on opening in the last year, to serve notice on them now is utterly outrageous and heartless. On what basis? If you are bothered about noise, try living near Powys Sq at night...Illegal flat-parties abound. I have never in 20 years seen any

acts of violence inside or outside the venue. My wife has been robbed twice near the bus depot on Westbourne Park and on the Tavistock road in the last 5 years, and on both occasions the robbers went back into the estates behind Tavistock Crescent NOT back into the Cow. Maybe the council could use its resources better to deal with lighting issues and policing the streets for robberies than taking pernicious actions like this.

Under my "public interest discovery rights" I look forward to receiving a full response detailing number of complaints, type of complaints, frequency of complaints.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

I am writing to support The Cow's license. It is an iconic establishment that is a mainstay of Notting Hill. It has an excellent kitchen and bar. To consider revoking its license during a global pandemic is heartless and unfair. It supports jobs in the bar and restaurant. Local residents are the main customers. I have never witnessed any crime or disorder at The Cow, nor any public nuisance or safety issues, and I have been going to The Cow for 25 years.

I live locally on [REDACTED] and would be devastated if The Cow lost its license.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

The Cow is one of the best local pubs and should have its license renewed. It provides a high quality of service and food and is one of our local favourites. I have never seen or felt any issues with regard to safety or nuisance with the Cow. You should be focusing your attention on pubs in Harrow Rd not the Cow (where there are major safety issues!).

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

I am writing to express concern over the review of The Cow's Premises Licence.

The Cow is a local institution and it is appalling that such a venue is being brought into a question at a time when hospitality is already on its knees.

Through all my years of visits to this venue I have never once witnessed crime or disorder and the staff are always respectful and polite within the local community.

Whilst it is clear that within the world of pubs, there are always going to be a few bad apple customers that take things too far - The Cow works hard at maintaining its reputation of being an upstanding, neighbourhood venue. They aren't plugging cheap booze and encouraging binge-drinking - they serve high quality food and beverage to people who appreciate it and of whom 99.9% behave perfectly responsibly.

What seems to be being overlooked here is that a great pub (like The Cow) is part of what makes a local community so special. Westbourne Grove, and London as a whole, benefits from the vibrancy and sociality that pubs provide. They make this big city feel a little bit more neighbourly... I, for one, would put a 'good local pub within 5 minutes' as being a major priority in choosing where I live and I would say there are probably many more out there like me.

Westminster council will be doing the vast majority of residents in the area a major disservice by revoking this venue's license, not to mention the many thousands of others who happily travel from much further afield to visit the team here and enjoy their delicious food!

I hope you make the right decision and don't choose to kill one of the few pubs still standing after 12 months of

*battling tooth and nail to stay alive!*

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am writing to express my support for The Cow Pub in Westminster.*

*I first went to The Cow in about 2002. I was being interviewed for my second ever job. I had my first taste of oysters and Guinness with a wonderful, charismatic and eccentric man who went on to be my boss and then a lifelong friend. This establishment was firmly placed onto my radar and I have returned, as regularly as I can, ever since.*

*The Cow is a special place for many reasons - most importantly because it draws in interesting people. It is a pub I am very happy to go to on my own - because people speak to each other - something unusual in London. The people who come there are varied - there are well off and less well off locals and also international people and people like me - who used to live nearby and now return when we get back to The Big Smoke.*

*I enjoy The Cow when it is quiet and I sit alone at the bar or meet an old friend. I also love The Cow when it is a special occasion and it becomes noisy and fun. I have very special memories of dancing and merriment on St Patrick's Day and also Carnival. In these sad times it is wonderful to remember back to when people could come together in great happiness and just enjoy life.*

*I lived in Notting Hill for over ten years. It is a fantastic place but I have to say it has changed greatly and not always for the better. Immense wealth has crept in and much colourful local community has had to move out. The Cow remains - a place I return to for community spirit, diversity and good times. I am totally surprised and saddened that Westminster Council would even consider shutting such a fine place down. We need places like The Cow now more than ever.*

*The Cow is my favourite pub - and I have done much research. Please don't revoke its licence!*

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*The Cow has been an integral part of Notting Hill life for over 25 years and I have been visiting on and off for 20 years and the last 10 as a resident of Notting Hill.*

*We are at a point where the sole of the neighbourhood will disappear forever if the last few bars are forced from the area which trade well in a responsible manner and who has an outdoor area which is key to its reopening as part of the government's plans. Westminster has working waders in creating outdoor areas for other bars in its borough and I have that it can work with the cow to keep it open.*

*Thank you for your time in considering my view as a local that we must keep this bar open.*

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Please extend the license for The Cow pub and Restaurant. I used to live near by and it was a wonderful place for a single lady to go on her own or meet with a few friends. Friendly staff, reasonable price point and just what I needed at the end of a working day or meeting up with a friend at the weekend. I never felt intimidated, could have an easy chat with the waiter/waitresses without feeling uncomfortable and I think The Cow plays an important part in the surrounding community. Its friendly but not a pick up joint, the food is good home cooking without being fancy or pricey and the staff have a wonderful attitude in the Pub's cosy environment. I now live further away, but when working in the area, I always return for "a cuddle" from the Cow Pub and there are not many places that can offer that. I use it as my office away from home. I can go there to think quietly alone or to meet with colleagues to discuss various projects.*

*Please think very carefully about taking away places like this from the community. What are you going to replace it with that is better? The Cow is many things for many people but above all it is a friendly, homely restaurant for locals and a destination pub, and it is honest which can't be said for every pub on the high street.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*I am emailing you in regards to The Cow Restuarant and Pub where people go to relax, meet Family, Friends and have amazing food and drinks.*

*Myself i worked at The Cow for nearly 2 years having enjoyed my job and the people I never once seen any problems Noise or even violance.*

*My Journey at The Cow where many Celebrities go I had the best journey with them and met the most amazing people including the Owner Tom.*

*To review this license or even revoke it would leave a empty space in everyones Heart that love The Cow and what memories it has gave them.*

*I moved out the area but i will always go The Cow to catch up with old friends and bring Family from a different city to enjoy the glorious food/drink and enviroment.*

*The Cow is a big part of Westminister and should always be.*

*Thanks for listening*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*The Cow Public House has, for many years, been a pillar our community. Beyond the exceptional service, exemplary food and drink and warm welcome, The Cow has been an asset to many with its staunch drive inclusivity, respect for customer and neighbours alike and its genuine care of the wider locale.*

*In my twenty year of frequenting The Cow I never once felt unsafe. I have never witnessed public nuisance incidences or criminal or abusive behaviour of any kind. Quite the opposite.*

*I trust this will be of use in assessing the licence review put before you.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*I have been advised The Cow Public House is subject to a licence review and wish to state the following-*

*I have been a frequent visitor to The Cow now for many years, since I was introduced to it by a french friend of mine who happens to be a top sommelier. He discovered it whilst working in London during the 1990's, and living just a couple of hundreds yards away. In turn, I have introduced many of my friend to this gem of a pub, one of the few left in London that have not succumbed to the blandness of a 'chain', nor dolled up for the Business/Tourist trade. The Cow has retained it's character and independent feel, whilst offering some of the most excellent food available in London, both upstairs in the 'restaurant', as well as downstairs in the bar area. At the same time, the experience of visiting simply to enjoy the beer and company is a rare one these days, as this is one of the few pubs I have visited in London, or in the countryside, that still feels like a proper pub, not some tarted up, characterless hostelry offering third rate food.*

*Not once, in all those years, have I ever experienced rowdiness or bad behaviour at The Cow. Quite the contrary. The locals, if that is what they are, have always been extremely friendly and I have enjoyed many conversations with a multitude of people from all walks of life, whilst enjoying a pint or two. It would be heartbreaking if this wonderful place was closed, or changed, for any reason. Covid has wrought enough damage and inflicted more than enough misery on the restaurant/leisure sector as it is, without this plucky little independent establishment being closed down for some petty reason.*

*I have no idea if this 'review' is a standard affair or has been instigated following complaints, but what I can say is that noise levels, if that is an issue, have never been excessive, and I have always enjoyed being able to hold a normal conversation in the bar, at all times. I daresay there will be some locals who find this pub, or any pub for that matter, a source of annoyance, but I can honestly say, hand on heart, that the staff running The Cow*

have always acted responsibly and with due consideration to all those living nearby, ensuring those visitors who might have had one too many, are helped to a taxi, or gently and kindly asked whether now might be the time to head home and have a good sleep. I have NEVER seen any trouble at this pub.

I live [REDACTED]. As you can see, I travel a fair distance to The Cow. There is a reason for that. One reason is that there is not a single pub in [REDACTED] that gets anywhere near to the convivial atmosphere of The Cow, and none can hold a candle to the excellent food on offer.

[REDACTED], my road has always been busy with visitors, but during Lockdown it has resembled [REDACTED] from the good old days', when London actually had a population! I have endured parking problems, early morning and late evening noise problems, more dog mess than one could imagine, blaring music systems, social distancing issues. You name it, my little cul-de-sac road has endured it, yet even though the vast majority of the people walking up and down my road are NOT local, it was my choice to live near an entry gate and I have to learn to live with all that goes with it. The vast majority are well behaved and considerate, but a few are not. HOWEVER it would not cross my mind to have a barbed wire fence put up at the entrance to my road to keep these people out, simply because I might prefer peace and quiet. We live on a crowded island, noise goes with the territory and we simply need to learn a little tolerance, allow people to let off some steam and enjoy themselves whilst they can, always provided they do so in a considerate and responsible manner. I have to make that call where I live, and I daresay those living near The Cow will on occasion need to do the same, but as I have stated many times already, I have never seen trouble or endured excessive noise at this lovely pub.

Please, please grant the licence to keep this absolute treasure open.... as is....unchanged...I would not be the only one who would be devastated if it were to close, in fact it will be the first place I head for hen lockdown ends!.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

I'm writing to you as a resident of [REDACTED] In relation to "The Cow" licensing review.

I was shocked and saddened to hear the news regarding the licensing of the pub.

A pub that has been central to the community surrounding it, as well as far and wide. A local place to meet, catch up and make new friends. Many residents live alone, The Cow is somewhere that the community come together.

It's a rare gem of a pub that manages to stay inclusive of all and retain a loyal local following built over many years.

Covid presented all pubs with serious challenges and some coped better than others with the pent up demand for people to meet and gather. I agree at times it was overwhelming but this was down to the circumstances effecting us all. In all the years of frequenting, I've never seen any antisocial behaviour or witnessed any of the alleged issues regarding safety.

To loose "The Cow" would tear the heart out of our community. Many of who have lived in the area and frequented for 25 years.

People come and go but you can always guarantee a familiar face at the Cow a proudly independent establishment selling great seafood and encouraging conviviality!

Looking forward to seeing friends and locals soon !

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

The Cow is the heart and soul of the community. By closing it, you are denying many thousands of people a place that they call home. This includes their amazing staff.

I have been going to The Cow for over 20 years and have never experienced any issues. And I can wholeheartedly say that Cow is a hub that brings everyone together harmoniously.





**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I have been going to The Cow pub and Dining Rooms upstairs for the last 20 years. It is a wonderful place with a local clientele that serves excellent food and drink. I am very worried that its license is under review especially at such a difficult time in the hospitality industry. I consider it to be a local asset and hope it can continue to trade as before.*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

[REDACTED] The Cow, [REDACTED] is one of the most important establishments in our neighbourhood - Not only because it is faultless as a business, restaurant and pub but mainly because it is a true institution where people from all walks of life and backgrounds come together. It is one of the last privately owned pub and it would be nothing short of a disaster, if it was to be forced to shut its doors.

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*We are great fans of the Cow. It is a true asset to the community that brings excitement to many people's lives. Without it, the neighborhood would not be the same.*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I've heard that the Cow's license is under review. It's a fabulous pub and one of the best places to go in the area.*

*If neighbours are complaining perhaps they should move to the countryside as the Cow was probably there before they moved to the area.*

*Please save the Cow!*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I have today seen that 'The Cow' in Westbourne Terrace is facing a Premises Licence Review and although I would not normally get involved with such things I feel compelled on this occasion to reach out and have my voice heard.*

*I have frequented 'The Cow' for more than 20 years, I do not live in London but I have worked all around London for the past 35 years and visited probably more than a hundred different pubs in that time. I can confidently say that I have returned to 'The Cow' many, many more times than any of the others. I simply love it! Pubs have been forced to diversify and mutate in order to appeal to new trends and ever changing customer experience demands but 'The Cow' manages to diversify without losing any of its traditional charm or eclectic charisma. It is a jewel in the Notting Hill crown, that is an opinion held locally and I have found it to be an opinion shared very far afield. There is always a warm welcome and I genuinely feel that I am recognised and greeted back by the friendly staff, (who have been there for many years themselves) even after I may have been absent for months.*

*I feel safe at 'The Cow' I have never witnessed any crime or bad behavior, it's just not that sort of place. It attracts the kind of patronage that is seeking good times, laughter, and quality. These are the qualities that I am looking for and I always feel in kindred company. I felt safe too when I visited towards the end of last year and found that social distancing and sanitation was being rigidly adhered to.*

*'The Cow' is one heck of a great pub. We are losing too many of our local pubs on an epic scale and we should all be trying to protect this greatest of British traditions. The owners of 'The Cow' spare no effort in their part to maintain this tradition and they should be supported in this cause. We need our pubs and we most certainly need pubs like 'The Cow'*

*Notting Hill is a very special part of London. It oozes a community spirit and is made special by the people who live there and the hospitality that you feel when you visit. I am especially drawn to the area but without 'The Cow' I would feel like I'd lost an old friendly relative that I'd call in and visit when passing.*

*I cannot think of a single reasons why the local council would not want to support and indeed encourage businesses like 'The Cow'.*

*I hope that someone reads my message and feels my sincerity.*

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I understand that you are in the process of reviewing the Premises License for The Cow.*

*We are a firm of local architects based just up the road in Westminster. Over the last 15 years we have witnessed a huge decline in the number of pubs in our area. The Cow has been a public house for decades, in fact before the current owner re- opened it some 25 years ago, it was a far less attractive hostelry.*

*I would urge you to think very carefully about this, even before Covid our few remaining licensed premises were under threat from greedy landlords that saw better value in getting rid of them and changing uses. In the coming months that pressure will be even greater.*

*The Cow is a Notting Hill institution and it needs to be nurtured not closed down.*

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*,I have lived in the Notting Hill area for over 20 years and most definitely consider myself a Notting hill resident.*

*THE COW public house has played an invaluable part of the Tapestry to my life and i would consider it an " asset of community value". The best way to describe it as a true anchor for the community. It provides an essential meeting point for all members of the unique and diverse Notting Hill community. It is one of the few establishments remaining in the community that provides a wholesome meal ,a good drink to all in a safe and welcoming environment.*

*The Cow embraces , promotes and celebrates many Cultural events representing the diverse local culture. Notting Hill Carnival/St Patricks day and multiple charitable causes to name a few It is a well run and thriving establishment that defies the national trend whereby community pubs are struggling and are closing down. It provides employment not just to its workforce but to all its suppliers of food and Alcohol at a time when the community needs to bounce back from the Pandemic..It probably is one of the few local establishments that can meet its Business rates demand.*

*In over 20 years of visiting and enjoying The Cow i have never experienced any Crime ,Disorder, public nuisance or safety concerns. It has been a great place to take many girlfriends on "first dates" and was instrumental in me meeting my now wife. Often the first place visiting friends from all over the world want to go is 'The cow'..*

*Im really concerned that licensing reviews are often generated by opportunistic residents who move into an area even though the "pub "has existed long before they arrived. They then seek to close the pub down in order to increase the value of their property . This occurrence is becoming way too familiar and must be resisted. Please support the continuation of The cows license....*

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*for the last year and living in the area for around five years want to share my supporting statement regarding The Cow's Premises Licence [case 21/00981/LIREVP].*



*the community—not just as a place to have a drink but as a key component of the neighbourhood and a cog in the vibrancy of this area.*

*What does the Cow mean to us?—a place to meet friends- somewhere to relax on a summer evening— somewhere to walk to, socialise and then walk home.*

*Clearly this is a congested area in that the pavement here is narrow—does the Cow disrupt the neighbourhood?—NO. Is it a source of disturbance to the neighbourhood?—not in our opinion.*

*Does the Cow generate noise?—is it a threat to public safety?—NO. Is it responsible for generating crime and disorder ?—categorically NO. Should it be closed on grounds of public safety?—ABSOLUTELY NOT.*

*Is there sufficient evidence to warrant the closure of an established and valuable and popular neighbourhood venue?—in our 20 years of regular use we have NEVER seen any suggestion that this should be the case.*

*The Government is trying to support hospitality venues—to ensure that neighbourhoods can be revitalised. Your suggestion that The Cow should be closed is absolutely contrary to this strategy, goes against the wishes of the large majority of local residents (including us) and is anti-democratic in the broadest sense of the word.*

*We urge you to reconsider .*

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am writing to say that I wholly disagree with Westminster's plans to review the premises licence at The Cow. The Cow is a well loved and well used pub for many people throughout London. In all the years I have used the Cow, I have never seen any problems with public nuisance, safety or crime. In fact, I would say the customers are older and love the Cow for a quiet drink and excellent food. It is a great asset to the area. Please do not shut it down, but renew the licence straight away.*

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am along standing customer at The Cow pub. I am writing to say that I wholly disagree with Westminster's plans to review the premises licence at The Cow. The Cow is a much loved and well used pub for us slightly older folks who go there for a quiet drink and excellent food. In all the years I have used the Cow, I have never seen any problems with public nuisance, safety or crime. The Cow is a great asset to the area. Please do not shut it down, but renew the licence straight away.*

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I would like to express my strong support for The Cow in light of the review of its premises licence. This is a truly wonderful and unique pub with a magic all its own; indeed I cannot think of a London pub that is as much a part of its local community as The Cow. It would be nothing sort of a tragedy if Westminster were to lose this incredibly valuable and much-loved institution.*

*I urge you to grant The Cow a continuation of its licence so that it can continue to spread good cheer to its patrons and the rest of the local community.*

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am a born and bred local and the Cow is a wonderful local pub and restaurant. This venue is an intrinsic part of our community and heritage. We are rapidly losing the personality that makes this Neighbour so special. The cow maintains a local feel whilst providing excellent quality, service and employment. Please renew their license.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I am writing regarding the licensing review of The Cow.*

*The Cow is one of the nicest pub/restaurants in London. I have been a regular for more than 20 years. It is exactly the sort of place we should have more of. Good food, good beer, good ambience and one of the handsomest pubs anywhere.*

*I have never witnessed any problems there. It's a pub, people drink - like every pub in the country.*

*It would be an absolute travesty, and a loss to the community and all those who come from further afield to one of the nicest spots in town, to shut it down. Please, don't do something stupid.*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*The Cow pub is a neighbourhood gem offering a vital meeting point and community hub serving excellent food and drink. It is a West London institution and should never be endangered.*

*I can also confirm that in the twenty years I have been visiting this establishment, I have never experienced any crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues on any occasion.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*the hospitality sector is key to our local economy and as we all know it has been significantly affected by Covid-19. I was dismayed to hear that, in addition to coping with the fall out of Covid-19, the Cow's licence is under review at this time.*

*I live within walking distance of the Cow. It has been a favourite local of mine for many years, combining that rare mix of great food, friendly service and a safe, convivial atmosphere that secures a dedicated local following. I particularly love its appeal across age groups-this is a pub which suits whether you are twenty or eighty! Its presence on Westbourne Park Road is familiar, comforting and adds immensely to the community feel of this area. Its closure during lockdown has highlighted, for me, how our London streets become less appealing, and feel less safe, when there is no social buzz of activity and people from places like the Cow.*

*I wish to register my support for the renewal of the Cow's licence and for its continued presence within the local community.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I understand Westminster council is reviewing The Cow's Premises License - I wanted to share my thoughts on the establishment.*

*The Cow is not just another ordinary London pub, of which there are thousands, soulless and commercialised, with no affiliation to the local residents. The Cow is everything they are not and what a pub should be - charming, quirky, fun, great beer and delicious food - a true local that local people are very proud of. It is these types of establishments that make London great, the individual restaurants, bars and pubs that symbolise the melting pot of cultures that produces such feel & character that few cities can emulate. London does not carry this aura because of weatherspoons, pretts & spaghetti house, it carries it because of places like this.*

*When I lived near the Cow it was the only reason people who resided in other areas of London would come to Westbourne Grove. When talking to people of all ages, in and outside London, if I mentioned the area it was always followed with "oh yes, is that where that pub The Cow is?" - it is the focal point of the area, a true institution. I can guarantee, few pubs will command the support like you will receive for The Cow.*

*The last year has made us realise the value in supporting local business, supporting small businesses, supporting frontline workers, but most importantly it's highlighted the importance of seeing your friends, meeting your family, having fun, having a drink, going out for dinner, socialising. We took all that for granted until it was taken away, now we hope to have it back shortly, and I for one cannot think of any establishment in London where I would rather have that first special moment than The Cow.*

*If anyone wanted to make a decision on the future license for The Cow, may I suggest that when permitted, that individual and a mate goes down to the Cow on a Thursday evening, has a pint of Timmy Taylors Landlord and shares some food, soak's up the buzz - you will see no disorder, no crime or public nuisance, rather you will see people having a laugh and enjoying the place they are in and the people they are with - tell me that's not what it's all about, what we have all been missing for so long.*

*Please don't take it away from people.*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir or Madam*

*I write to you with regard The Cow Pub in Notting Hill. 21/00981/LIREVP*

*I understand that it may be faced with closure. I feel this is a huge shame as it's a massive asset to Notting Hill and to London.*

*The Cow is special, its unique charm and atmosphere, great food and welcoming staff make it a landmark for locals and visitors. It is an increasingly rare venue in our modern world of chain pubs.*

*Please reconsider any proposals to close it. It is one of my favourite venues and I hope it can survive and continue for many more years to come.*

*Britain and London need pubs like this one. It's our DNA and culture - let's not remove them.*

*Best regards, [REDACTED]*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*This is one of the nicest pubs I have eaten and drank in.*

*The staff and customers are polite and friendly.*

*My wife and I travel from north west London to go there.*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir/Madam/Ms*

*I am writing to express my support for the Cow. I have been a frequent customer since it first opened. I have been during the day, at night and late at night. I have eaten there both upstairs and downstairs. I have been to late licence events on bank holidays and other festivals. Not once have I seen any disorder, nuisance behaviour or trouble of any sort. The staff have been polite, firm and considerate in all my experiences there. They are a credit to the community in their role as licensee, community focal point and social liaison. Indeed it provides a useful social service and should be celebrated.*

*Although I live in the neighbouring borough The Cow has been part of my life for 26 years.*

*This is a classic friendly community pub that has my full support.*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

*I am writing to you to show our household support in keeping The Cow open and going. Pubs like this are the heart and soul of our community and provide a crucial forum for folk to meet. Loneliness and isolation is a bigger problem now than ever before and to prevent this well loved establishment from providing the essential meeting hub it is would be at a great cost to so many people who rely on it for connection.*

*I trust you will do the right thing by supporting The Cow in it's care and joy for the wellbeing of our community.*

Kindest regards

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir or Madam,

*I would like to add my support for The Cow, one of the few remaining "cherished pubs" of London.*

*I hold for it the same affection as I do The French House; The Dublin Castle and The Hope and Anchor, and without it London would be much poorer.*

*I have been going there since the late 1990's and can confirm that I have never witnessed any criminal or antisocial behaviour. Yours faithfully*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*The Cow is heart of Westbourne Park*

*It is a gathering spot for all locals and a restaurant that we all use to meet with friends.*

*This pub is a huge asset to the neighbourhood and somewhere that means a lot to me and my friends and family.*

*As a restaurant, it is unlike any other in the area. It is affordable and the food is not like any other pub in the area.*

*I have never experienced any crime, disorder or safety issues at the establishment.*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Please save the cow pub!*

*We have been going since 2003 and it holds a special place in our hearts.  
It keeps the community and spirit of this borough alive and well.*

*I would be devastated to see it close .it is a part of Notting hill. An icon*

*I have never witnessed any violence or crime or felt unsafe ..just lots of warmth , good food and fun !*

Kind regards ,

[REDACTED]

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern.

For decades, I have visited this pub, whether with friends or family. What draws me to this pub, over and over again, is the fantastic and refreshing diversity of the customers and the staff, covering every aspect of the area.

Moreover, the completely welcoming and warm environment, entirely lacking aggression or silly behaviour. It is an institution, just a lovely place to watch people, socialise and enjoy a relaxing drink or some special food.

I have never experienced or witnessed any form of violence or aggression at The Cow. At all. It just isn't the type of institution that attracts that type of behaviour, or people interested in being anti social. The staff are also extraordinarily good at managing the pub in an entirely welcoming, considerate and responsible manner.

I would implore you not to seek to close this pub, it is one of Notting Hill's absolute gems. The most interesting, well run and managed, diverse and special pub in West London. Just a great place and the type of place society needs more of, not less of.

Please do not take it away from my neighbourhood.

Feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss anything.

Kind regards and all the best

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Regarding The Cow

As a often returning tourist from Denmark The Cow is always on the priority list of things to do - first and last - when visiting London.

The food, the ambiance and the service is second to none.

It's like coming home. And if The Cow has to close down - we have no "home" in London anymore. (So why bother going?)

I will strongly recommend that The Cow will go on as it has always done.  
Perfect, friendly and with quality beverage and food.

Kind regards

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs

I write to you from Sweden. As a regular guest to the Cow when I visit London (4-5 times/year) I really would like to support The Cow and the importance of the pub/restaurant. The Cow represents to me the finest of British pub traditions. Closing down the Cow would be a loss for British Pub Culture and British Culture in general.

Sincerely yours

Lennart Ståhle

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**



Dear Sir Madam

I have been attending the Cow since 1996 about the same time I managed my own Premises Licence [REDACTED]. Which I did for 17 years . I personally have a pretty experienced view of evidence of crime , disorder , public nuisance and safety issues In running a licensed premises and in near on weekly visits to the Cow have never borne witness to any of the above . Whilst in any licensed premises where a team is employed there can be occasional moments when one thinks something could have been done better I believe that the way in which a premises responds to any problem to ensure it doesn't happen again is how it should be judged . Licenses are hard to get and easy to lose and an establishment as good as the Cow would be a huge loss of amenity of the area and to London . Fabled food and atmosphere and much skill in its execution. I am hoping there will be suitable sense in dealing with this case .

Best regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

I am writing in support of Tom Conran and his bar and dining room, The Cow, at 89 Westbourne Park Road W2 5QH.

In 1999 I met my future wife at The Cow and so from that day on, the 16th of October, has been for us "Cow Day". We try to revisit every anniversary to celebrate our marriage and for having the good fortune to have such a great destination to celebrate it in.

We revisit to enjoy the atmosphere, the convivial welcome, the warm, attentive and friendly service. To take a tiny table at the back (we have celebrated in the dining room upstairs but it's the cosy tables at the back that's for us). We enjoy a pint of prawns with a pint Guinness, fish stew and steak... simple pleasures elevated to rare heights.

Tom Conran has created such a fine establishment. This is where the small things are done so well. Every detail has been considered (although you may never realise). It has been built from the ground up on the quality of that effort.

It's heartbreaking that the Cow should be fighting for it's licence. The Cow should be celebrated, if anything The Cow should be protected.

In all my visits I have never witnessed any criminal behaviour, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues.

Thank you for your time.

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

In support of The Cow.

We have been frequenting The Cow ever since it opened 26 years ago. It has brought a sense of community and bonhomie to the area. It's a great place to visit with friends and family to drink and eat in friendly, convivial surroundings.

It is a wonderful hostelry with good food, good Guinness / drinks, and a lovely, friendly atmosphere. It is a welcoming place with friendly staff and customers.

We have always felt the great pleasure of walking in through its welcoming doors to be greeted with smiles and friendly chat. An oasis of calm.

*We have never seen any crime or disorder whatsoever, inside or outside of the premises. It's really not that sort of place. It's very safe. Always has been.*

*Nor have we ever experienced any public nuisance of any kind outside or inside or in the vicinity of The Cow.*

*There has never been any safety issues in our experience. As stated, it feels and is very safe.*

*The Cow really is a very important part of the community.*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To Whom it May Concern,*

*The idea that The Cow might have to close down because of disorderly conduct or public nuisance is truly heart-breaking. The Cow means the world to me; it is my favourite pub in all of London and I have spent many memorable evenings there.*

*I've grown up round the corner from The Cow for nearly my whole life and I have watched so many fantastic places nearby have to shut their doors. It is beyond sad to see these once thriving institutions close down and it is ruining the once vibrant area. The Cow is not just a friendly place to get a pint or a crab linguine, it is so much more than that. It is a place with such history, such energy and soul that is so often hard to come by in this city that is being taken over by vacuous chains.*

*I have been to The Cow probably about 500 times and I have never once experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst I have been there. The idea that this wonderful institution would close its doors for this reason after the year we've all had is nothing short of disastrous and it must not happen.*

*The thought that The Cow might have to shut its doors is devastating and would truly be catastrophic for the neighborhood. We need The Cow to stay. It is a huge part of, our neighbourhood, our history and our lives.*

*I look forward to hearing back from you.*

*Best,*

• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 9 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir/Madam,*

*I'm writing re. the license renewal of the Cow pub in Notting hill.*

*I've been lucky to be a patron of this amazing place since my twenties and now aged 41, it still holds a massive place in my heart and I cherish every moment I'm there.*

*This pub is a great asset to the community and is genuinely one of the only creative and inclusive establishments in west London.*

*I've never experienced any social nuisance or aggravation there...to the contrary, it's always a lovely crowd and a great place to make new friends.*

Many thanks for your time.

Best,

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I heard that you have issued a review of The Cow's Premises Licence and I wish to add my personal statement to your proceedings.*

[REDACTED]  
*I have been a regular visitor to The Cow pub and restaurant since it was first opened 26 years ago.* [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

*I now live on with my children and own a contemporary art gallery* [REDACTED]  
*I am an active member of my community and especially like to participate in all the aspects which affect the cultural and social issues in our local environment.*

*The Cow is one of the prime assets in the Westminster area and its border with K&C. It has been a key meeting place for all ages - providing a welcoming and safe place to eat and drink for decades. I heard that you have issued a review of The Cow's Premises Licence and I wish to add my personal statement to your proceedings.*

*I am a 54 year old business woman who has lived in the Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and on the edge of Westminster Borough my entire life.*

*I have been a regular visitor to The Cow pub and restaurant since it was first opened 26 years ago.* [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

*I now live on with my children and own a contemporary art gallery* [REDACTED]  
*I am an active member of my community and especially like to participate in all the aspects which affect the cultural and social issues in our local environment.*

*The Cow is one of the prime assets in the Westminster area and its border with K&C. It has been a key meeting place for all ages - providing a welcoming and safe place to eat and drink for decades.*

*I have NEVER experienced any trouble there. I have Never seen the police turn up or witnessed any violent incident. I have Never seen or experienced any crime and I believe that the presence of The Cow on that strip of Westbourne Park Road has in fact reduced crime by operating a venue that is well managed, classless and friendly to ALL local people in the extended neighbourhood.*

*The Cow has trained many excellent chefs and restaurant staff. A significant number of young people, who I know, have worked there and been given an invaluable training. I have heard only praise for the whole management team.*

*Perhaps you should sample the food, if you have not already. It is delicious and well known for its quality and with a range of fare and prices that can be reached by most budgets.*

*If you take away the license from The Cow you would remove one of the best loved and outstanding places to visit in Westminster. A safe and welcoming haven for all ages and a centre for wonderful food and very importantly the provider of a high number of jobs.*

*Covid has been devastating to our restaurants and venues and I would urge you to give your support and not seek to undermine such a famously well loved Public House.*

*The whole neighbourhood is watching these proceedings and wish to show their support for The Cow.*

*Please do contact me if you would like to interview me further? I would be happy to give further reassurances.*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I was disappointed to learn today that Westminster City Council are reviewing The Cow's Premises Licence.*

*Amidst increased pub closures across London, The Cow has remained a pillar of our local community, and welcomes people of all creeds, colours and persuasions through its doors. During this pandemic, while open they have provided a safe haven to me and my family, among no doubt many others. This institution is run by good, kind-hearted people, and the area would be far poorer for its absence.*

*I urge you to take this into consideration and protect this historic establishment accordingly.*

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am a resident of the borough and a Tax payer.*

*The Cow, in Westbourne Gardens, and I frankly can't believe that someone is considering to suspend the licence of this historical Pub, so important among among people of THIS Community, especially after over a year where SOCIALISING with other people became illegal.*

*This pub and restaurant is dear to our community and it's an asset for so many people who live alone and meet up with friends and family in that place, since decades.*

*I never, in over 7 years, experienced any issue related to safety and crime, which actually is something related to many other crime hubs nearby which need further and deeper monitoring (Brunel, The area next to Lord Bridge off Royal Oak station).*

*About the noise level, which is not more concerning than any other local and not local pub, I feel there are other ways to control it and contain it.*

*But depriving the Notting hill community of such an important, precious and valuable place where to gather, where to have fun, where to enjoy a great meal and drinks, would not be only a huge mistake but also a unjust action toward a community that struggle for an entire year and now it looks very much forward to flourish and be (finally) human again.*

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am concerned because I was told that the Cow is to have their premises license reviewed.*

*I have no idea why this should be. The Cow is an INSTITUTION.*

*I am single and I never go to other pubs however I love to pub into the Cow there is such a welcome feel to it safe and friendly, home from home if you like.*

*It is a wonderful place to go to have a delicious quick lunch or a wonderful dinner.*

*I love to go for Burns night as they have the piper with bagpipes there.*

*It serves delicious fresh sea food and many other delicious dishes. I love everyone who goes everybody without exception is friendly helpful chatty.*

*It would be a devastating loss to our local community if it were to go. For many it is a perfect place to meet up with friends who all near by. To catch them for a quick drink.*

*They also celebrate anything English or patriotic. Which I love.*

*I for one would be heartbroken if it were taken from us.*

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*The cow is vital to my mental health, I don't have many friends and rely on a quiet drink there to keep my social life going.*

*In all my 15 years of drinking at the Cow, I have not once witnessed any trouble, crime or undesirable scenes. During the last year they have been extremely efficient in keeping us all safe and sane whilst there.*

We, the people of the community, need places like the Cow to keep us going

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I'm writing in regards to The Cow Pub, on Westbourne Park Road, London W2. I've been going to the pub for nearly 15 years, and I've never seen any evidence of 'public nuisance,' 'disorder,' let alone 'crime.'*

*I live a few doors down on westbourne park villas amd have never experienced anything like what has been described above - i would say the pub opposite (the westbourne) is far louder than the cow*

*It is an integral part of the community and would be a travesty if it was shut down for ANY of those reasons*

*In times such as the ones we currently find ourselves the cow is source of great comfort for many in the community.*

*Please do the right thing amd keep them open!*

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I am writing to give you my personal thoughts regarding The Cow in Notting Hill as I believe the license is under review by Westminster Council.*

*The Cow is, in my opinion, a huge part of the Notting Hill community and has been for many years. It is a local, friendly, inclusive place, with excellent food and wonderful staff. I always feel at home, cosy and safe when sitting in The Cow enjoying a great meal and a drink. I have personally never witnessed any kind of crime or disorder or any safety issues while spending time at The Cow.*

*I think it would be a real shame to see such a Notting Hill institution close its doors. With London pubs disappearing in droves, particularly during these difficult times, we need to save places such as this, The Cow is an all too rare gem!*

**Received: 28 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I'm writing to you with reference to 21/00981/LIREVP, ie the review of The Cow's Premises License. I've lived in Notting Hill for many years and it is places like The Cow that make me want to stay here for many more years. I've celebrated my birthday here, brought my parents for dinner, would take my grandparents if they were still alive and will hopefully also one day take my kids. I've never experienced any safety issues or nuisance or anything criminal happening there. It's just a good restaurant with friendly staff, that adds significantly to the living quality around here. Neighborhoods need places like this in order to create a sense of home and community and not just become soulless and anonymous urban settlements.*

*Thank you for considering the above in your evaluation and please let me know if you would like me to expand on any of it - over email or phone.*

**Received: 28 Feb 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*I wish to offer my support for the relicensing of the Cow Westbourne Grove. One of the finest public houses with delicious food in West London. Struggling no doubt with the ravages of pandemic lockdown. I understand their license is under review and hope to hear that it has been renewed and they will be able to open when covid regulations allow.*

**Received: 28 Feb 2021 by**

## **OBJECTION**

*[REDACTED] I can only speak highly of the The Cow as a pub, it's tradition, it's food, and the exemplary behaviour of all patrons when I have frequented it.*

*I'm sure there is the odd patron who is unruly, but no more than any other pub in the area. To close it down, especially in the current circumstances, would be to lose one of Notting Hill's treasures.*

*[REDACTED]*  
**Received: 28 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I am writing to express my support to the Cow pub. I moved to London in 2012, and Notting Hill was my first home in town. Leaving on the Westbourne Park Road, I got introduced to this magical place by a friend of mine.*

*Ever since, people who work in the Cow, Petro, Eve, Luca were my real family. I moved many apartments but the Cow is the only "local" Pub for me no matter where I live.*

*The plans to revoke its licence would hurt local community deeply. I can not even imagine losing the chance to have an amazing fish stew, or chicken Kiev, but most importantly, losing the feeling of love and support it provides.*

*There were not a single time when I had any issues there, or felt insecure. People always look out for each other in the Cow. I hope that all the letters you receive from different people, and friends of the Cow will convince you that this place means the World to Londoners, and it should stay open.*

*[REDACTED]*  
**Received: 28 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I am writing in reference to your current review of the licence of The Cow Public House, Ref: 21/00981/LIREVP*

*Before talking about The Cow, I would like to try and put the Great British Pub in context.*

*Firstly, a Great British Pub stands at the heart of a community. Whether you've just entered in, or you have lived in the community for years. You go to a Great British Pub and you're made to feel welcome as soon as you step through the door.*

*A Great British Pub is Social. You meet friends there, but you also interact with new people. It's a place full of different personalities, it is diverse. It is a place where you feel comfortable, whether you're considered an A-Lister or on the fringes of society. A place full of character.*

*A Great British Pub is Comforting. You go to relax after a hard day's work, be it from home, in an office or on the frontline as a key worker. It is a place designed to allow you to de-stress, forget about the challenges of daily life and immerse yourself into a state of contentment, where all that matters is who is getting the next round in!*

*A Great British Pub is Lively. You go to a pub to have fun. A place where lively music meets lively debate, eruptions of song meet eruptions of laughter.*

*A Great British Pub is Safe. A place where a lone woman can walk in and feel secure and confident. A place where strangers can meet, interact and enjoy each other's company.*

*A Great British Pub is Unique. It means something different to each individual. But overall, it is held in the same stature to everyone. An important fixture in each community, that proves as an asset to enriching lives. A Great British Pub is what each and every British person should be able to identify in every town, village or city.*

*All of the above attributes, are what I think about my local pub... The Cow, Notting Hill.*

*Eight years ago, on a sunny Sunday Afternoon walking home to Maida Vale we came across The Cow, a pub we had already heard of and decided to go in. On entering, we were welcomed by the most amazing barman we had ever met (and I've been to a fair few pubs!). The barman, noticing that we were slightly nervous of our new surroundings quickly found us a great table and asked us what our favourite drinks were. He recommended that I have a Guinness (which I later found out that The Cow is famous for and I confirm is the best outside of*

Ireland!) Once we had received our drinks, the barman then spent ten minutes getting to know us, asking where we were from, what we did and our likes and dislikes. We found out that this barman was called Petro and immediately we knew that this pub was going to be our new local.

As a local businessman, I understand the importance of embracing your local community and this is something that The Cow achieves in abundance. Our local community is diverse, and The Cow enjoys such fantastic regulars from all walks of life, some of whom we've lost and some of whom are still very much part of the family. Robbie and Max the dog, Tom, Paddy, Sadler, The Prof, The Lord, Ian 'Wrighty', 'Garth' Crooks, 'Stella' McCartney, 'David' Beckham, I name these people, not to 'name drop', but to indicate the diverse personalities that mix together and not only enjoy but endorse The Cow. Surely, this indicates that The Cow is not a place of crime and disorder, public nuisance or a place that is unsafe, all things that Westminster Council are questioning in their current review of the license. But in fact, The Cow is a pub that holds all of the great attributes that a Great British Pub should have.

Personally, in the eight years that I have been a proud member of The Cow Family, I have very rarely experienced anything that could be deemed to be crime and disorderly, public nuisance or pointing to an unsafe environment. If liveliness, laughter, fun and frien

**Received: 28 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

I felt I needed to communicate the gaping hole that would be left without 'The Cow'. I understand their license is currently under review. I can only stress my own experience but would suggest it cannot be isolated. Over the years I have gone to Portobello Market most weekends and as a single female or with friends always found a welcoming and friendly environment at The Cow. Faces became familiar and the atmosphere was always convivial. There were many places I wouldn't go and experiences I had over the years which I will not dwell on but at The Cow I always felt reassured that everyone was genuine, not there for a 'scene' or to create an issue.

More recently I returned, now with a daughter in tow! Reassuringly still a great venue and what an asset to the area.

I have never witnessed anything untoward, menacing or violent there and more importantly only have fun memories. A proper hub to any community is invaluable, there is a sense of history here and certainly, for me, only good times to be had (with a proper pint of Guinness and oysters!)

**Received: 28 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

I was astonished to read recently that Westminster Council is reviewing the Cow's license on grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

I have been a regular customer of this pub for the past three years and I rate it very highly indeed. It is probably the best pub I know anywhere, not just in London. On each and every occasion I have been there, I have never witnessed or heard of anything that could qualify as a public nuisance, much less a crime. It frankly baffles me how the present situation has come about.

However, rather than speculate as to why this might be, I would like to impress on you what a special place this is and what a disaster it would be, in my opinion, were it to close. This pub is very popular and much loved. As an oyster enthusiast, I was delighted to discover there was a drinking establishment nearby that offered native oysters and seafood. I love it for that reason, and not only that, but because it is exceptionally civilised and welcoming. I've never had a bad experience here, not just in terms of food and drink, but atmosphere and fun too.

As I'm sure you're aware, the Cow is a bona fide local legend. Notting Hill is not short of attractive destinations, but the Cow stands out even among a plethora of high quality pubs and restaurants. It would undoubtedly be a hammer blow to local culture if it were no longer there. Personally speaking I would find it devastating. It is unique, and the people who run it and work there are wonderful.

I therefore ask you in all possible earnestness not to withdraw its licence.

**Received: 28 Feb 2021 by**

## **OBJECTION**

*I write regarding your review of The Cow's Premises Licence.*

*I am 24 years old and The Cow has been an important part of my life for many years, the place I have gone to celebrate, commiserate, laugh and cry. I grew up on [REDACTED] with The Cow being one of my local pubs that I would go to with my parents and it was the first place I had a drink with my mum when I turned 18. I have the fondest memories of catching-up with friends at the Cow during university holidays and recently it was the first pub I went to when the first Covid-19 lockdown was lifted. I celebrated getting my first job at The Cow when I finished law school and it is the place where I met my boyfriend.*

*When I am excited about an idea or something new happening in my life, The Cow is the place I go to nut out the details and devise a plan. When life is tough and feels all a bit much, going to The Cow for a glass of wine makes everything feel better and as though it is doable. To take The Cow away from the neighbourhood would be a disservice as there is nowhere else that provides what The Cow can. It is a home away from home and know this is true for many people.*

*Putting my own attachments aside, I can confirm I have never experienced any crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow. I have always felt safe and as though I am surrounded by friends, even if surrounded by people I have never met. The Cow is everything a pub is meant to be, it is a pub for everyone and welcoming to all.*

*Please do not revoke their licence, the neighbour needs The Cow.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 28 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I would like to lend my support for the renewal of the licence for The Cow public house.*

*I frequent the establishment on a regular basis - it is one of the more traditional pub/restaurants in the area and has a wonderful character.*

*The eclectic mix of people that drink and eat there represents broadbase mix of locals from the surrounding area - it is an open and very friendly environment (my wife and I love it) the pub is the heart of our community.*

*It would be a huge loss to the community if it were forced to close down.*

*I cannot remember a single time where the clientele were overly noisy. So somewhat surprised to hear there were issues.*

*Hopefully common sense will prevail and we can all continue to enjoy The Cow, Post Covid*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 28 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I am concerned to hear that the Cow's license is under review. I moved into the area a year before it opened and have to say it was a rundown and slightly rough environment. When the Cow opened it provided quality food in true Conran style and a professional bar staff serving the best Guinness in the area and the news travelled fast. Within a few months the venue became Nottinghill central and attracted a diverse international clientele as well as transforming the area into an vibrant and interesting place to live. 26 years later it has the same bar staff and is a flourishing business. I have been a grateful customer all this time and have never seen any trouble. Among the regular faces are Stella and Sir Paul McCartney, David Beckham and Tom Cruise among many other well known characters, Ian Wright even gave a shoutout of appreciation to the bar staff at halftime during an England international football match on BBC1 television live. Considering the number of Public houses closing down over the years it would be a tragedy if the Cow met the same fate it provides a vital public service and is a unique institution. I am sure any problems that there are can be sorted out and very much looking forward to resuming my patronage of a very special place in our community*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 28 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*Westminster Licensing have issued a review of the Cow's Premise license on the grounds of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.*



I would like to place on record the following; that I have lived in many areas of London, from [REDACTED] and now [REDACTED] and I have regularly gone to the Cow since its inception. It is a neighbourly, friendly, warm Pub that looks after its locals and many first comers. I have regularly met people from South Africa, LA, NYC, Iceland who have been told to go to the Cow because of it's perfect food, atmosphere and its the perfect London pub. So for Westminster council to consider closing its door is appalling and frankly typical of the kind of council Westminster is fast becoming.

You are without doubt pulling all the fun and joy out of the borough and getting a reputation for killing of local shops, places that you should try and keep going and more importantly celebrate. To consider taking the licence away is a shocking indictment, in my view of an increasingly poorly run council. In 20 years of dropping by the Cow I have never seen any violence, any raised voices and no disagreement and you should be championing this pub not condoning it. It is considered a gem. One of the really special places in London and you want to close it down.

I would kindly urge you to reconsider this and really do your home work and proper fact checking

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 28 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

I'm writing in support of an incredibly special place THE COW 21/00981/LIREVP. Please keep it open! It's such a wonderful place and a true gem in London In this horrible time we are living though would be a shame to have another casualty of a great business closing. Please don't close it!! Thank you!

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 28 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

I believe a review of The Cow's Premises license has been requested. To that end, I would like to point out what a safe, friendly and comfortable environment my friends and I have always enjoyed when visiting The Cow, as well the delicious food they serve.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 28 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

I heard about Westminster City Council's review of The Cow's premises licence through the local community.

I am a westbourne park local and former employee of The Cow. There is so much to be said about this wonderful establishment but I will try to keep it brief. The current employees, especially Petro, Luti and Yavor are absolute professionals and living legends. To take away their jobs and community is heart breaking to me, and devastating for them. When I worked at The Cow from 2017-2018, I noticed how much crucial employment and friendship it provided to those new to London. This for me is the most valuable thing about The Cow, especially in this current climate, and the thought of another pub being closed down which has the ability to provide employment for many people is not morally right.

I never experienced any crime or disorder during my time at The Cow, and had only positive experiences. To close this establishment would be devastating to many people in the local community, socially and otherwise.

I urge you to revoke the review and save The Cow!

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 28 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

I would like to offer my support to the owners of the Cow regarding the renewal of there license. I have been a customer of the Cow for well over 20 years and have never been affected by or even seen any anti social behaviour by the patrons of this establishment.

*It is an important hub for the local community. A second home for businessmen and builders and creatives and all manners of people who can all congregate together safely.*

*The Cow has to be one of the only businesses in Westminster for people to visit on their own and actually be made to feel as if they are part of the local community.*

*All the staff and managers have always been very aware of the local neighbours and encourage patrons to leave the premises quietly.*

*It has always been well managed and I am sure that the local residents that live in the area who have recently spent millions of pounds on moving to the area may complain about the noise. The people who have grown up in the area feel very differently.*

*Not only this I would comment that this establishment is one of the safest places in the borough for ladies to frequent. As evidenced by the mix of Patrons.*

*The Cow is not strictly speaking a traditional pub as the food served here is of some of the highest quality in the borough and should not be compared to other hospitality businesses.*

*Surely during these incredibly difficult times the council should be supporting these businesses that have suffered like no other industry with Rates reductions not trying to close them.*

**Received: 28 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I write with regard to the objections to the licence renewal for The Cow public house, Westbourne Park Road.*

*I find it extraordinary that any objections could be levied on the grounds of noise and disorder. I have been visiting The Cow for many years and have always found that the running of it was exemplary. It is far from a cheap establishment and most unlikely to attract the more rowdy element.*

*To refuse this licence would result in a loss of amenity for the area and remove the influx of money coming from outside the immediate area.*

**Received: 28 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I am writing with regards to the current license review of The Cow on Westbourne Park Road (reference as above). I am utterly dismayed at the thought of The Cow being negatively impacted in anyway during a Premises Review.*

*Pubs are a dying breed in London, so many are being turned into apartments, estate agents and even supermarkets. So called transformations which serve only those with a vested interest in profiteering and the gentrification of the local area, whilst vital community hubs are lost forever.*

*The Cow serves the community, from the friendly local staff whom it employs to the locals who frequent it. I don't drink there very often but will never forget the day I popped in with my toddler and asked if we could quickly use their toilet - of which they obliged, giving my son a bowl of ice cream afterwards. Pubs aren't just places where people go to have a drink. They are places filled with memories - friendships, romances, marriages and even some divorces. They are the places where you met your wife, where you heard that joke for the first time, where you said goodbye to a loved one at a wake. In our community they hold warmth and joy in our hearts and give somewhere for you to belong. So when you review a place like this and simply see it as a pub, a space, a business. I urge you to look behind and beyond. The Cow and many others like it aren't just businesses.*

*Finally (whilst I take my emotional hat off) I am gutted to see licensing at Westminster reviewing when they should be doing their utmost to support particularly at this very difficult time when the hospitality industry is on its knees!?*



Now there is no doubt that you can experience disorder in and around a Pub, I've certainly witnessed it, but I can 1,000,000% tell you that I never have in The Cow. I am not embellishing anything when I say, I feel safer outside The Cow than on my own road.

Please don't take away one of the biggest and best reasons to live in this area. I love The Cow and you should too!!

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 27 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam

As a local resident of over 30 years standing, my family and I have enjoyed going to The Cow in Westbourne Park Road for most of that time. It is not only a vital local landmark and amenity but also a source of attraction from far beyond this parish. I am not aware of any disturbance to us locals from patrons of the pub and restaurant. Please renew its licence and ensure this precious local gem continues to serve us all in perpetuity.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

I am very upset and worried hearing about the Cow's licence coming into question. It is a wonderful pub with wonderful seafood and there is nowhere else you can go that does food like they do, not just in the immediate area but I don't know of any other place that does affordable but perfect seafood for affordable prices in a personal, cosy, traditional atmospheric space, rather than exclusive, expensive seafood restaurants in central London.

I have celebrated many occasions there for this reason, date nights, anniversaries, family visiting from abroad, birthdays etc. and of course St. Patrick's and St David's Days. Carnival. Football World Cups. And it is one of the few dog friendly pubs so I can bring my little doggie too. They even give them water. Always a great atmosphere and friendly spirit, friendly bar staff who know and recognise you as a local, never have I seen any trouble, violence, crime or fighting. I have been going for eleven years.

It is the only real pub left in the area, the only pub with a soul and a community. The others have been closed down, such as the Gold, Power's KPH and Mau Mau, and left is only soulless chain pubs without any atmosphere catering for Saturday tourists, tacky shops, chains and needless endless coffee shops. After this incredibly long and torturous lockdown people's mental health have suffered terribly and for many people the community is all they have, they don't have friends who meet at home but they go to their local pub to see people. The community is our mental health support network/safety net. As a relatively woman The Cow is the only place I'm confident going for a pint on my own in, as I know there will always be people there that I know from the local community so I won't be on my own. I would be absolutely devastated if come the end of lockdown it would not reopen as I would have nowhere to go to meet friends and have food and drink to see people and have a great time! It would be hard

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 27 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

I am writing in regards to the license review for the Cow Pub on Westbourne Park Road (21/00981/LIREVP). This is one of the best pubs in London and taking away their license will create a void in the community.

They have an exceptional restaurant and dining room, and serve some of the best seafood I've had in London.

It feels like a family pub and one of the last few spots in London that hasn't been taken over by a chain. I have been going here for years with my friends and people visiting London and have never experienced any kind of disorder, public nuisance, or safety issues when visiting the cow. It is a true gem.

Please do not take away their license. It would be a huge loss to the city.

Thank you.

Received: 27 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Friends at Westminster City Hall Licensing Service,

I refer to your letter of 10 February 2021 regarding Notice of Review of A Premises Licence addressed to the

The Cow, 89 Westbourne Park Road, London W2 5QH, on the ground and basement levels, whose license is the subject of your review.

so about 15 years. There is another pub across the street, the Westbourne Pub.

Your letter states that my representations should relate to Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Public Nuisance, Protection of Children from Harm and Public Safety. So, in that order:

#### *Crime and Disorder*

In the last 15 years the only material Crime and Disorder I have witnessed are as follows:

Every Notting Hill Carnival has involved some Crime and Disorder in our neighbourhood, quite a bit in 2006, but far more effectively controlled in recent years.

For many years there has been a recurring problem of youths living in the estate across the street throwing eggs at people in front of The Cow from a balcony or their bikes and once one threatened to throw acid in my face when I rebuked him. I reported this twice to police but never followed up as it seemed pointless.

Last year, on a night just before or after a lockdown, a young man who according to my acquaintances apparently was then or had been an employee of The Westbourne assaulted and knocked out a man on my doorstep. I only know because when I arrived home the police had blocked my door. Other than that in 15 years as the next door neighbour at ground level of the Cow I have never wit

I have never witnessed Crime or Disorder at The Cow that would have justified me making a complaint.

#### *Public Nuisance*

Every pub in London involves some nuisance to its neighbours, balanced by the vitality and energy it brings to the neighbourhood. At the time I moved in to the Cow in 2006 I was a partner in a City law firm working very long hours and knew that choosing to live between two pubs was a risk. In fact, I was not bothered by living to The Cow from then until I retired in 2010. Or since. In general the Cow has not been a nuisance more than any other pub would be in the last 15 years, and mostly less.

I have often held Quaker meetings in my house, in the evening or on a Sunday afternoon. As you perhaps know, we worship together in silence and stillness. We have never been bothered by noise from The Cow.

The only nuisances have been annual Carnival and a few short periods last year when the water mains on both ends of our street burst one after another and the street was closed by Thames Water at the same time that pubs were restricted from serving inside. That led to an empty piece of blocked off road between two pubs in front of my flat which attracted hordes of partying young people I had never seen before, who were buying alcohol at the corner shop down the road as the pubs were too expensive.

#### *Protection of Children*

The Cow and its predecessors have been located next to St Stephens School for literally decades. The parents park all over the place to pick up their kids. I have never seen a child drinking at The Cow.

#### *Public Safety*

No comment beyond the above - though there is a family of foxes living behind the Westbourne Pub that occasionally rips open garbage bags left out by The Cow and myself.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 27 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Finally

*The Cow has been a wonderful neighbour and a great pleasure to me over the last 15 years. It is a real London institution and attracts people from all over the world, including the many delightful young people who work there. At a time when pubs have been closing for years and now the entire UK hospitality sector is on its knees due to pandemic, I think it would be a serious moral crime, disorder and public detriment to revoke or suspend the Cow's licence, throw people out of work and deprive the neighbourhood of The Cow's wonderful buzz,*

Your Friend, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 27 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I'm writing as I've learned there is a premises license review pending for The Cow, in Notting Hill. I couldn't help but write this letter, to express how devastating the notion of this pub closing is for the locals, devoted regulars, and community members alike.*

*When I first arrived in London, a friend I hadn't seen in a few years invited me to meet him for a drink. He said, "do you want to meet me at the best pub in the world?" A compelling offer. I showed up, not sure what to expect (half expecting that he was teasing me with the description). With those first steps through the door, on that first evening in the Cow, my life changed. Though it was in a small, imperceptible way in that exact moment, the shift became very tangible over the last few years; it was my arrival as a Londoner, my first sense of belonging in this city.*

*The Cow is where I go when I feel happy, when I feel stressed, or when I need to feel like I'm amongst family. As an expat, that carries no small significance. There is no pub I've frequented in London that accomplishes the same. The staff and regulars alike are friendly and welcoming, the music is invigorating, the food amazing, and the atmosphere is always upbeat. I've never witnessed bad behaviour, and nothing feels as close to the safety of home.*

*I lost my father to Covid a few months ago, and when Petro, the extraordinary barman at the Cow, learned about his death, he met me with more kindness and empathy than I can possibly express. That's an unusual gift to find at your local pub - and just one example of the spirit of the Cow.*

*I can confidently say that the closure of this pub would be one of the worst losses I could think of, as someone who has personally endured great loss during this pandemic year. It would be a tragedy in its own form, and one that I don't think Notting Hill would recover from.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 27 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I hope you will consider mine, and the countless other letters that I'm certain you've received, painting a picture of the special nature of this pub. Collectively we all cling to hope that we will see our neighbourhood return to its normal, buoyant self this spring. The Cow is inextricably linked to that possibility and to that hope.*

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 27 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir / Madam,

*The Cow is the best pub in London, bar none. Please, please don't shut it down.*

*Best wishes,*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 27 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I have been a patron of The Cow since moving to London over a year ago. In that time I have found it to be a pleasant place to eat, drink, and socialise. As someone who doesn't drink alcohol, I have always felt welcomed and been able to enjoy socialising with others without feeling that I needed to be drinking to enjoy the atmosphere.*

*I have never experienced any crime, disorder, public nuisance, or safety concerns when visiting The Cow. It is an invaluable part of the social fabric and would be sorely missed.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I have been a customer at The Cow for many years, and have neither known nor heard of anything other than kindness and hospitality in one of the most special and wonderful pubs in London, or the UK for that matter. The Cow is a place of great cheer and happiness serving wonderful food: it is a haven full of life giving and life affirming customers and staff. At a time like this, the Covid era, we all desperately need places of sanctuary like The Cow.*

*That its licence might be in any way in question, I find troubling, and would respectfully urge you do your utmost in order to allow this wonderful public house, this bastion of the local community, to flourish in peace as it always has. I would like to stress that in the 20 or so years that I have been a customer at The Cow, I have never, on any occasion, experienced crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

*This email represents the views of my parents-[REDACTED] and I. [REDACTED], never in that 52 year period has the Cow Pub been anything but an asset to the road and community.*

#### *Context*

*As you know, pubs are a British institution much like the government, schools, places of worship and have always been located in thriving residential communities.*

*The Cow is an important and additive local institution.*

#### *Community*

*It is a true community hub and promotes many of the best aspects of an integrated open society, its success in welcoming all and providing a place to socialise has perhaps been cause for the review in question. But like other institutions such as schools, sports events, the NHS or indeed the Notting Hill Carnival, the fact that like them the Cow is popular is not a reason to curtail its activities.*

#### *The Area*

*By and large we have chosen to live in the area, a residential area with a rich tapestry of pubs, bars, restaurants and even clubs such as the Globe. Residents such as myself stay in the area for this bustle, energy and community spirit. There are plenty of boring areas devoid of fantastic and increasingly rare institutions like the Cow. Westbourne Park Road has never been such a place, it has energy and vibrancy. This has significant public and economic benefits for the area. A fantastic local pub like the Cow embodies and enhances the area. If anything, it's success and the fact it is busy means they should be able to extend their premises. Preserve the character of the area by allowing the Cow and other hospitality businesses to operate as they have. I ask for your assurance that The Cow will be able to remain a pillar of our community in the manner it has done so well and continue in its service of residents and visitors alike.*

*Thank you for taking the time to engage with residents on this important issue.*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

*It is with great sadness that I find out that the Cow's premises licence is under review. I have dined in the Cow numerous times and have not witnessed a single instance of public disturbance. I do not see how the place could be considered a nuisance to the public from my experience. Please note that I have been a customer since 2004.*

*It is deeply concerning to hear that such a review is being contemplated. Over the years I have witnessed the conversion of a number of pubs / restaurants to expensive residential dwellings. Now, that is a loss for the public and for our neighbourhood! Please don't allow it to continue.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

*I am writing regarding the review of the licence of The Cow pub in Notting Hill.*

*I lived three streets from The Cow for 15 years in London and visited frequently throughout my time, and always visit regularly still now even though we live 30 mins away. It's a truly special place.*

*A really good old fashioned pub has become all too rare and this is one that is an asset to the community! It creates amazing community spirit, has always been filled with lovely genuine customers and staff.*

*Never once did I experience crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues during a visit to the cow! It serves amazing food, it tries very hard to make the customer and the community come first. How incredibly sad it would be to see this pub go. It is an asset, bringing together people from all walks of life and making a safe space to mix in. I made friends there, spend time with my family there, my parents, my sisters who also lived close by, met other people's parents and siblings, it's full of family spirit.*

*Please don't let this wonderful community space go...*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

*I am writing to express my sentiments about Cow. I live locally for 17 years and Cow is an asset to the community.*

*I have never experienced any crime or disorder, public nuisance or safety issues while visiting the Cow for the last 17 years. I trust it is a long time to have a good picture of the place and how it works.*

*I hope that Cow will keep operating in the way that it has all these years.*

*I look forward to seeing it opening its doors soon!*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

*It has come to my attention that The Cow's licence is up for review.*

*I wanted to write in support of this wonderful establishment! I have been visiting The Cow for over 20 years, since I first moved to West London from Scotland. It has been a warm, wonderful, cosy, delightful, fun, SAFE and friendly refuge ever since. I cannot recommend this pub highly enough. Be it the incredible food, the roaring fire cheering us all up in Winter or the warm, personal welcome we all receive when we walk in.*

*I have never seen any evidence of violence, social disturbance or nuisance during my 20 years of being a patron here. I have been there for countless Notting Hill Carnivals and enjoyed the amazing atmosphere with people from across all races and ages - and visitors from across the globe. It's the safest, happiest place in West London during Carnival.*

*As I have been visiting The Cow for 20 years, you can imagine I am no longer a raver looking for a wild night out!! I wouldn't want to go to a pub which was in any way violent, unpleasant or threatening. I want good food, decent wine or a great pint of Guinness and a lot of laughs - that is exactly what The Cow offers me.*



*It is a jewel in West London's crown and we should be celebrating it as such. West London is such a wonderful community and The Cow is its beating heart. It would be a disaster to lose it.*

*I very much hope it continues to be a warm, safe, fun and wonderful refuge for young women who have made their home in West London as I did so long ago.*

*Please do not hesitate to contact me.*

• [REDACTED],  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*I am writing on behalf of the Cow with reference: 21/00981/LIREVP*

*I have been visiting the Cow for many years and it is one of my favorite places in London for the quality of their food and also for the diversity of the patrons at the pub. In my experience it is one of the only Pubs in the area that caters to low income and minority patrons and it would be a shame if they were not able to drink and mix with the community.*

*The Cow is also one of the only pubs in that area that constantly offers employment to young students allowing them to earn money while they study and constantly pays higher salaries than other pubs.*

*It is also a key meeting point for the elderly and disabled.*

*Please do not shut it.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*I was very distressed to read about Westminster Council's review of The Cow in Notting Hill's Premises License.*

*The Cow is an important hub for everyone living in the area (I live in Maida Vale close by) and is universally loved by people from all walks of life. I personally have had my 30th birthday there, my engagement drinks and also my nephew's christening. These events, particularly when we consider the effect of the pandemic, are moments I treasure most dearly.*

*I have been going to The Cow for 10 years and have never witnessed any crime, any disorder, or encountered any safety issues. I urge Westminster Council to allow this special and important place continue its good work.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*I am writing to you regarding The Cow.*

*I have frequented the Cow on and off for 20 years and I believe it is big asset to the community. In fact it is because of this community feel that I like to go there and of course because of the quality of food served there which is outstanding. The staff are friendly and it is a great place to bump into people.*

*I have a studio nearby and I often take my team there for lunch and occasionally after work for a drink. My team and I have never experienced any crime, disorder or public nuisance.*

*I love the fact that the Cow highlights lots of different cultural celebrations, I am Welsh and the fact that St.Davids day is marked means a lot to me.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*I wanted to make contact in reference to the above Review of the premises License for The Cow, on Westbourne Park Road, W2 5QH.*

*Proper pubs with a great quality offer and creating a social centre for the local community are becoming an endangered species.*

*I am shocked to learn that The Cow is undergoing a license Review. This establishment is a stalwart of the local area and London as a whole. I can imagine that there are places that are deserving of a license review - I cannot imagine any circumstances for that to take place for the Cow. I am a personal license holder, and when possible a frequent visitor to The Cow.*

*The Cow offers and provides high quality and civility. I have never seen or witnessed anything that should cause concern to a licensing body.*

*I have been a loyal customer for as long as the pub has been in existence - I hope to be able to be one for many more years. I can only strongly voice my support for this fantastic establishment that I cannot believe offers anything but a strong social purpose. It also offers jobs and livelihoods for a wealth of staff and suppliers.*

*I would ask that you take this endorsement in the positive spirit that it is intended and either desist in this review or provide a positive outcome that does not impede or limit the hours or operation of this great Pub.*

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**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

*I have heard today that the Cow's license is under review, on the grounds of the prevention of public nuisance.*

*I have lived in Notting Hill for many years, first in [REDACTED], then [REDACTED], and now [REDACTED]. While living at each of these residences, I have frequented the Cow regularly.*

*The Cow is a pillar of our community, is welcoming to everyone, and, from my experience, is a very well-behaved establishment. The fact that the upstairs is a restaurant, and the back of the downstairs is seating room only, means that it is not chock full of standing drinkers.*

*There is a small outdoor area, which affords around 10 people 'on street' drinking. The fact that this review is even taking place surprises me, given that the Westbourne is opposite, with space for over 150 outdoor drinkers.*

*I should like to express my support for the Cow, and will be very disappointed if its license is revoked. Notting Hill is continually losing its sense of identity, with poor quality foot-traffic coffee shops popping up everywhere, and several long established, charming pubs closing in recent years (see the Portobello Gold).*

*The Cow deserves to survive - especially after such a difficult year for the hospitality industry.*

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

*I was distressed to hear that Westminster Council is reviewing the Cow's Premises License. The Cow is a long standing establishment enjoyed by all kinds and ages of people, which is increasingly unusual in our socially fragmented city. It is a rare example of a pub which serves good food but is still very much a pub.*

*Unlike certain - perhaps better connected - establishments in W1, I have not ever experienced any nuisance, safety, or crime issue at the Cow and cannot imagine why this is being used as a pretext to close down a neighbourhood institution.*

*It shocks me that this sort of licensing review is happening at a time when government's priority should be supporting our local establishments and preventing the further homogenisation of London and onslaught of restaurant chains, which have the capital to take advantage of the disruption caused by lockdown.*

*I would urge you to renew the license.*

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in support of The Cow Pub.

I've lived in the area my whole life, and its places like The Cow that make the neighbourhood what it is. The neighbourhood has changed a lot over the years, and the few places remaining, such as The Cow, are a cornerstone of the community here.

I've only ever had a great time at The Cow. In all the years I've been going I've never witnessed anything untoward happen there. It's somewhere that locals and visitors across all generations, old and new to the neighbourhood, come to enjoy themselves as well as the great food and atmosphere.

Places like The Cow are the heart of our rapidly atrophying community establishments, and without them we're going to be left with nothing but Pret and Starbucks.

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Received: 25 Feb 2021 by Interested Party

**OBJECTION**

It has come to my attention that you are seeking to review the premise license of The Cow on Westbourne Park Road.

This review is apparently sought on the basis of public nuisance and safety.

I am strong in favor of the attention the council are now paying towards this matter. The Cow all through last year when they were allowed to open, shown absolutely no regard for public safety. Patrons would often be sprawled out on the road, beer glass in hand with no regard for traffic, social distancing and pedestrians using the footpath to which they are perfectly entitled to do so without hindrance of pub goers

Furthermore, visitors often park directly outside causing issues for passing motorists as they attempt to pass through the width restriction gate. Located on a fairly sharp corner, stationary cars appear suddenly prompting a sudden veer into the middle of the road to avoid. Drink driving should be discouraged. I would be in strong favor of double yellow lines outside the premises.

Additionally, living within close proximity of the establishment, the premises have not sought our opinion on the running of the premises but rather sent out a message on Facebook for support from their customers. They've failed to engage with their local community until it puts their deep pockets in jeopardy.

Lastly, I often hear the loud voices of revelers exiting the venue, down the road past my flat, inhibited and urinating into my basement. I don't think they take antisocial noise seriously.

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by Interested Party

**OBJECTION**

The Cow is part of life for our community. For years it has provided some of the best food in the area and congenial place to meet friends from the neighbourhood and beyond.

and have never experienced any problem with crime, disorderly behaviour or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow.

It would be a great loss to our community to no longer have this friendly place to meet in.

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by Interested Party

**OBJECTION**

I wanted to extend my full support for keeping The Cow open. My wife and I and we experience no disturbances from the pub or it's patrons. The Cow is a vital part of the community and one we fully support as Westminster council members.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*I am writing in regards to the review Westminster Council is performing of The Cow's Premises Licence.*

*As a previous resident [REDACTED] I would regularly frequent The Cow for Sunday Lunch or a mid week dinner. Even if I was unable to go to the pub for a drink or dinner, I would often walk past the pub on my evening walk of the neighbourhood and would be jealous of the friendly folk having a civilised drink or meal inside. The Cow is nothing short of a gem to the local area and something the community should be AND is pleased to have.*

*I wanted to confirm that I have never experienced ANY crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety concerns when attending The Cow for a meal OR when walking past The Cow. The Cow is in fact such a delightful Pub that I would bring out of town family members to enjoy a 'fine dining' pub meal.*

*The Cow is an asset to Westminster and I would go as far as to say The Cow is an asset to West London. The Cow is uniquely positioned as it offers both the quintessential London pub experience with fine dining/white table cloth service upstairs and some of the best food I have ever eaten in a pub. The cow is more than just a pub, it is a destination. We have friends who travel over 45mins one way to share a meal at The Cow.*

*Westminster Council, I hope you truly reconsider your review of The Cow's Premises License. They are an iconic establishment for the Notting Hill/Bayswater Area. The management and staff are experienced, delightful and caring. There is no cause for concern and I cannot stress all the above points enough.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*I am writing because I have heard The Cows licence is under review. I personally would be heartbroken if the Cow shut down - it is a huge part of the character of the area, much of which has already been wiped out. It is an institution, there is nothing like it and it would be impossible to recreate.*

*It would be tragic to lose yet another local landmark after 25years.*

*Pls understand these things are important especially in these times where hope and community are under such threat.*

[REDACTED]  
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**OBJECTION**

*The very heart of London is being ripped out one institution after the other, replaced with soulless flats and boring coffee shops... this simply cannot happen to The Cow*

*The Cow really is the cultural hub of Notting Hill, some of my favourite memories have been spent there, chatting to the array of interesting characters that frequent the pub.*

*I can't stress enough the importance of keeping The Cow open, it really is one of the most important cultural institutions in the city.*

*Having visited The Cow many many times, I nor any guests I have invited to join have EVER experienced any form of crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues. Any suggestion otherwise is pure nonsense.*

[REDACTED]  
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**OBJECTION**

*I've just received a devastating email informing me about the possible closure of The Cow, a much loved and treasured institution.*

*I work literally around the corner at the top end of Chepstow Road. The Cow is the primary landmark for all my clients to find me. They get excited that I'm so close. Its presence makes my office a cool location, offering the London vibe that visitors dream of discovering. There is nowhere better to take them for a drink or a quick meal*

*- it certainly helps my business.*

*I'm aware that people spill out over the pavements, which I personally embrace on my daily walk home. It's a wonderful reminder that life in the city is thriving. There are communities being forged and held together in these happy gatherings. With the pubs shut now it's absolutely dead around here. Given that we are living through a pandemic of loneliness any closure of this cool social space would be the antithesis of helpful or sensible.*

*I urge you to reconsider.*

[REDACTED]  
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**OBJECTION**

*I am writing in reference to the review of The Cow's premises licence.*

*As a resident of Notting Hill (W11), I have been a loyal customer of the Cow for about a decade.*

*The Cow has excellent food, delicious lager and a lovely friendly atmosphere. More importantly it is a real English pub where young and old, poor and rich, black and white, gay and straight people can mingle and enjoy a nice evening. It is an important part of the social fabric of Notting Hill and has become an institution.*

*I have never experienced any sort of crime, disorder or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow. Quite the opposite.*

*I sincerely hope that The Cow can continue to be an important part of our neighbourhood.*

[REDACTED]  
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*In ten years I'm living in London, the cleanest place and better cuisine I've visited and tasted is at the Cow. I really like this pub and would be sad to don't have the opportunity to go there. please renew the licence to cow.*

[REDACTED]  
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**OBJECTION**

*I am writing as a concerned local resident in Westminster regarding the review of The Cow's licence. [REDACTED]*

[REDACTED] *I have been a regular at the pub over a number of years along with numerous of my friends both in the fantastic restaurant upstairs and the pub downstairs.*

*The Cow has always been a friendly pub where both the patrons and staff have always been amazing. It is clear how valued The Cow is to locals by the number of regulars who swear by the pub and it has become an institution in the area. What is more, it is clearly evident that they treat their patrons well and value them. You only have to look at the mural that they have painted inside the pub with faces of their local regulars.*

*I personally would be devastated if the licence was revoked and I couldn't even count the number of my friends and colleagues who would feel the same. I have never seen any problems at the pub and am shocked to hear the reasons for the review. As I have said, the staff are extremely welcoming and I have only experienced a relaxed and jovial atmosphere.*

*With everything going on with the pandemic, where the staff and owners of The Cow have had to deal with uncertainty and local residents have not had the opportunity to frequent and interact with their friends, this is the last thing that is needed. I hope that the review was a lack of judgement and that The Cow will remain an institution in the area for years to come.*

*I am more than happy to make any further representations that are required but hopefully it will not be needed!*

[REDACTED]  
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**OBJECTION**

*The Cow is a very important asset to the community. Whether celebrating cultural days throughout the calendar or just a rainy Wednesday. It is the only pub I feel comfortable going into totally alone and enjoying a drink while I read a book or have a bite to eat. There is always someone to talk to and I'm always made to feel at home and part of their community.*

*The staff at The Cow are always friendly and approachable. It's great to be able to support a pub that isn't a large chain and is independent (not many left!)*

*I have never seen or witnessed fights, arguments, overcrowding, uncleanliness or drug taking at The Cow. Things that have stopped me going to other pubs in the area.*

*I hope Westminster Council acknowledge the importance in preserving a place like The Cow. A place I'm excited to show off to people as a great representation of the area: Inclusive, honest and fun.*

• [REDACTED]  
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**OBJECTION**

*I would like to voice my concerns about the review of The Cow's Premises Licence. I am close resident living in Holland Park for over 40 years and I have been going to the pub for a long time... it has been a big part of social evenings, with intimate dinners with my husband enjoying a delicious steak and chicken kiev in the back, to larger social tables of close friends upstairs, to a pint with friends on the benches outside. We have had many wonderful conversations and evening at the Cow, which has become synonymous with "community hang out". I cannot find the words to say that the review is unfounded and for my husband and I, losing the Cow would be a big loss.*

*Please reconsider any action - I have never seen any public disorder or crime in any of my evenings.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

*I am concerned to hear that The Cow's premises licence is under review. The Cow is a crucial and historic feature of Westbourne Park, and the area would be severely compromised by a revision of its licence. I am a property owner on Westbourne Park Villas and feel that the Cow is a major asset to the local community in a time when many pubs and restaurants are facing closure and local amenities are slowly being removed.*

*I have never experienced a public nuisance, crime or disorder while frequenting The Cow. Indeed, having the Cow and the Westbourne pub at the junction with Westbourne Park Road has always made me feel safer when walking home in the evening (in case I need to seek help urgently). The area can feel quiet once the shops are shut, and a former flatmate was robbed at knife point on Westbourne Park Road after hours, and the perpetrator ran across the railway line. From my perspective the pub is a deterrent, rather than compounder, of disorderly behaviour in the area.*

[REDACTED]  
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**OBJECTION**

*I am sad to hear that you seem to have some issues with The Cow, Westbourne Grove. The pub is a great favourite of mine because of the food, friendly atmosphere and Guinness. The prices are fair and as far as I can see, this is one of the best pub businesses in the area. I've been visiting since it opened and always thought The Cow would be there for me when I want to commune quietly with a pint, or meet up with friends. Inside the bar can be very busy but outside I've only ever experienced bar staff keeping an eye on their customers, and asking them to pipe down if necessary and not to hog all the pavement area. I understand that crowding outside the pub may sometimes have caused some people some annoyance and therefore suggest that as a compromise the pub undertakes to make sure that staff are available to check outside every ten minutes on the predictable busy nights and sunny days. Perhaps the pub should consider also having a camera*

link between bar and pavement to, so that it is easy to spot any silliness?

In terms of the Council's economic policies, it would seem crazy to threaten the continuation of a business which employs people, feeds people, is a part of the Notting Hill restaurant scene and very well liked when the continuation of pubs plural is under threat after Covid. Please don't underestimate The Cow as a local resource and resource for locals!

[REDACTED]

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**OBJECTION**

The Cow is an iconic institution that my friends and family have been congregating at for over a decade now. The staff are incredibly loyal and have been serving the place for as long as I can remember - that really says something for the way it is run and managed. Whilst at the cow I have never experienced any crime and disorder, public nuisance or any safety issues as it is a very well ironed ship attracting Notting Hills eclectic eccentric, creative clientele which make it stand out amongst other places in the area. In my eyes and all my peers who enjoy the Cow very much it would be a great shame for the neighbourhood if the cow was not granted a new premises license as we are all very fond of it and want it to stay. LONG LIVE THE COW!

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

I was appalled to hear that The Cow's license was under review.

Notting Hill is getting more and more sterilised and looking like any other high street area with fewer and fewer independent shops, bars, pubs and restaurants.

The area still manages to attract tourists which is good for the local economy but for how long? Why go to Notting hill if you are going to drink in a Weatherspoon pub or eat in a Nandos.

The Cow is one of the last remaining establishments in Notting Hill that has some character and individuality and is extremely popular with tourists and locals alike.

It is a champion of British produce and is widely regarded as one of the top eateries and pubs in the UK.

I left London a few years ago having living in Notting Hill for 10 years and the ONE thing I miss about London is The Cow.

Please please do not revoke it's license. Instead, after the last year of lockdown - the council should be championing and supporting it's survival.

• [REDACTED]

**Received: by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

I am extremely disappointed to hear you have issued a review of The Cow's Premises Licence.

As a 30 year old woman and local resident, I have been a regular at The Cow for the past 5 years and not ever have I questioned my safety nor have I witnessed or experienced any crime or public nuisance.

The Cow is a precious hub in our Notting Hill community, a melting pot of wonderful people from all walks of life who value connection, conversation, enjoyment of watching sports in a small collective, laughter and music from a juke box.

The Cow is a safe place where the staff know your name, or that your mother has been ill, they remind you there is a new pop-up shop round the corner to stand behind a local business owner, they bring a community of people together, a family; and they do this all whilst serving you the best food in London.

I am yet to find a Premises that rivals, or even comes close, to attracting such a diverse community across age, gender, ethnicity and socioeconomic backgrounds. The collision of which are the foundation for safe, respectful, inclusive and thriving communities.

We have all spent the last 12 months isolated, the knock on effect of removing a cultured community haven like this is bleak and frankly suggests you are misinformed about your constituents, rate and tax payers, visitors alike.

*I note the council has ambitious plans in the borough to "reinforce its status as a world class, global exemplar and cultural, leisure and economic powerhouse". Perhaps standing behind this local business, The Cow, will reinforce that position and stop residents fleeing in the hoards to the countryside having lost the last good pub in London!*

[REDACTED]  
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**OBJECTION**

*I would like to make my feelings known about the potential closure of the Cow pub.*

*I lived in the area - [REDACTED] - for many years and although I now live in Norfolk I still visit friends in the area - very often coinciding in the Cow.*

*The Cow has been popular (with good reason) for a long time - since before the vast majority of new residents moved in. It's part of the social fabric of the area, and if investment bankers don't like the reality of Notting Hill life, then possibly they should have moved somewhere else!*

*Humphrey Barclay - [REDACTED]*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*I am writing in regard to the Review of The Cow's Premises Licence issued by Westminster City Council.*

*I have lived in the neighbourhood for the past 11 years and have been a regular at the Cow for longer than that.*

*To me, the Cow has been the setting for innumerable family lunches, date nights, after work drinks and cosy dinners with friends.*

*It is a Notting Hill institution, a neighbourhood meeting point, bringing the community together over delicious food and the friendliest, cosiest atmosphere.*

*In my countless visits I have never once witnessed or experienced any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues.*

*On the contrary, The Cow has always felt like a welcoming, SAFE space.*

*Safe enough to be my 11-year old son's all time favourite place for Sunday roast and banoffee pie.*

*Safe enough to be my 67-year old Italian mother's go-to spot for oysters and fish stew.*

*Safe enough to be the chosen location for many office lunches and dinners.*

*Safe enough to be THE place where all my friends and family coming to the neighbourhood from other parts of London (or even from abroad!) - want to meet for a drink and good vibes.*

*Safe enough to have a special place in the heart of an entire community of people of any age, colour, background, occupation and sexual orientation.*

*It would be a huge loss to the neighbourhood and the community were the Cow to close.*

*Notting Hill wouldn't be the same and Westbourne Park Road would lose a golden example of hospitality, respect and community spirit.*

*I would go as far as saying that without the Cow, Westbourne Park Road would lose some of its safety too.*

*I would be grateful if you could take my comments into consideration.*

*Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information.*

[REDACTED]  
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**OBJECTION**



*I would like to express my disappointment that The Cow's license is under review. Notting Hill was once known for its vibrant atmosphere and a location that people came to find good food and great company. The Cow is a much loved gem of the area and to see it go would be a tragedy.*

*We have seen other establishments shut down in the area and it is such a shame to take away everything that makes Notting Hill the area that it is. As a local resident I want to have pubs that I can visit that have a lively atmosphere.*

[REDACTED]  
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**OBJECTION**

*I was aggrieved to learn in the press that the Cow's premise licence is under review. I have been a member of the local community for nearly 20-years. The Cow is an important landmark in our neighborhood and much loved by locals and tourists alike. It is an important source of income for local shops who benefit from the draw of the Cow as a destination in our local area.*

*In a world where West London is becoming increasingly gentrified, the Cow stands out as a truly local establishment which does not discriminate clients and is always welcoming.*

*I have never felt threatened or experienced any criminal activity in the Cow. It is a friendly and welcoming place for locals, the family and visitors who want to get a real taste of a quality, neighbourhood pub in West London. Its loss of presence in our neighbourhood would be a huge blow and the last thing the local community needs as we re-build from the trauma of COVID-19.*

*Have some good cheer. Protect our local economy. Keep The Cow.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*I urge you to not remove The Cow's license, this establishment over the years has provided me, my work colleagues and friends a venue to enjoy and relax in.*

*It would be a terrible loss to the community if The Cow was to cease trading.*

*I can personally vouch that I have never experienced any disorder, lewd behaviour, crime, public nuisance or health and safety issues at the property and indeed feel safe and secure when I was able to visit.*

*I do hope that you reconsider this.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*As a North Londoner, The Cow is my 'go to' West London public house whenever we are in the area (pre Pandemic of course). My wife and I have used this excellent pub for the best part of 25 years now and we value its unique, unaltered and precious atmosphere. We once held a staff Christmas lunch in their small upstairs private room about 10 years ago and we had a brilliant time. The food is delicious and the staff always friendly. It is, without question, a destination. To sit at the back of the main bar and eat their fish stew with half a pint of prawns and a glass of wine is an absolute treat!*

*My mother was born just down the road from the pub in 1941 in my grandparents house in the middle of an air raid so I have deep connections to the area. I have never experienced any hassle in the pub let alone crime or serious disorder. It is the opposite of a public nuisance, it is quite clearly, a fantastic community asset.*

*I sincerely hope to be able to use this premises for many years to come.*

*Yours truly,*  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Licensing Members

*I am absolutely shocked to learn of the plight of this wonderful public house.*

*Whilst I live in Regents Park and work in Marylebone it was The Cow that brought me to Notting Hill some 15 years ago. Since being immediately attracted to the charm and the community spirit in the pub I immediately became attached to the area in general. This is a place of subtle class which is famous for incredible food, gastronomic Guinness and great people. It's very rare in these days to come across a business that genuinely cares about bringing local people together with accommodating visitors from across the globe. I strongly support this business both as a customer and the owner of quite a few residential buildings in the immediate area.*

*At the heart of this pub are the people who run it and it's loyal and longstanding customer base and I am struggling to think of better in London. Whilst other areas create fractious groups The Cow and Notting Hill do the opposite. In all the years I have been visiting the pub I have been blessed to meet a variety of interesting, mostly creative and wonderful people. I have never heard an argument, I have never seen aggression as it is just not the energy of this business, if it were I would not be going there as I am a quiet 55 year old man. I implore the licence department or the local authority to do whatever they do need to do to keep this wonderful business and quasi community centre open to those who love it and to others who are always welcome. It would be a great loss if things were to change at The Cow and I sincerely hope that the council or the licensing department will not have to spoil things for the vast majority.*

Regards,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To Whom It May Concern,

*As a previous resident of the area who is still working around the corner from The Cow on Westbourne Grove, the place is a true asset to its local surroundings. Not just through the wonderful food and service they provide, but also as a meet up point for other epicures who would like to enjoy some of the best oysters, seafood and so much more.*

*The facade, interior decoration and layout of the place is unique and second to none. It is a Notting Hill treasure.*

*It would be such a great shame for anything to happen to this neighbourhood institution. I have always felt welcome at The Cow and have never experienced any trouble or disturbance. I have taken many friends, family and clients there for lunch, dinner, or drinks.*

*I don't have a bad word to say.*

*Thank you for your time.*

Best wishes,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern:

*I am writing in support of a wonderful local institution, namely The Cow Dining Rooms.*

*I have been eating there for many years, and always make it my first port of call when I get back from any biz trips. It is a 'welcome back home' evening as I often bump into friends, old and new.*

*I have always found the food delicious - the staff friendly, efficient and helpful. And the people who frequent the Cow are an interesting and vibrant mix of Notting Hill residents and people from farther afield.*

*I have never seen or heard of any disorder, crime or public nuisance during the many times I have been lucky enough to eat there.*

*It would be a great loss to the neighbourhood if The Cow was not there.*

*Regards*

**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir or Madam,*

*I am writing to object in the strongest terms to The Cow Saloon Bar & Dining Room's license being reviewed (21/00981/LIREVP). As a local resident, I also want to offer my view that they are a vital asset to the community.*

*I was shocked to hear about this license review. The timing of such a review, after a year when all publicans' livelihoods have been most viciously affected by the COVID 19 pandemic, seems wantonly cruel. I would have thought that Westminster Council would be doing more to support pubs & their landlords, an integral part of our national and local heritage, at a time when 2 pubs are closing every 24hrs.*

*The Cow has been a stalwart of the community since its inception. I cannot think of an institution that has brought more life and joy to this area. Being half Irish, I feel it is a particularly important part of the fabric of my community. Pubs, historically are part of communities, they cannot be silenced and put out on the fringes. That is not how our towns, and cities have evolved. Pubs were always built at the heart of residential communities. The Cow is charmingly managed and respectful, so I cannot imagine what grounds there are for this review?*

*The Cow has also been part of putting this area on the map. It is countlessly ranked among the "top 10 pubs" in London and draws in tourists and visitors from a far. It was the first pub on its street, and supports all the pubs, restaurants that bring prosperity to that locality. And without the Cow, I am sure they would not exist.*

*As someone brought up in the area Tom Conran's restaurants and bars were part of the transformation of this neighborhood, from one that felt at times a bit unsafe to a vibrant, creative and wealth producing area. I am sure that he has been rewarded for this from Westminster Council by increased rents and these sorts of reviews. I would encourage Westminster Council to take more of a long-term view, or a retrospective view, and support the specific individuals who have brought much prosperity to the area that the council, I'm sure, has benefited from.*

*Yours Sincerely,*

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*Dear Westminster,*

*[REDACTED]. The Cow was once closed down in the past for being a rough pub full of dodgy characters and drugs. Now it is the same but with rich people. Many of the clientele are urinating and doing drugs in [REDACTED], making loud noises and playing music in to the early hours, blocking the street, rats and mice from the waste, stench of spilt alcohol, men leering and young girls such as my daughter.*

*In contrast, the Westbourne has security outside most summer evenings, keeping customers safe, quiet and within the pub's property. They use bins, and keep music to a reasonable level.*

*I'm sorry to say it is not a community place for our community. It is for a community that does not even live near by, can fly around the world and pay for problems, like the pandemic, to go away.*

**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

To the chairman of the licencing committee .

Dear Sir or Madam,

[REDACTED]

*The Cow is a well run pub and eating room, enjoyed by local people and visitors for a very long period of time. It has a very distinct character and is a treasured asset of our community. It seems there are occasions where even the best run slips from the ideal. This is unfortunate but should not be used to deprive us of what we are much in need of in these strange times.*

*Our committee has no hesitation in strongly supporting the Cow's licence application.*

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I live round the corner from The Cow pub and am horrified by the idea it might lose its licence. It is a lovely place and part of the fabric of the area. As more and more places suffer from the long pandemic closure and may not be able to return, long standing and individual (ie non chain) places are to be treasured not attacked.*

*Along with the pub opposite (the Westbourne) it does get busy on summer evenings but that is not a reason to close it down. That area of shops has been suffering from impact of high rents and is slowly but surely becoming 'dark' so please don't add to it with The Cow.*

*Unlike The Westbourne, The Cow attracts locals and is an important meeting place. I've never had any problems either when frequenting it or passing by which I do on a regular basis on foot and by car. I'm not sure what the review is referring to in terms of crime and disorder as neither of these issues have come to my attention with reference to The Cow so why are you focusing on this venue in particular? I'm sure a few of its neighbours would prefer not to have a popular pub next door to them but I'm guessing the pub predates them moving there rather than the other way round.*

*If Westminster Council is aiming to strip out all the character and local feel of this area, this would be another great way to do it. After the virtual demolition of Whiteleys and further plans for the other side of that street, we do feel that WCC has no interest in preserving what makes this area special and treasured by locals. Westbourne Grove is losing more and more shops due to rent levels. We need to preserve the area and all that is the best of it - including The Cow - and let it thrive not demolish, develop and shut down. WCC needs to support businesses and amenities for residents.*

*So I would strongly object to any attack on The Cow's licence and any attempts to close it down.*

Regards

[REDACTED]

**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Hello,

*I am writing in relation to the review of The Cow's Premises Licence.*

*The Cow is a wonderful establishment bringing great joy and entertainment to everyone who visits. As a local resident who has been visiting the premises for over 20 years, I can honestly say that closure of the pub would be a huge loss to the community and the magic it brings for many locals and tourists that visit from all over the world. The pub is a great place for social gatherings, meeting with friends and for hosting events, it's the perfect place and the only Pub in the area with real history and wonderful community. The staff are amazing and so hospitable, along with the great atmosphere and delightful food. There is such a wide variety of guest of*



Dear Sirs

We are local residents [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and are alarmed to hear that the Cow's licence is under review.

The Cow is a much loved west London institution, and for us an essential local pub and restaurant. It is an invaluable part of the local life for residents of this part of W2, offering refreshment, nourishment and conviviality, as well as adding colour and footfall to the commercial neighbourhood hub that is establishing itself in that section of Westbourne Park Road.

We cannot even begin to comprehend what grounds of either nuisance, public safety or crime could possibly apply to the Cow. It is lively and well-frequented, as are all the establishments in that corner of Westbourne Park Road and I have never felt unsafe in its vicinity or that it posed any level of nuisance to the neighbourhood. As London reopens, we need places to meet, to socialise, to recover and all those businesses need each other in order to thrive.

Revoking the Cow's licence would be an unjustifiable and unwarranted act of overreach on the part of Westminster and as a council tax payer and local resident I urge you not to take that action.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I was shocked and saddened to learn that Westminster City Council have taken it upon themselves to issue a review of The Cow's Premises Licence.

Whilst to the ill-informed The Cow might be thought of as just another pub, for those who have ever stepped through its doors it is an institution of increasing scarcity - one where ego is left at the door and people from all walks of life are invited to come together and harmonise in a societal melting pot with no agenda or bias.

At a time when covid-19 forces people to be kept apart, where social distancing is enshrined in law, I think we can all agree that it is the establishments that will bring people back together that are needed the most right now. The Cow will do exactly this.

In addition to being a venue for socialising, I must pay homage to the many other strings that The Cow has to its bow.

It offers food from the highest order yet not in a stuffy restaurant setting. It offers a selection of drinks from a bar that shows variety and quality but is not pretentious. It has a seafood menu that could step into the ring, go 'glove to glove' with any fish monger from the Isles of Orkney and still probably come out on top.

The Cow exists in the rarefied atmosphere of being something so unique it is endangered. After all, how many pubs do we see these days offering merely another pint of Carling, Burger and Chips for a tenner...

It begs the question as to whether an asset like The Cow doth even exist elsewhere in London at all, let alone in the City of Westminster? I am not sure it does...

I therefore have no hesitation in saying that it would be a travesty of the highest order if the shackles of the licensing system were to rip this institution out of the heart of West London.

I do not know the grounds on which the Premises Licence has come under review, but I feel it important to add that in all of my many visits to The Cow not once have I ever experienced any crime, any disorder, any public nuisance or any safety issues. To the contrary, I find The Cow takes extensive measures to ensure the safety and comfort of its patrons and also takes consideration for its neighbourhood environment.

I am sure the committee will come to the right conclusion.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Licensing Department of Westminster,

I understand The Cow of Westbourne Park Road, London has a License Review with you and I would like to make a few points of reference to be considered.

1. I had been a visitor to The Cow in the mid 90's and then even more frequent after moving into the local area in 1999.
2. I have always experienced a local, family atmosphere and I never experienced any type of criminal activity inside the premises or outside.
3. Patrons are respectful that the local surrounding area is a residential neighbourhood.
4. I have walked or driven past The Cow on my way home and have always enjoyed seeing the patrons on the outdoor seating or inside in happy and jovial moods.
5. The Cow is part of the character of Notting Hill and the locals have come to treasure it. It not only boasts a tourist patronage but also has many celebrities as customers.  
It has been very difficult in the lockdown periods where you can not convene to meet old friends and make new ones in The Cow.
6. I am very proud to put my name amongst those who are regulars to The Cow and would love to see the owners, staff and patrons enjoy the safe and family environment that has been built up over the past 26 years.

Please allow The Cow to continue to trade in the Manner it has always done.

Thanking you,  
Respectfully yours,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

ref 21/00981/LIREV

As a long-time local resident and customer, I write to offer my support for the Cow Saloon Bar & Dining rooms as an outstanding institution of the locale.

During a time when the hospitality sector has been taking the brunt of the pandemic it is vital that a charismatic entity such as the Cow continues to be a unique beacon of excellence and an asset to the area; the Cow is also a popular tourist destination noted in most guides to the area and a favourite hostelry to local residents - it is 'our local'.

I have never heard any negative feedback with regard to this establishment in relation to crime or safety, therefore I am very surprised that Westminster City Council is proposing a review of The Cow's Premises Licence - it would be egregious if it were to be revoked on account of its enviable popularity.

Yours sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

I am writing in relation to the above case and to say how shocked I am to hear that such a fine establishment has to face a review on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

*The Cow has been a cornerstone of the community in Notting Hill for many years. It is a place of joy and friendship that has brought people from all walks of life together. I have been a regular patron of the Cow for over 10 years and have never experienced any trouble or crime or threats to public safety - quite the opposite. The staff are extremely friendly and the owners ensure that there is a very welcoming atmosphere at all times. The quality of food is far above many high end restaurants in the area and it is widely known for its amazing dishes across the world. We strongly support the Cow and all the staff and really hope you will see how important this establishment is to the local community.*

Thanks,

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*The Cow is exactly the kind of establishment we need to protect - an independent venue serving excellent food, carefully selected and delicious beers from across Europe in an interesting and unique environment with great music.*

*It's everything you want from a London pub if you live here, and is exactly the sort of place you would want to visit if you were a tourist.*

*For everyone who I've ever known to visit The Cow, it's become a favourite London pub because everything there is so good as aforementioned, and because it is so unique. There is nothing generic about The Cow, it has so much character and individuality that comes through in the decor, menu and beer selection.*

*I've never experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues on any of my countless visits to the cow for dinner or drinks. Everyone I've met there has been charming and pleasant, and I enjoy myself every time - I very much hope to be able to return once we are out of the worst of COVID.*

*It would be more than a great shame to lose a pub like this. They are so rare.*

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
• [REDACTED] -  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

*I was deeply saddened to hear that The Cow Pub's license is under review.*

*The cow is an iconic landmark in west London. It attracts tourists, locals, tradesmen, fine diners and young professionals.*

*It's a place where young and old can sit together and share stories, life experiences and even a song.*

*We all need places like The Cow, especially when there is so much change in the world, having a familiar place where you are guaranteed to see a friendly face is a great comfort.*

*For those who live alone, and have suffered immensely from isolating lockdowns, they will be looking forward to the doors of this indiscriminating pub opening once again, so that they can feel a part of a dynamic community. It will be what keeps them going!*

*As I young woman I have never felt uncomfortable or unsafe sat alone, and I have never once had my bag stolen or experienced any other crime or disorder - In fact I have experienced the opposite! I once left my hand bag and it was returned to me the next day...still with cash in my wallet! Please keep this institution open! We are all depending on it!*

kindest regards,  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**





What are all the great things about The Cow does Westminster Council need to hear from you?

*That it's a unique place which is unrivalled in the London pub scene. London is losing its character and its places like the Cow which keep London's night life going. First it's noise complaints with nightclubs, now its pubs. What's next? Weekend Markets? Evening sports events? Like I said before, with Covid-19 hopefully coming to an end, residents of Notting Hill will need the Cow to reconnect and get back to how life used to be like. Taking these places away doesn't help anyone.*

*Importantly, can you confirm that you have not experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow?*

*Never, there hasn't been a single occasion where I have experienced Crime or public nuisance. I haven't experienced anything negative in the 6 years of going to the Cow.*

*Yours sincerely,*

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am writing in regard to the Review of The Cow's Premises Licence issued by Westminster City Council. I have lived in the neighbourhood for the past 11 years and have been a regular at the Cow for longer than that.*

*To me, the Cow has been the setting for innumerable family lunches, date nights, after work drinks and cosy dinners with friends.*

*It is a Notting Hill institution, a neighbourhood meeting point, bringing the community together over delicious food and the friendliest, cosiest atmosphere.*

*In my countless visits I have never once witnessed or experienced any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues.*

*On the contrary, The Cow has always felt like a welcoming, SAFE space.*

*Safe enough to be my 11-year old son's all time favourite place for Sunday roast and banoffee pie.*

*Safe enough to be my 67-year old Italian mother's go-to spot for oysters and fish stew.*

*Safe enough to be the chosen location for many office lunches and dinners.*

*Safe enough to be THE place where all my friends and family coming to the neighbourhood from other parts of London (or even from abroad!) - want to meet for a drink and good vibes.*

*Safe enough to have a special place in the heart of an entire community of people of any age, colour, background, occupation and sexual orientation.*

*It would be a huge loss to the neighbourhood and the community were the Cow to close.*

*Notting Hill wouldn't be the same and Westbourne Park Road would lose a golden example of hospitality, respect and community spirit.*

*I would go as far as saying that without the Cow, Westbourne Park Road would lose some of its safety too.*

*I would be grateful if you could take my comments into consideration.*

*Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information.*

*Best regards,*

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*The Cow was my local for ten years. I've just moved out of London to Somerset and the one thing I miss apart from my family is The Cow.*

*Guinness and Oysters will always be a huge part of my 20s. The Cow is a pub full of so much love and kindness. It's an oasis of calm and good food.*

*I have never experience any criminal issues or disorder or public nuisance.*

*Please don't ruin one of West London's only honest pubs.*

*All the best,*

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to show my undivided support in the institution that is The Cow.

In all honesty, I am totally surprised that the Westminster City Council has issued a review of their license.

The Cow is a little cauldron of British culture that I think is simply unrivalled in West London. Whilst being possibly the coolest pub around, the staff are incredibly welcoming and inclusive to all patrons. It is constantly on my shortlist of places to go, that I send to foreign friends visiting London.

I hold fairly unique data regarding the popularity of pubs. I am an artist who draws pubs and sells prints of them. And I can tell you that The Cow is the second most popular of all the prints that I have sold. That tells you that it is more than just a pub. It is so dear to people's hearts that they want a picture of it hanging at home!

I have never experienced crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow.

All the very best,

Long Live the Cow.

Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been a resident of Bayswater all of my life and currently live within two minutes walk of The Cow.

It is not only a local treasure but also a national institution and global icon.

It is a unique pub which sums up the best in London, with customers from a range of different cultures, wealth and backgrounds all blending in together in a warm and happy environment.

I have met people across the globe who when I have told them where I live say they have been to The Cow.

I have read in depth the current submissions on the Westminster website and in particular the police reports.

While I cannot condone the behaviour that led to the penalty notice, and while I have also seen the crowds outside the pub sometimes causing traffic problems, I think the close the venue down would be a massive and outrageous over-reaction.

And that is before we consider the impact of covid on the hospitality industry.

Surely the only course of action is for the Council to ensure that The Cow ensures that there are no further shortcomings and tackles the problems which you have identified.

Finally, on the noise and local residents, let's be honest, The Cow has now been there longer than most of the people who live nearby, if you move in near a pub you know what comes with the territory. Equally, if you have owned a property in the neighbourhood since before the pub opened you would have seen such an appreciation in value that selling up would be a shrewd financial move if you found the The Cow such an irritation.

Yours faithfully,

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

*I am so concerned that the Cow has come under scrutiny for public nuisance and crime etc. I have lived in this area for nearly 25yrs and have never experienced any such thing.*

*I do believe that people who have moved into this area of late, have done so because of the things that are quintessential to Portobello; such as the Market, the Antiques stores, the Independent shops, the restaurants and the bars.. then they realise that there is an element of noise and disruption that comes with these things and so become hellbent on closing them down.*

*Please do not take the opinions of people who have only just moved into the area and prefer Starbucks, Nero's and Juice bars, to the locals who have grown up with pubs like the Cow!*

*We cherish the few real pubs left, the ones that have not been turned into Tescos, residential pads or offices. Please don't let another one, especially this one, close!*

Kindest regards,

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**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

*The Cow is the heart and soul of the community. By closing it, you are denying many thousands of people a place that they call home. This includes their amazing staff.*

*I have been going to The Cow for over 20 years and have never experienced any issues. And I can wholeheartedly say that Cow is a hub that brings everyone together harmoniously.*

*I never felt threatened or unsafe going to The Cow, on the opposite side, it provides a sense of community where people help each other.*

*This is a shocking act, coming from the same system which is highly promoting outdoor social gatherings.*

*With this, I truly hope that you will reconsider and allow "The Cow" to keep its doors open.*

Ref no: 21/00981/LIREVP

Kind regards

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**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Re: The Cow

*I'm emailing as I understand the licence for the above pub is under threat.*

*In the event that it was not renewed, our community would suffer a terrible loss. The community events including Burns Night, St Patrick's Day and Carnival celebrations are the glue that hold our community together.*

*We have lost so many community venues over the years, please allow this one to remain open.*

Your sincerely,

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[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Please please please save The Cow!*

*It is a part of our community and one of the few remaining places that help convince us to remain living in London. We live in Maida Vale however The Cow would be my first choice of a cosy dinner and a quiet drink. NEVER in all my 25 years of going there have I ever seen or experienced any anti social behaviour, crime and felt threatened, in fact the opposite. Quiet like minded people, enjoying company and a drink. In fact I would comfortably go there by myself, to eat and read and be surrounded by the positive energy it captures.*

*Please hear this plea.*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Westminster Licensing Team*

*I write to you in support of The Cow with regard to the licensing review reference 21/00981/LIREVP*

*I have been a patron of The Cow for at least 15 years. The Cow under the sustained management of Tom Conran and his team is not just a pub it's an institution. This a place of refuge, a social melting pot and represents the core spirit and diversity of London. This institution remains one of the few public houses where people from all walks of life truly mix, you never know when you walk through the door who you will find deep in conversation from market traders, local tradesmen, music producers, fashion designers... the spectrum is wide, culturally diverse and fully representative of the local community.*

*In my professional life as an Art Dealer we often bring our visiting international clients & artists here to show them the best of what London has to offer. Somewhere rich in culture, safe and well run, free from social nuisance and disorder.*

*I wholeheartedly support the continued operation of The Cow under its current management as a vital part of the social fabric of Westminster.*

*Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir/Madam,*

*I understand there will be a review of the licence of the much adored 'The Cow' Pub in Westbourne Grove.*

*I am a local resident in Kensington and I have been a patron of The Cow for over ten years. The Cow is a civilised and classy establishment and is frequented by respectable patrons. It is a stalwart of our community.*

*I find it beyond perplexing that, after all restaurants and pubs have been through (much of it a result of failed Government policy), you would impose a review of licence on a respectable premises at this time. Pubs are a wonderful British tradition and they should be protected. There is absolutely no basis to this review and I, along with many of my neighbours and friends, are outraged.*

*I urge you to reconsider your request. I would like to personally vouch for the reputation of the pub and its owners who have so graciously served our community for many years. Please pay them the same respects.*

*Yours sincerely,*



**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs

We are regulars at the Cow and visit every time we are in London. In our opinion it is the most welcoming, egalitarian and authentic pub in Notting Hill.

Special watering holes like The Cow are so important as they are part of the very essence and identity of this vibrant neighbourhood.

Without places as warm and welcoming like the Cow, then neighbourhoods often become homogenous and bland as so many other areas on Notting Hill have become during the past 25 years or so

Every time we have visited there has never been a sense of unrest, public nuisance or underlying sense of feeling unsafe.

This is a jewel and should most definitely STAY just as it perfectly is! We Love it!

Regards  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

I live 150m from the Cow. I go there for a quiet pint with my friends, my dad (who is 70 so doesn't like crazy pubs). I've been to kids birthdays in the upstairs restaurant, dinner after work.

This institution does everything.

It's safe, not a nuisance to the neighbourhood- I'd know as I live right next to it at 49 St. Stephens gardens.

I've never seen any crime or had any hassle of any kind there, it's just not that type of place.

Please allow them to keep doing what they do, which is provide a great pub, with great food and character to the local community.

Regards,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam representing Westminster City Council,

Having lived in my mother's pub in Notting Hill between the ages of 5-7 - what is now [REDACTED] - and for much of my life since, I can safely say that what Notting Hill is built on are local pubs, places where the local community and their friends can meet and bond with one another. The neighbourhood is changing every year with new restaurants, bars and shops and in many cases, not for the better.

Do you believe the neighbourhood should lose its authentic feeling, a feeling of community and belonging? What I know from having lived in Notting Hill for much of my life is that places like The Cow keep the community together, places like The Cow give a grounding to those who have lived in the area for many years, also embracing those who have recently moved close by.

I have spent many occasions at The Cow, many peaceful, many fun and many bonding evenings at this pub. I have never, in 20 years of being at the pub, seen any violence, harm, theft, or altercations.

I am filled with sadness that my old neighbourhood is changing, brought on by the greed of many landlords and

*the misguidance of a council who clearly misunderstands community. I am sure if you asked the team who are reviewing The Cow about their own community, they would not be able to describe one that is as warm and open as those who have continued to look after their patrons as those at The Cow have over the past 26 years.*

*I urge you to fully investigate why this review has arisen and who exactly is behind the decision. I am sure the reasons would be eye-opening and questionable.*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*I'm writing on behalf of my favourite PUB in all of London - The Cow. When I first moved to London in 2014, I met some of my closest friends there. I [REDACTED] and it was always cheerful, happy, welcoming warm and with the most amazing food and staff.*

*They made me feel welcome to London. They still represent to me the English hospitality and just being able to go there made me love my new London life.*

*I've spent numerous evenings and afternoons there and never have I ever experienced nuisance or disorder, not even while living [REDACTED].*

*I hope my email finds you well and that you focus on other things than bringing down a London treasure that this city should be proud of.*

*Kind regards*

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Please do not continue the gradual stripping of this country's pub heritage. The cow is a charismatic pub The likes of which are becoming increasingly rare. Do not play your part in sterilising the streets of any traditional character and History.*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

*To: Westminster City Council  
Ref: 21/00981/LIREVP*

*To whom it may concern.*

*I'm writing to you to express my support for The Cow public house, Westbourne Park road. From its opening I regularly met (and still meet) with friends there and enjoy a truly multicultural, musically lively, vibrant environment for hopefully many many years to come. It is a prime example of the most positive side of west London, indeed internationally renowned for its superb sea food menu but still down to earth and personal. Tom and his staff have worked tirelessly to create 'a proper local' - a rare thing these days in among the theme bars that come and swiftly go. In all those years of patronage I've never once witnessed any violence or anti-social behaviour from any of the patrons or passers by.*



*I feel very strongly that this is exactly the sort of establishment that will be a core part of getting the community spirit going again once lockdown is lifted.*

*Yours sincerely,*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern*

*I'm alarmed and saddened that this email needs to be sent.*

*The cow is the definition of a great neighborhood pub and something this country, city and borough should be clinging to and encouraging now more than ever.*

*A welcoming environment for every shape, size, creed, colour and persuasion.*

*It's value as a community melting pot is unmatched in this area and the idea that its survival is even up for debate is grim and scary.*

*It's is not only loved but needed.*

*Please make sure It's remains intact and cherished.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Westminster Council*

*I'm writing in regards to The Cow Pub, on Westbourne Park Road, London W2. I've been going to the pub for nearly 25 years, and I've never seen any evidence of 'public nuisance,' 'disorder,' let alone 'crime.'*

*It is a local London pub in the very best way, a much loved community hub that serves excellent beer, proper food and serious fresh seafood. The atmosphere is warm, friendly and eternally joyous.*

*I'm not sure who is behind this strange campaign to strip The Cow of its license, but in times like this, we need pubs like The Cow more than ever. When the COVID restrictions eventually end, and pubs are allowed to open, it will be one of the first places I rush back to visit.*

*The Cow is a properly run Notting Hill institution, not some nefarious criminal hotspot. To withdraw its license would be a very sad (not to mention unjustifiable) move indeed.*

*Many thanks and best*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 23 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Hello,*

*I am writing to you about the sad and unbelievable news that The Cow is looking to be shut down. This news has come at such an awful time, not only for the community but for the hospitality industry.*

*The Cow is such a heart of the Westminster community and is a home to so many. The best thing about The Cow is the people that it brings together, and the positive energy that it holds. I have met so many interesting,*

and brilliant people having spent time at The Cow and the idea that this amazing establishment might be being closed is horrifying.

[REDACTED] from The Cow for 10 years and have never witnessed any crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues at The Cow.

I really hope your decision is rectified as this would be a tragic closure.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 23 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Hi,

I've just heard that Westminster Council is considering revoking the Cow's license.

In short, I find this news absolutely appalling.

Even before Covid-19 there has been an ever-shrinking number of venues for people to meet, to laugh, and to mingle. Covid-19 has been an absolute disaster for the pub / restaurant trade AND many people are missing social interactions; in fact, the newspapers are full of stories on the mental health impact of Covid-19.

How this potential revoking of license for one of the best established and most loved local pubs against the background of the above can even be considered is beyond me.

And as a council tax payer in Westminster for > 20 years, I'm appalled at such a frivolous waste of tax payers' money.

Best wishes  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 23 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

The Cow - Westbourne Park Road

I would like to support the The Cow on Westbourne Park Road and it's licence renewal. It is a local institution and as locals we would be very sad to see it lose its licence.

We have never experienced any issues with disturbances or similar from its customers who are mostly locals so respect the neighbours & neighbourhood. The stretch of road that it is on has already lost quite a few restaurants and eateries over the past couple of years and they still remain empty. Should the Cow lose its licence and therefore close it would be to the detriment of the local community and in turn probably remain empty like the other premises near it leaving a parade of empty and fast decaying venues which do nothing for the area but bring it down.

Yours faithfully  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

hello,

I am writing to support the Cow Pub. There is no greater pub in London. The food and wine is unique in freshness, creativity, and tradition. The pint of prawns is only outdone by the fish soup and must be loved with a bottle of Sancere. To describe this as a nuisance is to through our collective global culture to the trashbins of

fast food and tragic dullness.

I love the Cow as a:

\*father; I take my daughters there regularly,

\* CEO; the last time I ate there I entertained an investor from Pakistan over oysters,

\*amateur cook; my mother is the chef of [REDACTED], and I have learned to love and admire the trade,

\*Londoner; as the city has perhaps dulled this year, the thought of the cow and its beautiful community has kept hope alive.

[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Received: 24 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster councillors,

I woke up to hear the very sad news that you are trying to rip up the soul of West London in the middle of lockdown! I have been frequenting this fine establishment for 25 years their staff and patron treat me like family! How can this be in the best interest of people in west london to have their community ripped from them after such a long depressing lockdown. One of the things which is keeping me going during lock down is to be able to go and have a fish stew & a pint! You have decided that you should take away that simple pleasure from my life! Please reconsider this terrible idea! Otherwise my daughter will not be able to go to the Cow one day & keep up the traditions of West London.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Received: 24 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you in response to the news that the licence for The Cow public house is under review on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

I find it extraordinary and sad that a long-standing local institution is under such threat, if indeed it is so. For over a quarter of a century I have been a regular patron of the establishment. They have continually brought great quality food, beer and bonhomie to the area, transforming the whole corner of Westminster, encouraging other shops, restaurants and services. They employ around thirty people and have maintained very high quality in everything that they do.

I have never seen any evidence of public nuisance, public disorder or crime in or outside The Cow and I would strongly disagree with charges or accusations that have led to this review. I am a local, living [REDACTED] [REDACTED] where I have been for 33 years, and I have witnessed local pubs and cafes being closed down, priced out or simply giving up, thus depriving our area of a sense of locale.

If you would like to discuss this further with me, please don't hesitate to contact me, either by email or by telephone.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

Received: 24 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I recently heard of the news that Westminster City Council were reviewing The Cows licence on the ground of prevention of public nuisance, safety and prevention of crime and disorder and I wanted to send you a note at

my disapproval of such a review.

My company have been working with Mr Conran at the Cow for over 20 years. Both [REDACTED] and The Cow are independent family run business that look out for the local community and Mr Conran has worked tirelessly over the years to create a space for both local and individuals to travel to, enjoying excellent food, a drink and a sense of community which, in my eyes is the definition of a Public House. He has had the same team work with him for all the years we have worked with him, which is nothing short of outstanding and a testament to how the business is ran. I look after over 200 pubs in the greater London area and see how high the staff turnover is in the hospitality industry. I believe putting the Cows licence under threat is not only effecting Mr Conran, but his loyal team, business like mine that have worked with him for so long and the community he has built around the pub.

To even suggest that the Cow is a place of crime, disorder and public nuisance could not be further from the truth. The Cow is an independent public house that welcomes the community from all walks of life and I honestly feel Westminster council should be looking at Mr Conran's business a source of inspiration. I would suggest putting you efforts into finding ways to encourage independent business who give back to the community rather than this licence review or trying to sell off any piece of space under your control to multinational cooperation's with questionable morals.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council Licensing

re: The Cow Saloon Bar and Dining Rooms Licence: 21/00981/LIREVP

I am writing to express my support for the extension of The Cow's Premises' License. I live nearby and my family and neighbours are great fans of this wonderful establishment.

Whenever we go for a quick lunch or dinner upstairs or down, the place is always full of local residents. The quality of the food and drink is superb. It was my late husband's favourite place for seafood.

It is hospitable to families at lunchtime, offers more sophisticated eating upstairs and we have never had a poor meal or bad service. We have never witnessed any problem with noise or disorder when there. I have never witnessed any bad behaviour or felt that our safety was threatened in any way coming or going. It is very different from other pubs in the area where great gatherings spill into the street and make lots of noise. The Cow is a lovely, neighbourhood pub whose loss would be greatly felt by me, my family and loads of friends and neighbours.

The Cow is exactly the kind of high quality, unpretentious restaurant/pub that we need in London.

Please extend the Premises Licence and keep a very good, local business thriving. Given the pandemic, we need to support all our local businesses, not put them out of work.

With kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that the licence for the cow has come under review.

The cow is a recognised institution although in Westminster it embodies the spirit of the Portobello area. I have previously known and met many people that I regard as lifelong friends and I encourage you (when rules allow)

*to come and try not only the food but also the friendly and welcoming atmosphere.*

*I would consider myself a regular, I assume the reason the license is under review is through the previous year, probably due to it's popularity the patrons have been outside when social distancing was in place, firstly being a danger to others and them selves and unable to maintain social distancing. During the 'Eat out to help out' scheme the were trying their very hardest to maintain the guide lines given, hiring extra security and taking details of customers for track and trace purposes.*

*The Cow is clearly a popular and much loved venue by the local community but clearly needs support not penalization for its popularity. It provide lots of skilled jobs to local people and a good place to meet like-minded business people with open minds, one of the reasons I believe it is so loved.*

*My suggestion expand the pavement in front of the cow to allow for more standing and safer for everyone provide extra support for the security and help management in crowd regulations*

*Kind regards,*

**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir or Madam,*

*I am writing to you in response to the news that Westminster City Council have issued a review a review of The Cow's license.*

*It is astonishing to hear that this is being considered. The Cow is an iconic institution and asset to the local area, known across London and the UK (dare I say the world) for both its wonderful food and fantastic atmosphere. Although the past year has been incredibly different and hard, the times I've visited have always been special, wether that be for a meal in the restaurant upstairs with my girlfriend or drinks downstairs & outside. Every time we have visited over the past few years (which was a lot when the pub was open as we live just around the corner) we have an amazing time, we bump into old friends and seem to make new ones as well. Both the pub and its patrons are all wonderful people and I've experienced nothing but joy on each visit. To suggest there is any issue with crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues is ridiculous. The staff pay the upmost attention to caring for their patrons best interests, both in normal times and during the coronavirus pandemic.*

*Like many patrons I have many special memories here and I urge you to reconsider this review of the licensing and let The Cow remain as a valued and loved place for more people to enjoy.*

*Kind regards,*

**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*To whom this may concern*

*I hope this email finds you well, I am writing in support of The Cow in reference to its current licence review 21/00981/LIREVP*

*As a lifelong Londoner I believe that independent and unique hospitality venues are a major part of the lifeblood of our capital, both in terms of revenue and community. I believe that The Cow is one of the treasures of London hospitality and fully support this venue. The Cow is an iconic pub, with one of my favourite menus in London, stressing local British produce prepared with flair and skill. With the hospitality industry under enormous stress due to the COVID pandemic and the increasing rise of anonymous chain pubs and restaurants I believe it is vital that we ensure the survival of iconic and unique venues such as The Cow to ensure that Westminster remains a world famous area for hospitality. I believe that the management of The Cow are incredibly responsible and in all my years of visiting have never been aware of any anti social behaviour or excess noise from its patrons. I believe it is in the interest of the future of London hospitality to fully support The Cow and ensure its continued*

operation

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am writing to tell you of my experience of dining and at the Cow (21/00981/LIREVP) regularly over the past 25 years.*

*It has always been a well-kept, cheerful and well-run pub. There has never been a single problem with bad behaviour or rowdiness. The food is always of a very high standard and the staff polite and friendly. I feel very strongly that it adds something unique and worthwhile to the neighbourhood, and should be treasured.*

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam

*I am writing in relation to your forthcoming licensing review: 21/00981/LIREVP*

*The Cow is a longstanding neighbourhood institution - if not a London institution. I have lived in the area for 30 years and have been going to the Cow for most of these. It is a meeting place, a delicious restaurant, somewhere that encapsulates the character of the local area, a cultural melting pot.*

*I understand that the Cow's license may be under review. If it were to lose its license I believe it would be a very great loss to the local community. It would be the end of an era and a retrograde step in terms of diversity of local hospitality options. The site is clearly ideal for a pub/restaurant. The Cow is one of the few institutions in the area that has survived steady gentrification and increasing monoculture of mass-market, chain bars and restaurants.*

*I have never experienced any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues during the whole time of The Cow. I currently live about 100 yards from it. There is far more disturbance and environmental impact from traffic, vans, taxis and delivery vehicles parking in and transiting through the local area, none of which have anything to do with the Cow.*

*I very much hope you will continue to offer The Cow its well deserved License to operate. It would be great mistake not to do so.*

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

*I am very concerned to hear of there being a license review for The Cow.*

*The Cow is an asset to Notting Hill in so many ways. It attracts visitors from around the world due it being named in numerous travel and hospitality guides as one of the great pubs. It did not just arrive as a great pub - it has been carefully and lovingly nurtured over a long period of time by its conscientious and enthusiastic owner, Tom Conran.*

*To me, The Cow is a second home. It is all I have dreamt about returning to since lockdown began. It is a safe place, warm and welcoming, with regulars, locals, friends, familiar faces, new, interesting people, young, old, rich, poor and the occasional celebrity mingling, looked after and made to feel loved by senior staff who have been there for as long as I have been going there. It is one of those pubs where regulars hold their seats at the*

bar, a family pub, a happy place.

Over recent years, pubs have been homogenised with character stripped away from them, whereas the owner of The Cow continues to add more detail and character as the years go on, investing time and money into elements like the painting of its favoured patrons, the original jukebox playing hand-picked 45s by the owner, the signage, (in its signage it is keeping a dying trade alive, employing a skilled signwriter to produce beautiful lettering inside and out). Whilst having a famously good kitchen, The Cow is also a spot to come to prior to visiting the other myriad restaurants in the area, driving trade.

I have never felt unsafe at The Cow in 20 years. Its staff are always on high alert due to it being opposite flats - patrons are politely asked to keep their voices down and to not spill out onto the street. You can see from the dedication of the staff and management that protecting their name in the community is of utmost importance.

Without The Cow there will be no reason to come to Notting Hill for many people, no reason to visit Westbourne

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

This is to implore you to consider my opinions regarding the threat to the licence at The Cow, in Westbourne Park Road, W2.

I am a 51 year old father of three, the CEO of an international marketing agency and consider myself as having been a responsible member of the W2 community for more than twenty years.

The Cow is without any doubt one of the cornerstones of our local culture. Since I can remember it has welcomed a diverse community full of wonderful, eclectic, respectful and appreciative customers with open arms. In two decades I have never viewed a fight, seen a smashed bottle, heard a loud argument, viewed a dispute, or experienced anything other than laughter and goodwill to all guests.

The Cow has featured in films, television, documentaries and a wide range of magazines and newspapers for the very reason that it is a glorious environment of good food, excellent service in a stunningly traditional and beautifully curated environment. It has the high accolade of four and a half stars on OpenTable, TripAdvisor and many more review sites, thousands of followers on Instagram and Twitter, and is a beacon for tourists not just visiting Notting Hill and London, but for England itself by definition of the international reviews and comments.

This is not a grimy, poorly managed tourist trap selling over priced warm beer and terrible food to unsuspecting travellers. This is a primary destination for visitors from all corners of the neighbourhood and all corners of the earth! This is Guinness and oysters and fresh shellfish, prepared by experienced chefs and served by members of the local community, to the local community.

This is where we have celebrated marriages, the birth of our children, or a new exciting venture, as well as consoled ourselves on the various sadnesses and disappointments of life. All in the knowledge that we are in a place of shared values and interests among decent hard working people, who have a deep se

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I was greatly upset to hear recently that Westminster Council are reviewing The Cow's premises license. I think to no longer have this landmark independent pub/ restaurant would be a great shame and an unmeasurable loss to the local community, members of whom have been enjoying the Cow for so many years. I have never visited an establishment with such a diverse and friendly atmosphere. Having lived literally a stones throw away from the Cow on Westbourne Park Road [REDACTED] for 8 years I can hand on heart say that during that time I have never experienced or witnessed any anti social or disturbing behavior or noise either during its opening hours or possibly more importantly after its closing. I would implore those involved in this decision making process to seriously consider the options. The Cow is part of the lifeblood of the W2 and to lose it would be a travesty and the local area would be none the better for it.  
Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I have been a regular at the Cow Public House for the past 15 years, and have found it to be one of the few pubs in the area that one would describe as for the local community as regulars. There is always a warm, welcoming atmosphere and a sense of camaraderie that is rarely seen in pubs these days.*

*I was shocked to hear that Westminster has chosen to review the license, for an establishment that I know only to be of the friendliest and most approachable of London pubs.*

*At a time when so very many pubs are closing, I am utterly dismayed that a cornerstone of the community such as the Cow has been threatened with sanctions. I would hope that whatever transgressions may or may not have occurred that these would not be held against such an important local establishment.*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*I was dismayed to hear the news that there is to be a review of the premises licence for The Cow for several reasons, not least of which because it is one of the primary charms of the area and a reason my friends and I currently visit and have chosen to live on adjoining streets previously. It offers the feel of a country local in a city that can at times feel relentlessly impersonal. It is very much a favourite in the area with a sense of community - a rarity.*

*Furthermore, as anyone who's frequented it will know, the staff are helpful and welcoming so, if anything, I have always felt it a place of safety in the area. I've never experienced any crime or public nuisance issues.*

*If anything, I'd suggest the council turn their attention to encouraging businesses like the Cow to thrive given that we are now living in a time where we will all need community and a sense of safe escapism that comes with a well-run and long established spot like The Cow, and I think the very fact that such a review is taking place suggests a severe myopia within the council that is worrying as someone who is currently a resident.*

*Bes*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 24 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern*

*I understand that there is a review of the licence of "The Cow" ...reference 21/00981/LIREVP  
I have been a very regular customer at The Cow for the past ten years both in the restaurant and in the pub. I have eaten there at least once a week either on my own or with my wife and grown up children on numerous occasions and have used the first floor for family functions numerous times.  
I have had nothing but good experiences at The Cow and while often being busy the atmosphere is always friendly, welcoming and very safe. There has not been a single occasion when I have witnessed any trouble of any sort.  
The staff are so helpful, professional, kind and courteous and The Cow is undoubtedly an extremely important part of the local community in which I live and it has been greatly missed during lockdown.  
If I can give any further details do please let me know,  
all the best*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**



## **OBJECTION**

*I hope that you are well.*

*I am writing to you to voice my support for the Cow pub on Westbourne Grove. It would be a great shame to close The Cow pub. The food is fantastic as is the community of locals and visitors to the pub. I have had numerous memorable visits to The Cow with both friends and family.*

*I can confirm that I have not experienced any crime and disorder, public nuisance or public safety issues on any of my visits to The Cow.*

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am writing to show my support of The Cow pub on Westbourne Grove which I understand is under threat - a real shame.*

*I've lived in London since 2001 and, despite not living locally, I have always returned to The Cow a few times a year. I think of it as my favourite pub ; Different to other pubs, it's always full of interesting people, incredible food and, of course, the Guinness! When I think of The Cow, I think of relaxed, friendly times where staff and clientele mix on a level.*

*I now work in Notting Hill and, truthfully, a week never passes where The Cow is not positively referenced. I am lucky to interact with the some if the most interesting, successful people in the area and they always have a twinkle in their eye when the pub is referenced - that in itself is a huge show of support and, indirectly, of huge value to the wider area.*

*My times at The Cow have ranged from a 'quick pint of prawns and Guinness' to 'full' evenings (Burns Night 2016 is forever in my memory!), however, I have never seen any trouble, any crime and/or thought of it as a particularly noisy/boisterous place. Conversely, I think one of the reasons I've probably seen more celebs in there than any other venue in London is for that very reason - it is discreet, stylish and fun.*

*I sincerely hope that the grumbles of a few individuals (probably with an eye on their property values...I should know!) doesn't spoil the enjoyment of many.*

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I'm writing regarding the sad news that there is a review of The Cow's premises licence. I understand that it is to do with prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.*

*These descriptions are about as far as you can get based on my experience of this amazing pub. Having lived near to The Cow on and off for almost a decade I can only say that I have only ever experienced an inviting, friendly and welcoming place - somewhere I have many fond memories of and hope that I will continue to have the chance to create new ones there too.*

*In a world of sanitised and identikit bars, restaurants and pubs The Cow stands out as somewhere with character, heart and soul - somewhere that strangers actually talk to each other (in London!!!) and friends can be made. Particularly in a part of London where so many homes are left empty for half the year by their uber-wealthy owners and the risk of a dying community is real, the Cow acts as a hub and a heart of Notting Hill.*

*London is known for a number of things around the world, and one of them is its amazing pubs - The Cow is without doubt one of those - an institution that welcomes all, whether locals or a tourist who has done their homework on which places are really worth a visit.*

*And if none of the above is enough to convince you that this is a pub that must continue, then you have to try the fish stew!*

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I note that the Council is reviewing the licensing of The Cow. As a local Westminster resident, living 5 minutes away from the establishment, I would like to suggest that the establishment is of enormous importance to the local community. It has for many years served as an important meeting place for many groups of people, allowing the fostering of community spirit in what can be a somewhat divided community, characterised by enormous income and racial inequality.*

*As an occasional patron, I have not witnessed antisocial behaviour or nuisance, and am very surprised to learn that there may be objections on these grounds. My experience has invariably been of an extremely friendly atmosphere, and I cannot help but think that there must be ulterior motives to the complaints. We have seen so often establishments, which for many are centerpieces of their cultural enjoyment of London, closed down in favour of developments which take away from the cultural vibrancy of the community.*

*I would like to offer my full support to The Cow.*

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Hope you are all well.*

*[REDACTED] . In fact, I was born in [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] , spent my early years on [REDACTED] , then [REDACTED] , went to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and bought my first flat [REDACTED] .*

*I saw the area gentrify again and again- relentlessly pushing higher and higher. That was an amazing ride in one way but I also saw the desire this gentrification had on trying to clear up what went before. Erase the unwanted past. The constant persecution of the pub on Alexander street - whatever incarnation it took from Tom and Dicks to Harrys. I was always being asked in the mid-nineties to sign petitions trying to close down the Walmer or that big pub on Chepstow road.*

*Anyway to get to the point , I can't see what the motive for closing down the Cow would be unless there was an ulterior motive. Apart from the Cock and Bottle, I can't think of a better behaved pub in the area. It's just an innocent bystander meaning no harm to anyone.*

*The Cow will always have a place in my heart, as it was there on a cold October night in 2002, that I first kissed the girl who was to become my wife. In fact, to be precise she suddenly kissed me as I was finishing my sausage and mash ( I highly recommend if you've never tried it - the sausage and mash, not kissing my wife). It was there that I went for a drink 3 years later the night before I got married with my best man and bumped into Ian Wright and being an Arsenal fan , I took this as some sort of sign from God.*

*I could go on with the ' it was there's..' but suffice to say it's that type of place. The type of place that helps build the community and brings a focus. Reduces crime and brings order.  
The fireplace we can all gather around.  
The friend that can be relied on.  
Not the type of place that should be put down.*

*It's the type of place that does credit to the city of Westminster.*

**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I am very sad to hear the news that you are trying to close down The Cow*

*The Cow is the only pub I like to drink in The cow the people that drink and eat there are all respectable people and professionals so its nice to engage socially there with the other regulars after work and the food is amazing. I have never ever witnessed any antisocial loud behaviour criminal or nuisance at all just people happy enjoying food and drinking happily, the staff are amazing and really look after you,*

*Please please please rethink your desition to close the cow it is the only place I like to relax after work :(*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*The Cow is the heart and soul of the community. By closing it, you are denying many thousands of people a place that they call home. This includes their amazing staff.*

*I have been going to The Cow for over 20 years and have never experienced any issues. And I can wholeheartedly say that Cow is a hub that brings everyone together harmoniously.*

*This is a shocking act, coming from the same system which is highly promoting outdoor social gatherings.*

*With this, I truly hope that you will reconsider and allow "The Cow" to keep its doors open.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I believe the cow is an asset because it has brought together people from so many different backgrounds*

*The cow to me is a safe place where cool genuine people hang and where anyone and everyone belongs - no judgement and the food is always second to none. The best pub food in London. People are here to have a nice, chill time whilst eating delicious food and drink - not to cause any nuisance. Not to mention it doesn't even stay open late enough.*

*Great things to cow does:*

- staff are so kind and welcoming*
- food is always a great standard*
- my small dog is allowed in the bar*
- Most importantly this pub has an atmosphere like no other where it almost feels like family. I have met so many amazing people in this place which doesn't happen anywhere in London.*

*I have never experienced any crime/disorder/ public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow nor have any of my friends and we all live in Notting Hill so there is a large crowd of us.*

*I live in the area and regularly drive past this and have never ever experience anyone outside on the road causing any disturbance.*

*Happy to give more feedback if necessary.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I read with great sadness that apparently the Westminster Council is reviewing the Cow's Premises Licence, on the ground of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.*

*I came to London ten years ago and found a small cute flat in Notting Hill. My landlords, a kind French couple with three little kids, left a little guide to the area.*

*The first pub they recommended was "The Cow". It was also the first pub I went to in my exploration of this beautiful neighbourhood.*

*I remember still today that the one thing I absolutely wanted to have at the Cow was oysters and a pint of Guinness, which my landlords highly recommended.*

*It is one of those food combinations you read about in old English books, I felt I was in a Dickens novel for one evening. It is one of those experiences that are simple, yet create great memories and remind us of where Britain came from.*

*Taking away a charming, old fashioned pub like the Cow from an area where bars are starting to look all the same and serving complicated food and cocktails is not going to do much good to the heritage of the area. We want Notting Hill to retain some of its traditions, some of the reasons why we all like this area and especially some of its historical places accessible to every walk of people.*

*If a family of 5 like my landlords thought that the Cow was a place worth going to and if i went there multiple times as a group of girls, I am sure you can see that there is no ground to say there are risks to public safety. I felt safe every single time I went to the Cow, I enjoyed the mixture of people, I had simple, tasteful food and I do not want this to be taken away from me, or my neighbours.*

*Hope you understand what the Cow means for our community and that you can reconsider your decision. It would mean a lot,*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 25 Feb 201 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*I was very saddened to hear that the Cow's licence is under review, it is the heart of the community in Notting hill beloved by customers of ALL ages and ALL backgrounds.*

*In the many many times I have been there I have NEVER seen any crime, disorder or unsafe conduct.*

*The London hospitality and nightlife industry was already in a dire situation before the pandemic and is now in an even worse state with many more restaurants and pubs closing. Now is the time for the council to be supporting these business', not revoking the licences of beloved cultural institutions.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*I am writing to you on behalf of The Cow on Westbourne Park Road.*

*Firstly I'm sure my email is one of many emails promoting The Cow that you will undoubtedly receive.*

*This pub has provided many things for me over the past 4 years including safety and comfort, but most importantly it has provided me with employment, as it does many other great people.*

*I worked at the cow for almost 2 and a half years and consider this pub a home away from home and hold it dear to my heart.*

*I have never experienced any crime or disorder at this pub, quite the opposite. I have had many happy memories and made many friends whilst eating, drinking and working at the cow. I've had the pleasure of meeting the regulars who have been frequenting The Cow for more than 20 years and hearing their tales, for a lot of people The Cow is a family and to take this away would be detrimental to many.*

*I can vouch for The Cow and all it has to offer to the surrounding community. I would be heartbroken to see it go as would many others including all that it employs. The employees of The Cow are my dearest friends. The infamous managers and barmen of The Cow, Luti and Petro, have worked here for over 20 years and have shown loyal and committed service to this establishment, to take the pub away would destroy the community they have built.*

*Please reconsider and don't take away one of the best, vibrant, welcoming pubs in all of London.*

*Kind regards,*

[REDACTED]  
• [REDACTED],  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*I am saddened and shocked that you are using my tax-payer money to try to shut down one of Notting Hill's most beloved institutions. I have been to the cow countless times and never have I seen any antisocial behaviour - just civilised and respectful of the local area.*

*It's especially shocking that you would try to do this at a time that every small business in the UK is hanging on by a thread after Corona. Not to mention Notting Hill has become almost devoid of personality with rent prices having got so ridiculous it's mostly only chains that can survive. Why destroy the remains of culture?*

*I would rather you use your time to try to become more efficient than you currently are with planning permissions in the area - your delay with those causes such delay to the property market, which isn't what we need. I've had friends have to pull out of building and buying because it takes so long.*

*Please be smart about this and take a step back to see what is best for locals and the economy.*

*Regards*

*A very upset resident.*

*Further to my email below, please write back to me to confirm you have made the right decision to renew the license without causing further distress, otherwise I will continue to chase.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir or Madam*

*I understand that Westminster City Council has issued a review of the Cow's licence on the grounds of prevention of a public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.*

[REDACTED] *from the Cow and know it well. It is not just a pub but an important anchor for the community who need a venue to meet, enjoy life and for you to know and meet your neighbours. With the world becoming increasingly online and people suffering from loneliness and associated mental health issues, having a place to meet with friends locally is vital for any community. The food is excellent, there is always a welcoming smile and it's nice to get a drink locally. My dog Ruby also enjoys the sausage rolls !*

*I can certainly say as a local resident I have never experienced crime or public disorder as a result. I walk past it many times a day and at night, on the way to and from work, or just out and about walking the dog or the family. It is not a place you would feel unsafe of uncomfortable walking past or feel the need to cross the road. Quite the opposite in fact, if the streets around [REDACTED] become barren and empty at night, it would not feel a safe place at night.*

*Regards*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*26/02/2021 5:07 PM I have been a patron of The Cow since 1996.*

*There is a reason why The Cow has been able to continue business uninterrupted for 26 years, and that's the community spirit it evokes, both within the pub and within the area.*

*It promotes a positive and progressive image of West London and its community, and is celebrated not only in the UK, but also recognised worldwide as one of Britain's best independent pubs.*

*The pub has played an important part in the regeneration of Westbourne Park Road, and has long survived all of the other local drinking establishments by many years. Incredibly, the pub has employed some members of staff for 25 years straight.*

*The Cow is synonymous with the simple pleasures of food, drink, friendship and good company. For many years, The Cow has celebrated key calendar dates, which have become cherished moments for their customers and for their neighbours, from St Patrick's Day, to Notting Hill Carnival and New Year's Eve.*

*In my many visits to The Cow, I have not at any time experienced issues with crime or disorder, public nuisance or safety. I would say it's an incredibly welcoming place. The Cow's clientele is genuinely reflective of the area's diversity. There aren't many pubs left in London where you can take a seat at the bar and strike up a friendly conversation with a stranger.*

*Although I now live in South East London, when the opportunity arrives (and particularly when I have friends or family visiting from overseas) I love to bring them to The Cow. It is a place that hosts fantastic memories for myself and my friends.*

*I feel strongly that The Cow deserves its rightful place as an outstanding drinking and eating establishment, and removing the licence of The Cow would result in a terrible loss in London's social, cultural and culinary scenes, and frankly, a deeply embarrassing misstep by the City of Westminster.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Licensing Team*

*I'm a Notting hill local and have been going to The Cow for 17 years. It's an iconic mainstay of West London. An amazing melting pot of culture, music, art and food. It's the only decent pub in west London. It's my home from home. Everyone who once lived in Notting hill and has had kids and moved to the countryside Bath, Oxford & Dorset all meet at The Cow when I'm London - it's an institution*

*I know there's more support for it than against it.*

*My sons 18th birthday is there in November this year. It's all the things a classic pub should be warm, welcoming with great draft ales and beer*

[REDACTED]  
*Please let me know if there's any more Information needed*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir/Madam*

*Having lived in Notting Hill for my entire life (> 4 decades), I was extremely disappointed to read that The Cow's licence is under threat. I hope you understand that this is one of Notting Hill's highest quality and most iconic F&B establishments, which has been much frequented and valued by the local community over the 25 years since it opened. Losing The Cow would be a real blow to the area and its residents. Quite why you've decided that now of all times is the time to call into question the existence of this much-loved local institution is a mystery- I can only urge you to conclude the review in The Cow's favour as soon as possible, and move onto more pressing issues.*

*Kind regards*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To Whom it May Concern*

*I understand that Westminster City Council has issued a Review of the The Cow's Premises License on the ground of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.*

*I have to say that I am completely shocked as to the reasons why the License is being reviewed. As resident and homeowner [REDACTED] for many years, I have never once had any kind of problem with the Cow and/or its customers - it is completely surprising to read the reasoning behind the review and, over the many years I have lived here I can say that there has never been an occasion that the pub or its customers have been a public nuisance, a threat to public safety or a crime and disorder risk.*

*In fact, the opposite is true - as a woman it is actually reassuring to have the Cow [REDACTED]. I feel a whole lot safer walking down the road at night knowing that customers at the Cow will be sitting outside and there are people about. I would say the presence of customers sitting outside or going into the Cow actually reduces the risk of crime and disorder - the area is mainly residential and if we didn't have people coming and going the area would feel a whole lot less safe and frankly be more of a target for crime.*

*I almost feel like the review is being issued against the wrong Cow - these concerns raised by the Council are so far from anything that goes on in connection to the Cow.*

*Aside from objecting completely to the reasoning for the review - it should be acknowledged that the Cow is absolutely integral to the life, soul and community of the area and has been for many many years. There is so much history wrapped up in the Cow.*

*In normal times, a visit to the Cow on any day reveals a complete mix of people (and dogs) mostly from the local area and community, people of all ages and of all backgrounds enjoying one another's company, it is and always has been a warm and welcoming place with the most wonderfully interesting customers.*

*It would be an absolute disgrace for the Cow to have its license revoked, and it is particularly disturbing that this action is being initiated during a National Lockdown when you know it will be much harder to rally support amongst the locals and customers as they are unable to go there. Furthermore, is there no thought or consideration or care for local independent businesses particularly those in the hospitality industry after they year they have had???*

*Please take into consideration my comments and I would like a response to my email.*

*Kind regards*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To Whom It May Concern,*

*The Cow pub plays a major role in making Notting Hill and the neighbouring areas so special. It is independent venues such as The Cow that contribute to the greatness of the Borough.*

*Not only is this pub a loved institution by 1000's of people, it provides a huge sense of safety, community and familiarity in the area.*

*I have lived in Notting Hill for 15 years and not once have I ever seen disruption, nuisance, crime or disorder at The Cow. Pre-covid, I would visit the Cow at least once a week.*

*The Cow is a true asset to West London.  
The Cow provides jobs, training and safety to their many wonderful staff.*

*Please do not force another iconic institution to close. It would be a huge loss to this community.*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Thank you, wholeheartedly supported, a useful place, needed, and many businesses have other threats on their hands too.*

*Yours sincerely,*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

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*Not only is this pub a loved institution by 1000's of people, it provides a huge sense of safety, community and familiarity in the area.*

*I have lived in Notting Hill for 6 years and not once have I ever seen disruption, nuisance, crime or disorder at The Cow. Pre-covid, I would visit the Cow at least once a week.*

*The Cow is a true asset to West London. The Cow provides jobs, training and safety to their many wonderful staff.*

*Please do not force another iconic institution to close. It would be a huge loss to this community.*

Regards

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council

Reference Number: 21/00981/LIREVP

*The Cow is a wonderful establishment. Pubs and Restaurants need support during the pandemic, and they are an important part of the local community. I have never witnessed any public nuisance or safety issues, just people having a good time in an iconic venue.*

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs,

*I am writing to you in regard to The Cow (89 Westbourne Park Road, W2 5QH) which is currently up for a licensing review (reference number: 21/00981/LIREVP).*

*I can only speak from my personal experience, but in my case that is extensive when it comes to The Cow on Westbourne Park Road. Over the last 13 years I have been a regular at The Cow. I have moved house and borough and sometimes lived too far away to just stroll there or call it my local, but even when I lived further away I returned there regularly as it is a true gem. Their rare combination of great music, phenomenal food and convivial atmosphere is sadly exactly that, rare. And now with this pending review, endangered. Sure there are many places to eat and drink and there will be some sort of music playing, but to have the stars align in such a way that a place where you eat, drink and meet friends still feels like a home away from home is worth maintaining and protecting.*

*I have celebrated my birthday there. Took my fiancée on our first date there, now eight years ago. Was best man at my friends wedding at The Cow and read my speech to family and friends. When my family, be it parents, my sister, my cousins or even my second cousin come into town we always also go to The Cow as it*



*has become exactly that, a home away from home, a place for celebration, friends and family. It is the beating heart of the community in so many ways that it seems incomprehensible to question its many merits.*

*I have had some of the best times, some key moments of my life at The Cow and I have never seen any crimes except, perhaps against fashion.*

*Please, I implore you to consider The Cow as more than a pub or a restaurant, but as a vital ingredient to the wellbeing of a community that could reluctantly go elsewhere, but would not feel as at home there as they do at The Cow.*

Yours Sincerely [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*It has recently come to my attention that The Cow's Premises Licence is up for review. In light of this, I wanted to email to put my full support behind its renewal. Every time that I have visited The Cow, I have met a warm, lively atmosphere. It is a bright light on its street and I love seeing people congregating and laughing outside in the summer months. I've always had a great time there and never seen or heard of any crimes or public disorder; it has always been a top example of what a warm local gastropub should be.*

*My dad has been going here for many years and took me for the first time with his friends. He passed on his love for this pub to me and I love introducing my own friends to it. The Cow is a great local institution and I hope that you will consider renewing its licence and letting others enjoy the great food and drink it has to offer.*

*Best regards,*  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

*Hi there,*

*I recently came across the news that Westminster Council is planning on revoking the license for the aforementioned pub.*

*Firstly, I'm a little baffled by the Council's motion, in particular because the situation at the moment for hospitality businesses is dire to say the least, with locations closing on an almost daily basis. As such, the last thing we need is the council bringing the hammer down on another.*

*Beyond this though, The Cow is a much loved local institution that not only brings life and character to a corner of town that is fast becoming quite staid but has also been a safe and quiet place to have dinner with loved ones.*

*Indeed, in my many years as a customer I have never witnessed any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues as a result of the pub's actions or involvement.*

*I'd therefore like to see this motion reconsidered.*

*For further comment please do not hesitate to get in touch.*

*Warmest regards,*  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



they're in London. It's part of the fabric of our London. Lose it, and you damage the fabric of the entire ecosystem.

There are places that, just by dint of existing, elevate their area. This is one of them. It is for all ages, for all groups, a haven for coming together. Depending on the time of day, it's a place to sit quietly but in good natured surrounds, a place to celebrate, a place to eat and drink with friends. The Cow is an increasingly rare gem, and should be cherished as such.

Yours sincerely,

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Good Morning,

It came to our attention that a review of The Cow's Premises Licence is underway, therefore we are contacting you to support our local pub.

We have been regulars for many years and never experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow.

The day when we discovered The Cow for the 1st time it instantly became our favourite. It's a place where you feel good and welcomed. The team is fantastic, the clientele is great and friendly - you feel like at home. On the top of that, the food is extraordinary, probably the best pub meals in London.

It's a place with history, taste and passion. It's also more than just a regular pub, in fact it's a local necessity, it's a community and moreover it's definitely one of the best pub in London.

We love The Cow , please don't take it away from us!

Many thanks.  
Kind regards,

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

RE: The Cow Pub 21/00981/LIREVP

Hello.

I'm a customer of The Cow pub at 89 Westbourne Park Road, W2

I was most shocked to hear of the council's current licensing review and am writing to add my strong support for this beautiful, friendly and most vital local establishment.

Indeed, in the years that I've enjoyed having The Cow nearby I've never once found the atmosphere to be anything other than convivial, inviting and warm. I certainly haven't experienced or witnessed any crime or disorder, in fact, I'd say it's the particularly positive sense of community and togetherness that gives The Cow its absolute charm.

The Cow is an integral and long-standing part of this unique corner of London, as place for locals to connect whether that's celebrating a sporting event, enjoying St Patricks day, enjoying the build up to Carnival or just a cosy winter's evening by the fire - and to lose all this would be terrible.

With best regards

PS: Signed copy attached

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

*It is with great sadness that we hear of the review of The Cow's license. This establishment brings people of all areas of life together with traditional ethics, good food, drinks and always friendly and accommodating staff. The heart of London is being stripped out by redevelopment of old pubs and we are losing our right to enjoy time away from our homes and in pubs like this. It is where I go with my family for Christmas get togethers and everyone from my son, father, grandmother (and our dog) all hold it close to our hearts as one of the few genuine, enjoyable and friendly remaining public establishments in London - one with welcomes ALL. I have never experienced any crime and disorder, public nuisance, bad behaviour or safety issues when at The Cow and am a regular customer. Please do not close what brings so many people together. We have all been through enough. Kind regards,*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*have been a customer of both the restaurant upstairs and the downstairs pub bar for over 20 years. It is without question one of my , and many others', favourite pubs and restaurants not just in our local area but in the world. Places are too easily described as "an institution" but without doubt The Cow is one and has given back to the neighbourhood for 25 years. Tom and all of his staff provide a beacon or warmth and welcome as well as delicious food and drink at fair prices. Without question the world and Westbourne Park in particular is far better with The Cow in it. I haven't personally experienced any behaviour that would lead me to believe the license should be questioned and, if there have been any incidents when I wasn't there, I am convinced that Tom and his staff would care and ensure they put in place procedures to prevent reoccurrence. Please don't make any decisions that could lead to The Cow no longer being open, particularly in these current times when we need a 'friendly home' to visit with friends and family that makes us feel richer, happier and more optimistic about our lives.*

*Many thanks for reading,*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*A letter to Westminster Council in support of The Cow, our local pub - I write in support of the continuing operation of The Cow, our local pub. This establishment represents the best of such institutions, bringing together as it does just about every walk of life in this quite diverse community in which we live. I see the man who upholstered my sofa, the woman who is involved with social housing buys me a drink and the individual of uncertain orientation always wants to have a chat. I attend dinners and fundraising events for the community, like the Grenfell situation, and stumble into informal neighborhood gatherings. The Cow is the proud sponsor and host of all this neighborhood activity. It is a significant asset to this community. While The Cow is a lively gathering spot, I have never experienced any disorder, noise, public nuisance or crime associated with the pub - to the contrary, staff there take an active interest in ensuring the overall levels of noise are low, the outside presence is under control at all times and that people are protected. I can speak with authority on this matter because I live very close by, and am constantly out and about in the immediate neighborhood at all hours, walking my dogs or doing errands. Diverse places like Notting Hill and Bayswater are always in danger of fracturing into their constituent parts - organisations, places and people which bring the community together deserve our support and also the protection of local government. Please ensure that The Cow is able to continue to act in this role, as a valued community and social asset for the area.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*have been a customer of the Cow for over 20 years, it is so special and unique.*

*I love their delicious food, the quality is really high and always delivers. I bring my family for dinner and drinks regularly. The staff are always so accommodating, professional and helpful. All my friends love to meet at the Cow. I have made great friends through the Cow, I visit it weekly for my amazing Cow fish stew and the fun atmosphere. The Cow has been part of the community for 25 years, and is a landmark, an institution that Notting Hill could NOT do without.*

*As a woman visiting the Cow, I feel safe and secure, I have never felt threatened or experienced anything untoward.*

*It is my favourite place, and I consider myself a regular.*

*Please feel free to contact me if I can help ensure the Cow remains as it is, a great traditional pub.*

*Yours faithfully*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*To Whom It May Concern,*

*I take this opportunity after hearing about The Cow's licensing review to highlight my dining experience over the years and the absolute need to keep this Gastro pub open.*

*The Cow has been an institution for many years in the Notting Hill community and also a destination restaurant for many who come to dine and experience the high quality of dining - for myself, The Cow equals the best Fish Soup in London and I have continued to order this for delivery from The Cow over lockdown. To say the possible closing of The Cow is a shock is an understatement. The Cow has a long legacy in Notting Hill and keeping this gastro institution serving the community should be a serious priority. Gastro pubs of this quality and tradition should not be in jeopardy and the neighbourhood would not be the same without The Cow.*

*During every visit (dozens upon dozens) over the years, the atmosphere has been both civilized and without event. In fact, I would go as far as stating that, as compared to the majority of London pubs, The Cow is one of the most low-key ones we have in our city. Its aim is to serve excellent food and create a space that is both friendly and safe for its patrons.*

*I very much hope my email today helps to weigh in favour of The Cow's licensing renewal.*

*Kind regards*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir/Madam,*

*I write in connection with the City Council's review of The Cow's premises licence, and in support of The Cow, and the retention/renewal of its licence.*

*We have lived in Westbourne Park Road for the last 7 years, very close to both The Cow and The Westbourne. As a close neighbour, I have walked past The Cow at all times of day and night. I have never felt unsafe, never experienced any form of public nuisance or other inconveniences.*

*The Cow is an important part of the local community, with excellent food and guinness. I look forward it reopening.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**

**OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir/Madam,*

*Being a long term customer of The Cow I find it very distressing to hear that you are reviewing their license. In all the years I've visited this pub I have never witnessed any crime or nuisance behaviour. All I have witnessed is people having a lot of fun and relaxing. It's hard to put into words how important this pub is and what it gives to the community. Maybe it's the characters that run it or the wonderful restaurant, maybe it's the Guinness and oysters or the fact that everyone is met with a warm welcome like old friends. Whatever the attributes are, The Cow is part of London's rich tapestry and show remain so for many many years. I can only presume it's a bunch of rich sour pusses that have made complaints about this wonderful establishment. If they want peace and quiet may I suggest they move to the country where peace and quiet can be assumed. This is a lively london pub and the area is all the better for it. It beggars belief that people's tolerance level has become so poor they can't tolerate a bit of noise and will immediately complain as a default setting. Shame on you if you don't renew this establishments license. It will just go to prove that we are now a society that has no tolerance for anything that doesn't fit a slim criteria and that alone is slowing chipping away at the heart of this city and robbing it of all personality. Live and let live.....Please.*

*Best,*

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I was saddened to hear of the Cow 's pending Premises Licence review by Westminster Council. As a 'regular' customer at the Cow over the last twelve years, I felt I should write to you in support of this wonderful Pub. The Cow is a unique institution, serving both the local community and the many visitors it attracts from around the world. The warm welcome offered by their caring staff makes one instantly feel at home. The regular customers are a rich mix of interesting people of all ages, as an older person myself I find the atmosphere very comfortable. I can honestly say that I haven't ever witnessed unacceptable behaviour. For me I love being amongst the laughter and hearing the exaggerated stories. I always feel happy and safe in the Cow! Surely it's not beyond the bounds of possibility for this review to end swiftly and amicably, please!*

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir  
Although not London residents we were very distressed to learn that Westminster is proposing to close The Cow. We consider it to be one of the great London pubs and always visit on our frequent visits to London. We have never experienced any bad behaviour or nuisance when visiting. Pubs are disappearing fast and it would be a tragedy if this wonderful example of what a pub should be were also to disappear.  
Yours faithfully*

**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir/Madam  
I am writing regarding the review of the licence of the Cow pubic house. The cow is a vital asset to the heart of the local community and should remain that way. It remains a vital hive of the local community and I have never experienced any such public nuisance there. I have always felt safe there and surprised to hear of these claims. It has provided friendly solace for many for years and should not stop.  
with best wishes*

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council, or to whom this personally concerns,  
I write to you personally begging for you to listen carefully to the few things I'm about to say. Having been born in [REDACTED] in 1985 and growing up in Westminster on [REDACTED] The Cow has served as a beacon of hope, love and safety to me for many reasons throughout the years.  
My first experience of the cow was when I'd walk home from school aged 10 over the footbridge from the [REDACTED] Gangs of boys would gather around me and try to rob or even on one occasion beat me up! Sometimes they succeeded, however I new that if I passed by The Cow pub there would be grown ups outside who would tell the gangs to get lost. Having suffered quite badly from bullying at that time I was saved by these men and woman standing outside drinking many many times. I instantly felt safe when passing by The Cow. As I grew older and at the age of 15 I was walking down my street with my friend George on our way to a friends party in Chalk Farm.

As I grew older and at the age of 15 I was walking down my street with my friend [REDACTED] on our way to a friends party in Chalk Farm. None of us new it at the time, nor even [REDACTED] but he was moments away from having his first epileptic seizure. This happened quickly just near the 31 bus stop, I new what do, I ran as fast as possible to the cow and begged the men and woman drinking outside to help. [REDACTED] quickly had a crowd of adults surrounding him, one was a nurse who new exactly what to do and quickly put him in recovery position, one was a minor celebrity who had a mobile phone, no-one else did at the time. The ambulance was called and [REDACTED] life was saved.

When I was aged 19 my parents got married and they had there wedding reception in the cow. I already new most of the local men and woman who had seen me walk past day in day out. It was really wonderful to enjoy a pint of Guinness with them. I remember looking at the murals and decor and being completely amazed. The environment was friendly and warm.  
To this day I go for a drink after work sometimes and remember my old street and reconnect with some of the locals and friends. This pub is an important place in my life, it's the main reason why I've battled to stay in the Westbourne park area despite rising rents. It's my safe place and I love this pub so much, unlike other pubs in the area there seems to only be nice friendly people who drink here. I really would be devastated to see it taken away from so many of us. Please please do the right thing and extend the lease and save our pub! The Cow is a good place enjoyed by good people!

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,  
I am writing to show my support for one of the most wonderful and welcoming pubs in London, The Cow at Westbourne Grove. I am deeply upset that this establishment has been threatened with closure and should this happen the neighbourhood would loose much more than a place to have a drink and eat.  
This unpretentious, traditional pub offers not only fantastic food and their own beers but more importantly is a lynchpin in what is fast becoming a sanitised and soulless area of London, offering a vital place for locals from all parts of the community to meet and socialise, alleviating sorrow and loneliness that is rife in modern cities today. I have never experienced anything even close to crime, disorder, public nuisance or danger in this place, quite the opposite, it is a place for families, the first place I would chose to take my elderly parents for a lunch, often the tables have families with young children enjoying lunch and the bar has elderly local patrons quietly enjoying a pint and chatting to the lovely bar staff.  
If this pub were to be closed this part of Notting Hill would be a much colder and sadder place, it is irreplaceable and I for one have had it top of my list of places to meet with my loved ones after this distressing and solitary year. Do not steal this gem from it's community ! It is unbelievable that we are having to fight for the right to have such a special place in what is fast becoming a sad and lovely city- the councils should be working to uphold and support these independent, community focused establishments!  
With high hopes,

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs,

We are writing to you as we are deeply saddened with the news that the licence of our beloved restaurant in Notting Hill is under review. For the past 15 years we visited The Cow on a regular basis to celebrate special occasions and anniversaries. The Cow's authentic atmosphere and spectacular food is second to none. Over the years we introduced The Cow to many friends, some became regulars, whilst some visit on special occasions like us but all are always amazed with the food, service and ambience.

I would like to stress that we have never witnessed anything that would spoil our visit to The Cow. As parents of young children we choose very carefully where we go out. It's important that we feel safe both inside the venue as well as in the neighbourhood. As an old establishment they clearly know how to keep their guests happy and are working hard behind the scenes to do so. We always feel looked after and it's clear that customers are their top priority. We feel that The Cow is a true land mark in Notting Hill and we can't imagine the neighbourhood without it. We always meet the most amazing people there, from famous celebrities to casual local artists. How many places like this still exist in London? Where both ends of the social ladder can meet and enjoy their evening? Without any question there aren't many of these left and as a London Council you should understand the importance of keeping it safe. The Cow has been there for 26 years and has a special place in people's hearts. We are not looking for much more at this moment than to having another anniversary dinner post lockdown. The Cow is the only place for it. Its been the most depressing year. Please save The Cow.

Your sincerely,

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the The Cow. We have been customers since shortly after it opened in 1995. Living and working locally it has been a constant in our lives - a timeless space of safe and inclusive social interaction where it matters more how you behave than who you are.

We understand that this review is being undertaken following a lack of judgement at the beginning of lockdown. Although we do not support this breach of the law and fully understand reasonable measures to address the misdemeanour, we very much hope that you will consider a fine punishment enough without the threat to the longevity of one of the few remaining true pubs in our area and perhaps in London. The Cow has maintained a British tradition that is continuously being threatened. It is a tradition that should be supported and celebrated. It is somewhere to be together which, as we come out of a year of this pandemic and social distance, will be even more valuable and necessary for the well-being of all in our community.

Please, don't threatened The Cow with closure. We need it more now than ever.

Yours faithfully,

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to voice my concern over the threat to the future trading of The Cow pub at 89 Westbourne Park Rd. I have been going to this pub for the last 20 years and have never, not once in all those years experienced anything untoward in this establishment. I've never had a negative experience at The Cow. The great food and the great local clientele has always been the attraction for me and I don't even live local. I live in south London but always visit at least once a month and its been nothing but a joy. It would be a great shame to lose this place. It would be an act of great folly and it would rip the heart out of the local community. We should be preserving great pubs like The Cow. Please get this right.

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Hello

I'm writing in support of The Cow. I've lived in Bayswater for 16 years now. I love going to The Cow. The



food and ambience is great - and always a smiling face behind the bar. Its a good place to go with friends, or even by yourself, as you often will meet interesting people. I go for the seafood and a Guinness. Its relaxed, not pretentious, and just generally a neighbourhood, and London-wide institution. I hope to be going for many more years.

Regards  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,  
I have been living in the Cow's neighbourhood for almost 6 years now, it's been the place where I would celebrate my birthdays, take friends from abroad to - knowing how much they would enjoy it and knowing that we would always take good memories with us, take friends from London to - for one of them and myself it's our number one meeting place and we have spent many nights, updating each other on our lives, shed a tear, laughed. Some of my most treasured dates happened at the Cow.... And I've enjoyed their great food whenever I wasn't in the mood for cooking or wanted to treat myself. I don't know any other pub in our or any other community, that is as personable. I would come back from months working abroad, stepping through the door and be greeted by Petro and the staff, like I've never been away...  
I don't think I need to tell you how much of an unrepairable loss the closure of the cow would be, not only in times like we are currently going through (it's a light at the end of the tunnel to looking forward to my first visit back!), but any other time! The cow to me is one of the best things about Notting Hill, I have never witnessed any crimes, disorder or similar - much more to the contrary had always been gently shown the door at 11.00pm by Petro, no matter how much we'd beg him for another drink.

Don't destroy this gem!  
Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

I have been a patron since I was living in short-life housing on [REDACTED], then as a single first-time buyer on [REDACTED], as a courting couple from [REDACTED], as a footballer supporter for crucial games, and as a family for Sunday lunches in the following years. I now live in [REDACTED], but still think of The Cow as my local. My friends all still eat and drink there, my student children meet their friends there, my sister and husband always have their Wedding anniversary supper in the dining room upstairs, and I can guarantee to know at least five or six people whenever I visit. This is a rarity in London. A genuine social hub that inspires the loyalty and appreciation of its customers.

I have never felt unsafe or at risk at The Cow, either during the Carnival when that corner is a refuge, nor during the last twelve months of the pandemic. These have been devastating times for the hospitality industry and we should cherish institutions such as The Cow and support their courage and appetite for reopening in a time of the greatest adversity. Otherwise all our pubs will become bland chains. This establishment was a leader of the gastro-pub revolution twenty-five years ago, introducing innovative bar and restaurant menus of sourced British food and spectacular seafood. If I want a visitor to experience a typical English pub, one that I can be proud of, where the value of good food, good drinks and good company in a relaxed and friendly environment actually works, The Cow is it. Customers are connoisseurs, not drunks. Inviting a Japanese client for a pint of Guinness with a pint of prawns or a platter of oysters has a reassuring sincerity, level of quality and is part of our heritage. It is simply impossible to imagine that corner of our village without The Cow. Please listen to the community who cherish it.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council Licensing,

I was shocked to hear that the Cow's license was even under review. Going to the Cow is an integral part of

being at home with my family. I have been going there my whole life. I have never had a bad experience at the Cow. Everyone is very kind and respectful whatever time of day you go. I live right around the corner and have never heard, or seen, any misconduct.

The Cow means a great deal to me. It was the place my Dad and I would go to whenever I was back visiting. He was a seafood fanatic. We would get two pints, share a pint of prawns and catch up on life. These are dear, dear memories. Today marks a year since my Dad died. I still haven't been able to go back to the Cow, get our traditional pint of prawns, and tell him what life has been like without him. To have lost him is unbearable. To lose the Cow, before even getting to pay my respects to my father, feels unjust.

Please reconsider.

Regards,

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom this may concern,

This email is to back the future of The Cow pub in Notting Hill staying open.

I have been eating lovely food and drinking delicious wine at The Cow for 20 years and have never witnessed - experienced any bad behaviour or ruckus. It would be such a shame -disaster to see this amazing establishment close its doors to so many many regulars.

Thank you,

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam

I write in reference to the above premises.

I was shocked to learn that the license for The Cow was not to be renewed and it may cease to exist. I have been eating and drinking regularly at The Cow since it opened in 1995, even celebrating my 30th Birthday there in its opening year. In all this time I have never witnessed or experienced any adverse situations, on the contrary all my visits have been positive. I have lived and worked in Westminster most of my adult life and The Cow is the closest thing to a 'local' I have.

It would be beyond shameful if the council put a halt to such a unique establishment that is a positive to the local area, a simple pub that is known the world over for its excellent atmosphere and great food.

I live just off Westbourne Grove and the many generic take away establishments that proliferate in the area surely demand more attention, with the large amount of litter, parking chaos and rule breaking delivery drivers they generate. On a side, I live behind Whiteleys and have witnessed the destruction of a listed building that has caused plenty of pain to the local residents, sanctioned by the council, is this the general path we are going down?

I urge the council to not terminate The Cow, the loss to our area and community will be great, surely this is the time to preserve and work with established institutions, not destroy them.

Best regards

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council

Ref: The Cow License

I am writing to pledge support for The Cow's license. It is an iconic establishment that is a mainstay of the Notting Hill community. It has an inclusive community welcoming feel and an excellent kitchen and bar.

To consider revoking its license during a global pandemic seem unnecessarily cruel as it supports jobs in the bar and restaurant. Local residents are the main customers and I know so many people who will feel an utter

loss were it to close.

I have been going to The Cow for over 10 years and never once witnessed a disturbance of any kind there.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

I am sad to hear that you are reviewing the license of The COW pub, Bayswater / Notting Hill, especially since they've had a years of trade in question and as someone who lives on The Finborough Road Chelsea and travels to The Cow and The Westbourne as a regular, but when out of London, in Birmingham, would do the same as a "go to" experience for Notting Hill and a relaxed friendly inviting atmosphere which is more and more becoming a rarity in the bland corporate offerings of "global" London, I find this all very strange.

See above - friendly and welcoming, great music often harking back to The Clash and reggae which is quintessential old Notting Hill and a historic reminder of good open vibes; it also has a historic saloon look which with so many closures needs to be protected. Ian Wright walks in for a beer ... Tom Cruise and Beckham ... if they are relaxed and enjoy the atmosphere, how on earth could this not be sacred and protected? The staff are all fun and friendly and even during Carnival they manage the seemingly outside carnage by monitoring inflow. Never had an issue in the venue in or outside - always good times which should be protected as this is very much a Notting Hill : fashion meets music meets relaxed local hang out not to mention the quality of the product : food and beers, but is well run and should be absolutely protected. I've met French Brazilians musicians and footballers there, its a top gathering point without pretension and that cannot be replicated

It means a welcoming cosmopolitan pub full of friendly good time vibes and quintessential old school Notting Hill - where internationals can hang out with locals and all mix with no attitude whatsoever, great service, good vibes a real community hang out - which if lost will ruin the entire character of that corner, which runs from the Westbourne to The Oak, where old and young mix in a civil fun atmosphere.

[REDACTED]

**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

To all,

A note on how much The Cow Dining rooms means to us.

Drinking and eating at The Cow is like a big family home, when we want local comfort to soothe our souls it is the first and only place on the list. When we need a fun night out in our local it always delivers. The atmosphere is always outstanding. We have spent many a Sunday afternoon into evening, sitting in the corner and playing that jukebox. When I walk in the barman knows what beer to pour me, always expertly done.

We have never had any problems with crime or antisocial behaviour. It is always a tonic just walking up to the doors in anticipation of our first drink and discussing whether we order the chicken Kiev, again. Sitting or standing outside trying to catch the last sliver of sun on our faces.

To hear discussion of closing down is the worst of news in such a delicate time. We cannot wait to frequent this most local of local pubs again.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you today concerning the review of The Cow's licence, and why it would be a complete injustice to take it away. I myself, am both a member of staff employed by The Cow, and a proud patron of the Pub, and therefore have a strong insight what an asset it is for the neighbourhood and community.

*The Cow hired me soon after the first lockdown, when most places were refusing to take on anymore staff, and provided me with the financial stability I needed at a time where this was looking impossible to find. More than just financial stability however, it gave me the training and support to help me develop my skills and to better myself as a person as a direct result of working in such a warm and loving environment. Taking away the licence would be taking jobs away from myself and the family of staff at the Cow during a time of uncertainty and instability, when people need them most.*

*Furthermore, as a member of staff, I have personally never experienced or witnessed any crime or safety issues whatsoever during my time there. I truly feel that The Cow is an invaluable piece of the Notting Hill and Westminster community, and by taking it away, you would be creating much more problems than you would be solving, for example, the loss of jobs, and sense of community that is so lacking in our difficult times right now.*

*As a customer, I can hardly imagine the community without The Cow, and as an employee, I truly fear what will happen as a result of losing the income and support that The Cow provides me with, at such challenging times.*

*Sincerely,*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*As a local resident and customer of this gastropub who has enjoyed dining there, I am writing to say that, though it is as busy as many other popular London pubs, I have never seen rowdy, aggressive or illegal behaviour there.*

*The clientele are diverse and come from all walks of life.*

*It is not a venue where I have encountered street drugs or those who use them.*

*I do hope the Cow can be permitted to continue as it is- a well run, successful pub and restaurant, and a landmark amenity for the local community.*

*Yours sincerely*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*I would take dates there or meet friendly people at random - one of few places I'd actually just go on my own knowing the staff and the locals will be fine and enjoy Notting Hill.*

*Food is fantastic - its a local flagship whilst other places have actually dropped in standard. Staff are all a closed knit grouping and it works in tandem with the Westbourne in bringing the best internationals out ... French is a near second language in and around. What is good enough for the French should surely be good enough for and protected by Westminster council.*

*Zero and I've been there on the last two carnivals. The place brings out the best in people. Again why would Ian Wright walk in during a pandemic reopening if he knew he wouldn't be hassled ... its not a trouble spot because people respect the venue and the crowd and I know because I have also run music events - see [www.musiclifepromo.com](http://www.musiclifepromo.com) there's venues in and around Chelsea open until 4am with no CCTV cameras, whilst this place is fine and I've been there enough as my bank statements will testify to confirm this. I'd say I've been a frequent patron from 2018 - so that's a decent testimony to not seeing anything : only brings interesting and civil characters to the street and adds to the area which is meant to be fun and international.*

*I genuinely hope as a business man who works in the City who meets internationals including locally to that area and have used The Cow as such a meeting place, for a more relaxed Guinness, that this place is untroubled because it does look suspicious timing wise, and location, if developments are needed please look across the road and leave this magnificent pub untouched, lord knows we will lose enough shortly. Also it is Welsh ... please respect a traditional venue in west London with links outside of London especially if you want London to remain a welcoming hub for internationals and free thinkers.*

*Many thanks,*

**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir or Madam.

We are deeply concerned about the news you are reviewing the license of our favourite London pub The Cow.

The Cow was an essential part of our life when we lived in London 2013-2018. It will also be one of the first places for us to visit once it is possible to travel to the UK. My wife is [REDACTED], and I am [REDACTED]. We both experienced excellent customer service at The Cow. It was always a pleasure to visit there.

We are worried that in institutions like The Cow disappear. We have seen often bigger chains occupying traditional places.

My wife is waiting to have a nice glass of white wine and a pint of shrimps next time we visit at The Cow. I am waiting for a regular pint and the always so delicious fish of the day. We are already planning to visit there with my [REDACTED]

We ask you to respect this dream. The current times are sad enough. We have received bad news from left and right since the early 2020. And we ask kindly for you to not cancel The Cow's license.

With best regards,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

Westminster Licensing have issued a review of the Cow's Premise license on the grounds of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

I would like to place on record the following; that I have lived in many areas of London, from [REDACTED] and I have regularly gone to the Cow since its inception. It is a neighbourly, friendly, warm Pub that looks after its locals and many first comers. I have regularly met people from South Africa, LA, NYC, Iceland who have been told to go to the Cow because of its perfect food, atmosphere and it is the perfect London pub.

To consider taking the licence away is a shocking indictment, in my view, of an increasingly poorly run council. In 20 years of dropping by the Cow I have never seen any violence, any raised voices and no disagreement and you should be championing this pub not condoning it. It is considered a gem. One of the really special places in London and you want to close it down.

I would kindly urge you to reconsider this.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Council,

Having lived in Notting Hill for over 15 years between us, the Cow has been a favourite neighbourhood restaurant and pub for my wife and I. Beyond the comfort of friendships built with just about everyone that works there, the incredible food and the extremely unique atmosphere, the Cow is very special to us. It is not only where we met but also where we have celebrated countless birthdays, special occasions and outings with our friends. The Cow brings together locals and destination diners alike.

*With our neighbourhood becoming a place that seemingly only chain restaurants and corporates can survive, having a truly high quality and legendary independent restaurant / pub is not only rare, but a huge asset to our community.*

*Further, in the years we have been going, we have not experienced a bad situation, incident or public disorder, or witnessed any breach of the law. In fact quite the opposite, as those who run The Cow take these matters seriously and have created an atmosphere that always feels safe.*

*We support the Cow fully and can't imagine living in Notting Hill without it, and thus strongly plead with the Council to renew their premises licence to keep a very special corner of our neighbourhood and community thriving. We would be happy to provide any further information if requested.*

*Yours sincerely,*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*I was troubled to hear that the Cow's licence is being reviewed on grounds of public nuisance, safety and prevention of crime and disorder.*

*It has been and I hope will continue to be one of the most special pubs in London. A wonderful combination of great food, warm cosy atmosphere and lovely staff make it the perfect sanctuary after a long day at work. I think it is worth stressing that in my years of patronage I have never noticed or experienced any issues of safety / crime and disorder.*

*I have met friends there and made friends there. After so long with little social contact we must value and protect places that allow human connections to flourish.*

*Please make the right decision*

*With best wishes*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 5 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*Westminster Licensing have issued a review of the Cow's Premise license on the grounds of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.*

*I would like to place on record the following; that [REDACTED]. I have regularly gone to the Cow since I have moved from California. It is a neighbourly, friendly, warm Pub that looks after its locals and many first comers. As a women I can go have a drink and the staff look after me, making me feel safe in a pub on my own. I have regularly met people from the USA, Iceland and Europe who have been told to go to the Cow because of its perfect food, atmosphere and it is the perfect London pub. And as we know there are fewer and fewer traditional London pubs, which is such a shame.*

*To consider taking the licence away is a shocking indictment, in my view, of an increasingly poorly run council. In 20 years of dropping by the Cow I have never seen any violence, any raised voices and no disagreement and you should be championing this pub not condoning it. It is considered a gem. One of the really special places in London and please don't close it down.*

*I would kindly urge you to reconsider this.*

Received: 5 Mar 2021 by Neighbour  
**OBJECTION**

Good Morning,

I am writing to you today on behalf of The Cow Pub (W2 5QH), which is currently under review.

I can reliably and firmly state that The Cow is an asset to both the area and the community. I have never witnessed The Cow to be a 'public nuisance', a threat to 'public safety', or a location of 'crime and disorder'.

The last 18 months have been incredibly difficult for everyone, but especially the hospitality sector. This is not the time to revoke licenses or prevent the reopening of businesses. This is the time to support local businesses and protect the assets which make our community vibrant and diverse.

I hope that this matter is resolved in a way that puts the community, and its businesses, first!

Best wishes,

Received: 4 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs

I am writing to you in regards to the licence review for The Cow.

I am so surprised and very saddened to learn that The Cow's licence is even under review. The Cow is an asset to both the local community and to London as a whole. It is the perfect London pub, offering brilliant food, atmosphere and fun times. We frequently go with friends and family, and without a doubt it is my favourite pub in London. It is top of the list for my recommendations.

The Cow means so much to us that when my husband and I got married at Chelsea Town Hall, we went straight to the Cow after to celebrate (see photo attached). We wanted to be at the Cow for our special day, and we cannot wait for lockdown to be over to take our new baby to the Cow - and introduce him to oysters!

We have been going to the Cow for years, and have never experienced crime and disorder, or any nuisance or safety issues of any kind.

I implore you to renew the licence for The Cow. If it is lost it will be a travesty for all who visit it already and all those people that are lucky enough to discover it soon.

Very best

Received: 5 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

Westminster Licensing have issued a review of the Cow's Premise license on the grounds of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

I would like to place on record the following; that I have lived in many areas of London, from Chelsea to Maida Vale now Shepherd's Bush and I have regularly gone to the Cow since its inception. It is a neighbourly, friendly, warm Pub that looks after its locals and many first comers. I have regularly met people from France, LA, NYC, Italy who have been told to go to the Cow because of its perfect food, atmosphere and it is the perfect London pub.

*To consider taking the licence away is a shocking indictment, in my view, of an increasingly poorly run council. In 20 years of dropping by the Cow I have never seen any violence, any raised voices and no disagreement and you should be championing this pub not condoning it. It is considered a gem. One of the really special places in London and you want to close it down.*

*I would kindly urge you to reconsider this.*

Yours  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 5 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Hi,

*I am writing in regards to the review of the cow's licencing and want to express my support for them staying open and fully licenced. I moved to London in 2010 and have visited the cow regularly since then. I live closeby in Notting Hill and have only experienced a positive impact on the community, with a sense of community and glad spirit there.*

*I have also never experienced, or heard stories from friends, who have experienced any crimes, public nuisance or had any safety issues when visiting the cow.*

*It would be a loss to the neighbourhood to lose an amazing fish restaurant, iconic pub and place that people go from all over London to visit.*

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 5 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

*I feel obligated to do my bit in support of my favourite pub in London, the Cow.*

*I work in the local area so know how much it means to many of the local residents including myself. There are very few pubs that bring the same atmosphere, local spirit and not to mention the fabulous quality of food!*

*The Cow is such an important place for so many locals and would be devastating for so many if it would be forced to close. I have never experienced any crime, anti social behaviour or unpleasantness in all the times I've been, just a very pleasant and harmonious atmosphere.*

*In short if the Cow was forced to close then the area would be a much poorer place for it.*

*I really hope that common sense will prevail and this doesn't happen!*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 5 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

To Whom it may concern,

*Westminster Licensing have issued a review of the Cow's Premise license on the grounds of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.*

*I would like to place on record the following: I lived within walking distance to the Cow from the day it opened until recently, at various addresses in the area, and during that time, was a regular. I still go to The Cow each and every time I go back to London and find it as well run, full of friendly faces and safe as it always was. It's a*



stalwart hub in the community and in all the years of going there I was never aware of any crime, disorder or excessive noise.

Please do not close this wonderful pub. It is important to so, so many people, both from Westminster and the rest of the world.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
**Received: 5 Mar 2021 by Neighbour  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

My father always had some good advise and one of them was: when buying a home find a decent pub, draw a circle round it and choose a home within that circle....so what did I do? I discovered The Cow some 25 years ago and now luckily live within throwing distance of it. Not only is it a bloody good pub, but not once have I been disturbed by noise or any threatening behaviour. My kids have used Nogs as their local sweetshop for as long as they can remember and I have always felt most comfortable for them to wander there themselves. The staff are utterly charming and always wishing me a good day. If Westminster were to close The Cow, they would be shutting down an establishment. The Cow is Nottinghill!!

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
**Received: 5 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

Westminster Licensing have issued a review of the Cow's Premise license on the grounds of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

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To consider taking the licence away is a shocking indictment, in my view, of an increasingly poorly run council. In 20 years of dropping by the Cow I have never seen any violence, any raised voices and no disagreement and you should be championing this pub not condoning it. It is considered a gem. One of the really special places in London and you want to close it down.

I would kindly urge you to reconsider this.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
**Received: 5 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

Review of the Cow's Premises Licence  
Ref: 21/00981/LERVP

I have lived in [REDACTED] for 45 years and have enjoyed The Cow pub/restaurant on Westbourne Park Road since it opened. I am unaware of any reason why its licence should not be renewed.

It is a much loved and well used local hub. The food is excellent and their delivery option during the pandemic has been very welcome.

yours sincerely

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 5 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*What appalling news that you are thinking of closing The Cow.*

*Anybody who has spent time there will wish The Cow a long life pleasing customers far into the future.*

*Why not do something great by doing absolutely nothing to destroy The Cow.*

[REDACTED]  
• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 5 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*Westminster Licensing have issued a review of the Cow's Premise license on the grounds of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.*

*I would like to place on record the following; that I have lived in many areas of London, from [REDACTED] and I have regularly gone to the Cow since its inception. It is a neighbourly, friendly, warm Pub that looks after its locals and many first comers. I have regularly met people from South Africa, LA, NYC, Iceland who have been told to go to the Cow because of it's perfect food, atmosphere and it is the perfect London pub.*

*To consider taking the licence away is a shocking indictment, in my view, of an increasingly poorly run council. In 20 years of dropping by the Cow I have never seen any violence, any raised voices and no disagreement and you should be championing this pub not condoning it. It is considered a gem. One of the really special places in London and you want to close it down.*

*I would kindly urge you to reconsider this.*

*Yours*  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 5 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*To whom this may concern*

**RE: REVISION OF LICENCE FOR THE COW SALOON BAR & DINING ROOM**

*I was personally shocked to receive notice that the The Cow's licence could be under potential evaluation as an establishment.*

*The Cow is everything one could ever hope for as a restaurant and a drinking environment. Wonderful food served with heart and hospitality.*

*The Cow has a place in the hearts of many locals as it has become such a firm fixture. In today's corporate and indistinguishable branded environments, places like The Cow, who often operate against the economic odds, where they can be outbid by Corporate entities on rents etc - are a total godsend.*

*It is an asset to the neighbourhood. in terms of cultural quality, genuine community and a heartfelt, longstanding commitment by its founder and team to deliver a consistent, quality Food and Beverage service.*



*The pub has an amazing collection of washed up types well past their prime, trust fund kids with too much time on their hands, hipsters looking for the next new thing, locals who want to drink in peace, regulars who want to have a drink and chills and those who turned left at Great Western Road instead of right whilst looking for Notting Hill Road (Those newbies will forever continue to make that mistake and become for ever regulars). This is a community where every one comes together, no matter who you are or where you come from. When you walk into the pub you are Matt just a customs who is welcomed with a smile and a happy how are you!*

*This is my go to pub because I can get a good seat, I do not feel unwelcome and it is a pub run with high standards and integrity. It is not a cheap pub to drink at nor eat at by local standards, but I would rather pay a premium for safety, security and knowing I am having a great time.*

*So hopefully you will see sense and renew the license. And maybe after you do, pop down, have a drink and you will see why my partner, myself and everyone else picks the cow time and time again over so many other offerings in the neighbourhood.*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 6 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir or Madam,*

*Re: Westminster City Council - License Review - Reference Number: 21/00981/LIREVP*

*I am writing to you regarding The Cow Pub and Dining Rooms in Notting Hill. When I moved to the area I became a local, loved it so got a job and worked here throughout 2019, and then returned to being a local again.*

*I loved my time working here, and loved all my locals too.*

*A real mixed bunch of rich and poor, posh to "rough around the edges". The odd celeb from time to time. I've never experienced any problems there as a customer or as a member of staff, except sometimes for demanding and entitled customers but that is the same for any hospitality job!*

*It would be a huge shame to lose The Cow and a great loss to the area.*

*It is quite honestly one of the best pubs I've ever been to. One of the few where you can arrive alone and always find someone to talk to. A real sense of community here, and I often wander down alone for a pint of Guinness. I have made great friends there.*

*Portobello Road and the surrounding area is known and loved for its amazing local and independent cafes and restaurants.*

*It is so sad to see them going one by one.*

*Will people continue to visit just for a Starbucks coffee or a Five Guys burger that they can get literally everywhere in London?*

*I certainly wouldn't..*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 6 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*The Cow brings in all sorts.. class and race aren't an issue here. The upstairs dining I admit is more "posh". Downstairs feels like an Irish Pub, upstairs feels like a French Restaurant. The food is amazing. The Guinness is the best in London. Petro takes time to clean the pipes every Wednesday. People think Notting Hill, they think The Cow.*

*The area is losing its charm and its magic. Everywhere is closing down and being replaced by chain after chain. We lost Santo, Mau Mau, Babajani, to name a few..*

*I'm sure more will struggle to stay alive due to the pandemic on top of high rent prices already.*

*Please don't add the Cow to that list! It is so special to so many people.*

*Thank you so much for taking the time to read this, it is much appreciated.*

*I'm sure you will be receiving many letters like this simply because the Cow is so much more than just a pub to many, many people.*

Best wishes,

Received: 6 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,  
I am writing to you to share my thoughts about The Cow pub (89 Westbourne Park Rd, London W2 5QH)  
Excuse the rambling but i promise it will make sense in the end.....

I was born in Paddington and grew up between [REDACTED]  
After moving out of London in my teens and only returning when i was able to by my flat in Westbourne Park i was so grateful to have found The Cow.

It reminds me of a London i thought had been lost, the ones you see in movies and people say, "nah it's not really like that any more", "it's too gentrified now, you don't get any real characters" etc...

People of every demographic frequent The Cow to chat, hang out, catch up and relax. A place for the locals, a place of our own, not a franchise, as place that has heart.

It's full of life and laughter and AMAZING food! - This, if you have eaten in any "gastropub" in recent years is a real asset not to be under valued.

The Cow is somewhere i will head to on a rainy Sunday afternoon when i can't be bothered to cook, or a mid week lunch with my dad (who is probably more opinionated about food than he is politics).  
My partner and i stop in for a glass of wine or a pint of (the best) Guinness when we've had a tough day at work, my boyfriend desperate to make the bar man Pietro his friend.

Received: 6 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

It is a shining beacon in the community, not one who's importance should be underestimated.

We are currently in the process of moving to [REDACTED] and as well as the fact that our new place remains a sub 20minute walk to my best friend and godchildren, it is also a swift 27 minute walk to The Cow. Isn't this what community is about? Having these places that mean something to you, places that bring people together, where you can recall that insane fregola di mare you shared with your old man or the chicken kiev your cousin had to take home in a doggie bag because she underestimated the portion size.  
That story of the funny couple you sat next to who quickly became your friends and that summer you ate oysters and drank wine with friends out front in the summer sun.

It's one of those places you hate to brag about incase it gets too over crowded and you can't nab a seat at the back for dinner!

I walk in and feel like i'm so lucky this is my neighbourhood. I can no stress enough that we have never experienced any crime or disorder - even when the football is on! - which in London really is something. I doubt you'll hear anything but love from it's patrons and all i can say is long may she reign!

Kind Regards,

Received: 7 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

I have visited The Cow many times and enjoyed fine dining and good service there .

I assume someone has moved in next door to the Pub and raised some sort of complaint.

On my visits to the Pub there has never been any excessive noise , just conversation and laughter.

*I would like to object to a true community asset being put in danger of closure.*

Sincerely

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 7 Mar 2021 by Neighbour  
OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

*I like sitting outside The Cow. It's an enticing and interesting world that goes by these days and the company I find sitting around me is convivial and relaxing. I write as someone who has lived in the area for over fifty years.*

*I am not a pub goer, but I have found myself invited to meet up with friends old and young at The Cow and have been very happy to do so. Many are from the area, but quite a few are from abroad, who have had the pub recommended by friends. The Cow appears to be part of the London experience for visitors in the feature film industry, but it's also a port of call for quite elderly people from the countryside.*

*I have, I suppose, found The Cow to be more like a café than a pub, which is why I like it. There aren't people around bent on drinking themselves into oblivion, but very pleasant folks seemingly having agreeable conversations, which show no signs of being driven by alcohol.*

*The restaurant upstairs is also a very welcome addition to the neighbourhood. I guess I've been there around twenty times and it's always been a delightful experience in terms of food and ambience.*

*In the circumstances, I should stress the obvious; I have never witnessed any rowdiness or bad behaviour at the cow, which is also often on my route home whether walking or driving late at night.*

*I hope this email is of assistance in your deliberations.*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 7 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs

*I am writing in support of renewing the licence for The Cow public house, with premises on Westbourne Park Road.*

*As a resident of the borough I have been lucky enough to be a regular patron of The Cow since it opened 25 years ago and all this time I have not experienced crime nor disorder of any kind. I have also not found any nuisance nor safety issues whilst visiting.*

*Further I believe the Cow to be an asset to the community with regular celebrations of all the key celebrations of faith - Easter, Christmas, Shabbat and even evening Ramadan - as well as the national days of St George, St David, St Andrew and St Patricks day, where culture identity is encouraged and celebrated.*

*I strongly support the licence application as without the Cow the area will lose an important cultural, social and community minded establishment, leaving the borough even more bereft.*

Yours Sincerely

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 5 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

number: 21/00981/LIREVP

*This amazing establishment as known as the COW is a social landmark for Notting Hill as much as the Westbourne opposite these two pillars in the society of social etiquette and normality are like the carnival like the Westway and other landmarks that make up the rich tapestry that is this corner of Westminster.*

*I'm hoping that the renewal isn't really in any questions as it would be more than a travesty if the very council that benefits from these now far and few establishments that give Westminster any credibility in the first place for granting a license to the great people like Mr Tom Conrad who took something tired and expired and used the great late architect Michael Merhemitch to design his amazing establishment and has over the years reworked it to change through some very hard times for restaurants pubs by helping the community celebrate marriages, births and many awake in this fine place as much as I fed my own son from a baby to a boy here, I'm hoping this is surely a mere formality that one must do before re-issuing any license as to not issue it would be quite unbelievable.*

Your sincerely and hopefully have a drink with you soon [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 5 Mar 2021 by Neighbour  
OBJECTION**

*I am a frequent visitor to the cow, and have always found it to be a friendly, hospitable local pub, unlike a lot of the pubs in the area what are no more that heartless tourists attractions serving, traditional fish and chips ! This is a real local pub frequented by locals, never have I seen any trouble, community pubs like this are an important melting pot, as a local I'm proud to bring my family here, this pub is as much a part of Notting hill as is the carnival.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 5 Mar 2021 by Neighbour  
OBJECTION**

To whoever it may concern,

*I am writing to support The Cow in its license application.*

*I cannot understand why The Cow would be a public nuisance. I have never experienced any safety issues whilst visiting The Cow nor any crime and disorder.*

*The Cow is a local institution, and welcomes all people from the area. It's important to keep older establishments like The Cow rather than opening up constant carbon copies of uninspiring, bland pubs and restaurants. It's a friendly, welcoming and integral part to the local area.*

*Let them stay! We will be the first in when the doors are open.*

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 6 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

*I'm writing in regards to matter 21/00981/LIREVP regarding the licence of The Cow pub in Notting Hill.*

*I used to live opposite the pub - you could barely live closer and had no disturbances, particularly given that the pub is mostly behind closed door and the clientele know how to behave.*

*I'm really shocked that this review has come about as I have never had any issues with The Cow (compared to*

other establishments in the area).

Further, I have never experienced any safety or other anti-social behaviour whilst attending the pub - even after I moved out of Notting Hill.

In fact, one evening I accidentally left my laptop in the pub and returned the next day to collect it. The staff had kept it secure for me so no one had taken it. There are very few places in London where this would happen.

Having moved out of London, The Cow is still a place I visit (when we're allowed/post Covid restrictions) and feel safe. There are very places like The Cow and I really do hope that it remains as an iconic establishment in Notting Hill.

Received: 6 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

I am writing in regard to the upcoming review of the licence of the The Cow public house on Westbourne Park Road.

#### BACKGROUND

I have been a living at the same address [REDACTED], and have been paying City of Westminster Council Tax since the autumn of 1990.

When I first moved in, the stretch of [REDACTED] was a working 'strip' for prostitutes. There were at any time of day or night anything between a dozen and twenty working girls plying their trade. Drug abuse was widespread and open - I would frequently find homemade crack pipes and syringes on my front door step and in my front garden. Nights were frequently disturbed by loud and violent altercations between the women, their pimps and their clients.

The previous licensed premises that have now become Caractere restaurant, The Oak, The Cow, and The Westbourne were effectively no-go areas to anyone with any sense of self-preservation, and were the focus of much of the violence and criminality that then prevailed.

Since the mid-1990s the area has become a much safer neighbourhood, in no small part down to the change of management of those four licensed premises, and others in the area.

While other licensed premises in the area have changed hands and managements over the last three decades, in some cases many times, The Cow has been under the same management for the last 26 years, and has during that time consistently provided the same high levels of service. Over those years, The Cow has become not only a valuable and treasured local institution at the heart of the community, but has become a destination for international visitors from all over the world.

A brief Google search reflects the many plaudits and excellent reviews that The Cow has received over the years: this is not a pub that threatens public safety or causes public nuisance or the threat of crime and disorder. I

#### PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

I have been going to The Cow regularly since it opened twenty six years ago. In contrast to its previous incarnation, it was, and remains, a safe and friendly environment, serving excellent food and run by a highly efficient and professional staff under the leadership of its owner Tom Conran.

At a conservative estimate, based on an average of at least a couple of visits a week, I have visited Cow some several thousand times. On no occasion have I ever witnessed any violent or unacceptably anti-social behaviour, and have never felt concerned for my for my own safety or for any other of its patrons, or the general public.

Of course, there have been times when individuals have become unruly, but on all such occasions the staff have dealt with the problem with the utmost courtesy and professionalism. Unacceptable behaviour is not tolerated by either the staff and management, or by the very many regular patrons.

It should be noted that there is a very low turnover of staff at the Cow - most of the staff, if not all, are full time employees of many years' standing, and are in my opinion the best that I have encountered in any licensed







• [REDACTED]  
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**OBJECTION**

*am writing in support of The Cow Pub. In the many years I have been a patron I have never seen anything untoward and have always found it to be an extremely friendly and well run place. We've all been through a lot in the last year and hopefully the end is in sight. It would be a punishment to the whole community to see this license revoked or changed in any way. I ask you for the Cow to be allowed to continue operating in its usual fashion.*

*Yours Sincerely,*  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 7 Mar 2021 by Neighbour**  
**OBJECTION**

*Dear Westminster City Council*

*As a longterm residents of [REDACTED] and patrons of The Cow since it opened 25 years ago, i fully support the renewal of their Premise Licence.*

*The Cow is an exceptionally well run and successful establishment with dependable and professional staff and managers. It has always been a safe and secure environment to be in and i have never experienced any of the issues that i understand are the grounds that this review is being sought under i.e. prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.*

*The Cow is a key community asset and a residential and public amenity within the area, playing an important role within the local community, both socially and economically, benefiting residents, local workers and visitors alike. It provides a meeting place, promotes cohesion and diversity and is of great social and community value in a part of London that is generally lacking in such things. The Cow is a local and indeed London wide institution and quantifiable cultural asset and the benefits it brings to the local area far outweigh any downsides.*

*If The Cow were not to have its License renewed it would jeopardise the viability of the business and there is a danger the pub might have to close, with the high probability that the premises would have a change of use from a pub. At a time when pubs are closing down at an alarming rate, resulting in irredeemable losses of important community assets and all the previously mentioned benefits that pubs can bring to a neighbourhood. it would be a crying shame if Westminster chose not to renew the licence of what is a successful and flourishing business, a rare thing in what is a very volatile industry at a time when most pubs are struggling to survive and that isn't even taking covid into consideration.*

*I fully support the renewal of The Cows Premise Licence and ask you to do the same.*

*Kind regards*  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
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**OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*As a customer of The Cow over the past few years, when I heard of the Westminster councils decision to review its premise license, I felt compelled to write of the importance The Cow bears not only to me, my friends and my family, but the wider and surrounding community.*

*The Cow has found itself becoming an institution famed for its welcoming, jovial atmosphere, great food and kind staff. The Cow itself was shown to me by my father and I, in turn, introduced it to my friends and so on. It has provided refuge for me and those I've known when down and out, it has provided company to my friends when they were new to the area and it has continuously shown itself to be a warm, welcoming place to anyone who so enters. Open to any, kind to all.*

*It is this magnetism that The Cow bears that is exactly the aura that has drawn patrons from across the world, not only to The Cow but to the wider area too. I have met those who have come from New Zealand to*

Hertfordshire just because they've heard of it, its great food and better times.

But now, I want to be clear in that in all my time there I have not once experienced or seen any crime committed there. This is a credit to the staff and security, namely Pedro and Michaela, who are stringent and strict on their rules and highly considerate of the local area, never allowing for loud behaviour or nuisances to erupt. They deal with said issues quickly and efficiently in order to de-escalate as carefully as possible. As they are thoughtful to their customers, they are too to their neighbours.

The essence of what I am trying to get across is that, The Cow does an unfathomable amount more good than it does bad. It is an institution of cultural, spiritual and inescapable importance. Too rid of it would be a regressive move. I plead with you to take this into consideration.

Kindest,

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 6 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Cow is an institution and provides sustenance for both the body and soul.

Eschewing the cookie cutter sameness of the many chain restaurants and pubs that litter our fair city, The Cow lends a uniquely vibrant dining and social experience for all that pass through it's doors.

The Cow has terrific food. Fresh British oysters and seafood and delicious classic hearty fare.  
The Cow pours the best Guinness outside of Dublin.

It has come to my attention that this fine establishment has come under review. I would implore Westminster council to maintain The Cow's license.

I had my first pint here 24 years ago. I have had memorable dates here with my future, now wife. I had my best friend's leaving drinks here when he went off to Shanghai for work. This is the first place I take visitors from out of town when I want to show them a proper British local non-touristic pub experience.

This place oozes with character, has a mixture of upscale clientele and everyone in between, and provides a friendly, warm, welcoming environment.

The staff are amazing, charming and know how to maintain a fun, yet civilised atmosphere.

I have never had one moment of ill will, or any bad experience at this one of a kind gem in the heart of Notting Hill.

Thank you for your time and I hope to visit again when London reopens after this awful Covid time.

Kind Regards,

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 6 Mar 2021 by Neighbour**

**OBJECTION**

am writing in connection with the City Council's review of The Cow's premises licence, and in support of The Cow, and the retention/renewal of their licence (as appropriate).

We have lived in [REDACTED] for the last 7 years, very close to both The Cow and The Westbourne.

As a close neighbour, I have reason to walk past the frontage of The Cow at all times of day and late into the evening. I have never felt unsafe, and we have never experienced any form of public nuisance resulting from patrons of the establishment, or any noise, cooking smells or other inconvenience. It is a very self contained, and responsibly run business which does not pose a risk to public safety in any way.



*In 20 years of dropping by the Cow I have never seen any violence, any raised voices and no disagreement and you should be championing this pub not condoning it. It is considered a gem. One of the really special places in London and you want to close it down.*

*I would kindly urge you to reconsider this.*

● [REDACTED]  
**Received: 7 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

*To Whom It May Concern*

*Good evening,*

*I recently heard Westminster Council is considering revoking the Cow's license.*

*My partner has already made representations to the Council, but I would like to add mine to the record as well.*

*I'm a very big fan of the Cow and I am extremely upset to hear that its future hangs in the balance like this.*

*It's a very special and distinctive place, with a great kitchen and atmosphere. Like my partner, I love going there for native oysters and Guinness. That is a very rare combination, and one that you would otherwise have to travel into central London for. I'm really grateful we have such an opportunity on our doorstep. The seafood at the Cow is first rate and very fresh (I've never once had any digestive issues, which can often be the case when eating seafood) and I am particularly grateful to the staff there who are very helpful when it comes to gluten free options and advice.*

*I was extremely surprised to hear the Cow is being investigated for disorder/crime or whatever it is exactly. I have never encountered anything of the sort when there, nor have I heard about any such things happening there, and I have been there many times and spoken to plenty of people who go there regularly (and rave about it).*

*I would therefore like my comments to be put on the record and I very much hope that the Cow's license will be renewed.*

*Thank you for taking the time to read this.*

*Yours faithfully,*

● [REDACTED]  
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**OBJECTION**

*I am writing in regard to hearing the distressing news that The Cow's licence is up for review.*

● [REDACTED]. *The anchor of our neighbourhood, when I think of Notting Hill, I think of The Cow. I definitely ask, what is Notting Hill without The Cow? And to me and many others, it would be a very different place.*

*We've watched the neighbourhood change a lot over the years, some good, some bad, but nothing has felt more stable, more British, more neighbourly, than the fine establishment that is The Cow.*

*The staff have been the same for as long as I can remember, and are all invested in the neighbourhood and the people in it- I worked with [REDACTED], one of their most long-standing members of staff- many years ago (2000) when Woody's restaurant/bar was a thing....it's been nice to still have him, probably one of the people I've known here the longest, behind the bar across the street for so long. In London many people (like me) don't have family, so those familiar faces, mean a lot. They have a lot to do, with why we live where we do.*

*I have been dreaming of a seafood platter on The Cow's front terrace - an afternoon in the sunshine, 'when this*

lifts' - which is a phrase we are all sick of, but at least now it's feeling more hopeful. I know I am not the only one, who has held such visions - an afternoon with friends at our favourite local spot- it's been our ray of hope! I really hope we get to make it happen.

The Cow gives life to this neighbourhood and does more for it - battling the chains and other whistle stop vendors that have come into the neighbourhood- than anywhere else in Notting Hill.

Please renew their license.

We need it!

Received: 7 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

When I first moved to [REDACTED] in 1998 (23 years ago), The Cow was the first pub I went into. More than a decade on, it remains head and shoulders above all others as the quintessential "local" - an integral part of the community and a valuable resource for local residents.

The pub is also key in bringing visitors to the area - particularly the less frequented end of Westbourne Park Road. It would be an act of huge folly to do anything other than renew the pub's licence for as long as possible.

Yours sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

Received: 7 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to you in relation to the review of the The Cow's Premises Licence.

As part of the review, I believe it is essential and fundamental to take into consideration how important The Cow is to the local community and its customers from all walks of life. I have been a patron for over ten years and I was a W2 resident until October last year. I can vouch for the friendly and professional service I have received at all times.

I have not had the opportunity to visit the pub since March last year. In the challenging times during the lockdown, the hope that I can return for a reunion with friends and staff once we are back to normal has kept me going. I know that many people in the local community feel the same.

Please can I encourage you to conclude the review, with any recommended changes to model operations, and allow The Cow to remain open.

Yours faithfully,  
[REDACTED]

Received: 7 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

Having been a resident in this area for the last 5-6 years at [REDACTED], The Cow has been the one place near me that I have been able to feel connected to the community. It brings people together in the community and positively builds relationships that the area is struggling to do in any other form.

I feel so strongly that without the cow there would be many steps back and the community would suffer in a way that people would not mix as they should. In plain terms Notting Hill and the surrounding are would divide even more. I feel it would be a strong decision to widen the gap between people who clearly want to get along and have that strong sense of the community which the Cow has always promoted.

Visiting the cow with friends and family for me is a regular occurrence to celebrate birthdays, family events or a casual Sunday dinner. In that time I have always been looked after and felt a great deal of care by the staff at all times. I have never had an occurrence of anything untoward during my visits. I would visit the cow at least 3-4





*is the only place for it. It's been the most depressing year and the idea of our favourite place closing down is hugely upsetting for us. Please save The Cow.*

*Your sincerely,*

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Licensing Committee -

*I understand that the licence of the Cow pub and restaurant is being formally reviewed following a complaint from a passing member of the public.*

*I wish to state for the record as a user of the Cow over the last 25 years and a local resident that I have never in all that time encountered any reckless, disrespectful, illegal or antisocial behaviour from customers or staff. The Cow is an important local amenity providing good food, polite service and a warm welcome. I frequently pass the Cow and have never encountered any disruptive behaviours from patrons outside. On the contrary, the Cow and its customers provide a colourful, lively and bright presence in the area which is very welcome.*

*The Cow is well run with efficient and friendly staff. It's been my observation that names and contact details are properly taken to enable track and trace to operate as required.*

*I look forward to being able to continue using the Cow and enjoying its vibrant contribution to the local community. It would be a travesty if yet another community meeting place was withdrawn because of ill informed accusations.*

*I hope that the Licensing Committee will support the community around the Cow, its owners, staff and patrons and continue to recognise and promote this valuable community asset.*

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

*I am writing to you as a long term resident as I understand Westminster Council are currently reviewing the Cow's licence.*

*I moved into the area in 1995 and first went to the Cow in 1997. I've been a customer since then. It's a 'true public house' - it's well run, friendly, serves good quality food and beverage and where people from all walks of life are welcome. It's a place where I feel comfortable meeting friends but also feel happy to take work colleagues and my parents, who are struck by its convivial atmosphere. Over the years it has earned a positive reputation that has spread throughout London and beyond.*

*In the time I've been going there I've very rarely seen the kind of bad behaviour often associated with popular pubs. I was there when it reopened on July 4 last year, the first day after lockdown. Although I didn't see it, I was aware that there had been a fight that night - notable because such incidents are so rare in the Cow! My understanding was that the fight was between young men, some of who had come over from the Westbourne pub across the road. Given it was the first day the pubs had been open in nearly four months it was perhaps not a surprise that such an incident took place.*

*The Cow is one of the last true pubs left in the area, making it a real asset of community value. A couple of years ago a well known local resident passed away - the Cow was the obvious place for his many friends to meet and console each other. It's the place of choice for many in the local community to gather at Christmas and on other special occasions.*

*I believe it would be a huge loss to the area should it be closed, so was saddened to hear its licence was under review. The events of last year have been unprecedented making communal spaces more important than ever. It's often said that the difference between Covid and the war/blitz - was that during the war pubs and schools remained open which helped foster community spirit.*

• [REDACTED]  
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**OBJECTION**

*Tom Conran and his team have managed to create a seductive balance of serving a high standard of delicious food (better than many eateries in area) while retaining the welcoming charm of an old London local pub. Countless bars and restaurants of the moment have come and gone in the area in the 26 years since The Cow opened, but it remains a welcoming popular constant.*

*I'm West London born & bred and been friends with Tom since we were teenagers. He knows the business he is in well. His passionate approach and quality control makes The Cow one of the few places that is a second generation go to venue for me and many friends I grew up with locally. The "Cheers" of two generations already. The place where I will not only bump into friends I've known all my life, but my my now grown up daughters' friends too.*

*Since it opened it has also been the meeting point for me and my friends during Notting Hill Carnival. The point I used to walk my girls into Carnival from on the family day when they were little. Roll on two decades when it got to my daughters going to the Carnival as teenagers, with me or with their friends, the safe haven and meeting place if any of us lost each was The Cow.*

*For us it's a family destination and an important part of the community.*

*I personally have never experienced crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow. We need our friendly locals more than ever as we come out of this lockdown, to connect with people and see our friends. Particularly after the isolation many have faced during covid.*

*The council should be supporting all hospitality businesses, bars, restaurants, pubs and trying to save the jobs of the people that work in them after the struggle they've faced during Covid. Not closing them down.*

*Thank you*

*Best wishes*  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*Dear Westminster City Council - I understand the Cow's premise license is now under review (21/00981/LIREVP).*

*I have lived in Notting Hill for 5 years and consider the Cow one of the great neighborhood institutions. It is welcoming to all, provides excellent food and service, and is an anchor for the community. To revoke its license would be foolhardy and detrimental to the fabric of our lives.*

*Frankly, one of the few things keeping many of us going during these difficult times is the idea that the Cow will reopen soon and we will see our neighbors there again.*

*Given the Herculean efforts the Cow's management has taken to support its staff and customers during Covid, to destroy its business at this critical moment would not just be economically devastating to many, but would demonstrate an obscene callousness by the Council that would not be soon forgotten by the people of Westminster.*

*I strongly urge you renew the Cow's license.*

*Sincerely yours,*  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*(This has also been submitted via the licensing portal)*

*Dear Licensing,*

*I write you in reference to reference number 21/00981/LIREVP for The Cow located at 89 Westbourne Park Road London W2 5QH.*

*Having regularly supported this venue for over 15 years, not once have I witnessed any ASB, public nuisance, or otherwise. On the contrary, The Cow is a pillar of the neighbourhood and is one of the reasons why I live within its vicinity.*

*The Cow is a much needed resource for locals to meet and socialise. It is Westminster Council's responsibility to ensure this Asset of Community Value is protected as it fosters and supports community inclusion.*

Thank you.

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

*Hi there - further to the review of the The Cow's licence, I would like to submit my full support for the pub, as it is by far the most exciting and diverse pubs in Notting Hill. It has a real sense of community. I have met people at the Cow who are not close friends. I think it would be a travesty for the community if The Cow was not allowed to continue its operations. It serves delicious food and is affordable.*

*We love the Cow and think it's fantastic. Please consider this email when making your decision.*

Kind regards

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

*It seems strange to be writing in defence of one of London's finest, and most iconic, pubs when, as we know, the hospitality industry has been driven to its knees over the past 12 months. Indeed, a recent review from CGA and AlixPartners reckoned that 12,000 pubs have had to close since December 2019.*

*So, to have the Cow now in the firing-line seems somewhat unreal.*

*At the risk of repeating myself, the Cow is a London landmark, and it's been my regular haunt since 1996, soon after it opened in its current format. During that time, I have never enjoyed anything other than superb experiences. Certainly, nothing untoward at any point, whether criminal, disorderly, or of a public nuisance.*

*And as for safety issues, I'm always struck by the broad spectrum of people who frequent 89 Westbourne Park Road - no one feels the slightest bit threatened. And that spread, of course, is the mark of a brilliant community pub, it welcomes all-comers.*

*When London needs every string to its bow in order to get back on its feet, post-pandemic, the thought that the Cow might not be part of (what could be a very difficult) recovery is unfathomable. My god, not only are us regulars going to need it, but when we eventually get tourists back into the city, places like the Cow are one of the many elements that make our metropolis such an attraction.*

Kind regards,

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Neighbour  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council

*I have visited the cow weekly for several years now, it is the best pub in London, always friendly staff, great food, never any behaviour that would cause concern or be out of control. Please extend their licence to trade, it is a diamond in the rough.*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

To Whom It May Concern;

Please please leave The Cow alone. It is the most wonderful pub and needs to be kept for all eternity.

The Cow is a place where I fell in love and out of love, and in love again and again. This is a place of merriment and joy and the last place that should be considered to be closed. Only good things have ever happened in The Cow. I have never experienced and nuisance, crime or disorder in my time in The Cow - only smiles and happiness. Long may that last.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

I understand that Westminster City Council have issued a review of the premises licence for The Cow. I am writing in support of The Cow.

I have lived in [REDACTED] for over 25 years and been a customer of The Cow for most of that time. It is my favourite pub and by far the best in the area, not only because of the fantastic team who work there but also the professional way in which it is run.

There is always a great atmosphere and I think it is quite unique in that it's the only pub where it's easy to get chatting to people in the bar - there's nowhere else in Notting Hill like that. People are very at ease there, it's very much a part of the local community and I have met some amazing and interesting people, many of whom have become friends. It's always my go to place for a good night out.

I would also feel totally comfortable and enjoy having a drink at the bar on my own - there aren't many bars I would say that about. The staff are super friendly and look after their customers brilliantly. I have never experienced any problems with safety, crime or anti-social behaviour.

It will be a massive loss to the area if The Cow's licence isn't renewed. I hope the views of local residents will be listened to.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**

**OBJECTION**

To Whom it may Concern:

I am writing in regards to the Cow Pub and Restaurant, located at: 89 Westbourne Park Road, London, W2 5QH. I am an American who visited London in the summer of 2019. The reason for my travel was to attend my daughter's college graduation from [REDACTED]. My sister and I arrived one week early in order to attend the Wimbledon championships. We were able to attend the Ladies Semifinals in person, but we visited The Cow Pub during the Men's Championship Finals and watched the match on their TV. We had so much fun! The camaraderie between the patrons and the staff made our experience feel like we were watching TV with extended family. We had so much fun that we came back at a later time with our whole family and had dinner upstairs. The attention to detail and the personal service was spectacular and much appreciated. The food was wonderful and we were so glad that we were able to experience this quaint Pub and Restaurant in both of their capacities.

I was very surprised to hear that The Cow is undergoing a review for crime, disorder, public nuisance and safety issues. During our visit we experienced none of those things and as a matter of fact, we felt like we were among family and felt very safe and welcome.

*In America, small restaurants are having a hard time keeping their business alive due to the coronavirus pandemic and all of the hardships it has presented to their business. I can't imagine a small business having to go through a review of this kind. I hope to visit London again and truly hope I will be able to visit The Cow — please don't close it down!*

● [REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

8.3.2021

Ref:21/00981/LIREVP

To Westminster Council

I am writing you this letter to oppose the review of the Cow Pub. I am incredibly saddened and disheartened to hear that the Cow Pub is under review. I am very disappointed in the council's decision to review the license.

The Cow is an particularly important part of the community's life, where people can come together in one of the very few iconic English pubs left.

I have been a regular at this establishment for over 15 years where I regularly come to eat the most amazing English cuisine and socialize with the other members of our community.

I have never in all the years that I have visited The Cow, experienced any crime or disorder, nor any sort of public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow. Quite the opposite, I find the owner of this establishment to be a remarkably conscientious Business owner.

I am appealing to you Westminster Council to save this very important part of the community life, their beloved pub, The Cow.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

FOA Westminster City Council's licence team,

*I am writing to support 'The Cow (89 WESTBOURNE PARK ROAD, LONDON, W2 5QH) in it's forthcoming licence review.*

*Community hubs, places to meet, and locations where we can regain our connection to each other are going to be very important in the coming months, and never more so in this instance.*

*A central part of the community around Westbourne Green and an employer of local residents, The Cow really embodies what it is to be part of the community as well as supporting and growing it.*

*Independent, well run, well managed and well respected pubs are few and far between, and it is essential we support the team at The Cow in their endeavours - especially after the brutally difficult year the hospitality industry has faced.*

*I urge you to grant the necessary licences to allow The Cow to trade, and to continue to support local businesses that are so important to very many people in the locale.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

*I am writing to show my support for The Cow in Notting Hill. The pub is an institution and one that I have frequented for the past 7 years, particularly since I moved to the Holland Park area 5 years ago.*

*I have been on first dates here, eaten delicious dinners, spent long sunny afternoons outside, time watching football and having lunch with friends and their children. Quite simply The Cow is there for every occasion, whether that be a quiet lunch or a fun evening of drinks with friends and meeting others from the local community. Yes, it can be boisterous; however that is why we love it and it has such a loyal clientele. The staff manage this atmosphere incredibly well, it feels fun and relaxed; however, within reasonable parameters and*

*the notion of feeling unsafe is not one that's ever crossed my mind.*

*It would be a real blow to lose The Cow and all the memories it holds for so many of us. As we look forward to brighter, freer days I very much hope that I will be able to raise a toast at The Cow again.*

*Please don't hesitate to be in touch if you would like any further comments.*

Kind regards,

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

Good afternoon,

*Please don't close The Cow, it is an institution within Notting Hill.*

Best wishes,

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

To whom this may concern,

*I find it completely and utterly absurd that Westminster council have begun proceeds to review The Cow's license under the prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.*

*and I spent several weekends (especially sundays) at the cow enjoying oysters and half a pint of Guinness with friends. The Cow is a staple of Notting Hill bringing in celebrities, foodies and friendly locals.*

*This year has been hard enough, we are losing so much within the hospitality industry, losing my old local would be devastating for not only myself as an ex local but for the entire community that the cow has brought together.*

*Myself and my friends have the fondest memories there and I'd LOVE to be able to return as soon as we are back to normal!!*

*Please please please don't shut down my favourite pub in London :(*

Kind regards,

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
**OBJECTION**

*I am e-mailing in support of renewal of The Cow pub licence.*

*I was saddened to hear that it is under threat. I have lived in west London for many years having moved south from and it has become somewhat of a local institution enjoyed by myself, family and friends on a regular basis .*

*I feel that without this pub, the community spirit of this small corner of London will be destroyed .*

*I am unaware of any issues with local noise levels or disturbance in the past that would negate the renewal of the licence.*

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs & Madams of the Council

*I was deeply saddened to learn of the proposed review of the licensing status of the beloved The Cow in Westbourne Grove.*

*Not only is this institution a bastion of the local community - that rarest of places which brings together people of all walks of life - but it is one of very few pubs in London which serves a proper Guinness as good as you can get in Dublin.*

*It is a place of much jollity and warmth - places with such heart cannot be created but are borne from the very soul of the people who frequent them. To revoke the licence is not simply removing one choice in the list of local hostelries, but depriving the community of something much deeper.*

*As a Brit with Irish roots, it was a moment of deep pride to take my daughter there for lunch on New Year's Eve in 2019 where she tucked into some soda bread and I enjoyed the home-made soup and a plate of perfect oysters (and of course a Guinness to wash them down). We were welcomed by the staff and other patrons with great warmth and made to feel part of this little community.*

*Finally, the hospitality industry has already suffered a series of devastating blows for the last 12 months as a result of COVID-19 restrictions, with all the uncertainty and financial hardship this brings upon proprietors and staff alike. To revoke the licence of this fine establishment on top of this only goes to cause further suffering to the individuals who rely on it as a source of income.*

*Please reconsider and listen to your constituents and SAVE THE COW!*

Best wishes

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Licensing Team,

*I am writing to support our local pub - The Cow at 89 Westbourne Park Road. The Cow is an essential part of our community offering the opportunity for people from all walks of life to come together and socialise. The pub exemplifies community spirit!*

*In all our visits to The Cow, my husband and I have never witnessed any issues with anti-social behaviour, public nuisance, crime and disorder, safety or disturbance of local neighbours. In fact, the staff go out of their way to make sure this doesn't happen and are very respectful of the fact that the pub is in a residential area. There is an outdoor area, but it is extremely well-controlled.*

*If The Cow were to close, it would be a huge loss to the local community. With pubs all over the country teetering on the brink of survival, we need to do all we can to support our local pub, and we hope the Council will understand how much The Cow has meant to our community for over 25 years.*

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

Reference: 21/00981/LIREVP

*I am writing in regards to the review of a premises license for The Cow, 89 Westbourne Park Road, W2 5QH.*

*I would like to make a representation relating to the Prevention of Public Nuisance.*

*In the letter that was sent to us it stated that the timings for late night refreshments were Monday- Saturday: 23:00 to 00:30 and Sunday: 23:00- 00:00 which are not in line with the Sale by Retail of Alcohol which is Monday- Saturday: 10:00 to 00:00 and Sunday: 12:00- 23:30. I would also like to mention that the pub does go over the time limit.*

*The music causes lots of disruption to children and working people as they are very loud and noisy and the music goes on until late which makes it difficult for people to sleep. This affects young people going to school due to the loud noise.*

*I also want to make a representation of Crime and disorder e.g. selling drugs just opposite the pub to pubs customers and our area's children. People gather around to sell drugs and are involved in fights. Our children and sick elderly people can't peacefully sleep and relax as a result of the noise.*

*We would appreciate our concerns being heard and action being taken.*

*I look forward to hearing from you.*

*Kind regards,*  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*  
[REDACTED]

*The Cow is part of our neighbourhood. It's part of the social fabric of the local community. It's truly one of the only places in the area where we find an incredible mix of people from all walks of life, ethnic backgrounds, young people, workers, pensioners, etc. We find the cow to be a very warm, inclusive and diverse environment where everyone respects each other. We have never witnessed or experienced any disorder or crime inside the pub, or even outside the pub.*

*At the Cow pub, we enjoy the occasional pint or, even better, a fantastic dinner after work during the week sometimes. The food is truly spectacular for a pub, we always try to congratulate Oscar, the black chef, who is the real hero of this place. He manages to deliver incredible quality dishes to customers, always in perfect fashion, in a very busy environment.*

[REDACTED] *I can say that we walk past the pub several times a week when going grocery shopping to the nearby shops on the road. So we can see people outside enjoying themselves with a pint and friends. Like any normal pub in London.*

*This is why we believe that we are well placed to give our opinion about this establishment in the context of its license being reviewed by the Council.*

*If the Cow ceases to exist, this will negatively impact the local community in addition to the huge damages already brought by the covid lockdowns to the local area. The minority-owned family shops nearby benefit from the crowd drained to the Cow from all parts of Notting Hill and London. Their sales will be impacted if the Cow no longer exists. These shops as well as the Cow pub constitute our neighbourhood, a fragile economic and social micro environment.*

*I hope Westminster Council will carefully assess and take into account the importance of the Cow pub for our local community.*

*Thank you for considering our view.*

*Best regards,*  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Hi there,*

*I am a resident living in Westminster [REDACTED] and The Cow is one of my local pubs. On*



*the occasions when I have stopped by, with friends for a drink or meal, I have only ever had a fantastic time. The pub has an abundance of character - a real London gem!  
Never have I been subject to, or indeed even noticed any instances of disorder, safety, public nuisance or crime while visiting this venue. I thus find it very surprising that a license review is underway on these grounds. I hope that your review is short, easy to complete, and one that affords an outcome which retains the current trading situation for The Cow intact.  
Looking forward to sipping a pint and ordering some Oysters once the pub reopens this spring. You are welcome to reach out if you have any questions.*

*Best regards,*

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

*Why do you believe The Cow is an asset?  
The Cow has been my local restaurant pub from before I moved to the area. I know I can go in and see someone I know either behind the bar or having a chat at the tables. The friendliness of strangers and new friends coming together I have not experienced in other pub restaurants.  
What does The Cow mean to you?  
I'm an Aussie in Uk since 98. On each of my family visits I take my parents abs sister to the cow. It's a must for every trip they come here. Most recently we had a "flight of largers" made up for my mum as we chatted away with the bar staff. The fish stew is a meal that everyone talks about. It's the answer for a celebration or a cold night. The public room feels like your family lounge with everyone joining in and laughing along as you wriggle between the tables to squeeze another new friend in.  
What are all the great things about The Cow does Westminster Council need to hear from you?  
Adding to my above points: As a female there are not many places I feel I can go alone and feel safe and welcome.  
Importantly, can you confirm that you have not experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow?  
I have never experience any issues. I have left my jacket on the wall, my bag under the table and never felt worried or had issues.*

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

*Dear Sirs*

*I understand there ia a question about discontinuing the licensing of The Cow.  
I do not understand how this could be an issue. The Cow is a local institution. It serves the community, in fact it serves many local communities. It is possible to drop in for a quick or a long drink, and meet with friends or make new ones from many walks of life. You can eat a large or small meal downstairs and the upstairs food is fantastic. Friends from all over London often ask to visit me just so we can visit The Cow together. It is a relaxed safe and friendly environment.  
I understand that you are contemplating refusing the continuation of the licensing of The Cow because of questions of crime, disorder, safety, and public nuisance. I have never, in all the years I have been regularly going there seen or heard of even one instance of any of these complaints.  
Without The Cow the neighbourhood will be much the poorer. Please do not withdraw its licence.*

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

*Dear Westminster Council,  
I'm writing to ask that The Cow is left to operate as it has done for the past 26 years.  
I believe it is one of the only remaining, truly exceptional landmarks of Notting Hill / Westbourne Park, and it*

would be a dreadful shame to see it disappear. In my opinion, there is no other pub that comes close to being in the same league as The Cow, in terms of the quality of food and drink it provides, and also the unique and wonderful atmosphere it houses. For me, it wins both by way of being the relaxed, casual, 'go-to' local and also by being the perfect spot to bring visitors - one of the legendary London pubs which never fails to impress. I have only ever had positive experiences in this favourite neighbourhood establishment. I confirm I have never experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting. To see The Cow cease to operate would be an extremely upsetting occurrence, particularly on top of the difficult and for many, a very lonely time we're going through. Once coronavirus restrictions ease, I know many, like myself will be looking to catch up with family and friends, and celebrate the pub being open once again.

Please let this wonderful icon continue to flourish.

Kind regards,

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir,

I have just been informed that the Cow might be forced to close down. This is terrible news. The Cow is part of the lives of people who are resident in this part of W2. I consider the Cow to be my "local". I am now a pensioner and I still go either to the pub on the ground floor or to the wonderful dining rooms above. I have never felt unsafe there - there is always a warm and friendly welcome. I have never felt unsafe walking home.

My overseas friends always want to visit the Cow - it is a local institution and incredibly important to us residents. Please reconsider and keep the Cow alive.

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

Hi there,

I'm a Yank and just got my vaccine outside Washington, DC.

I try to make it to London at least one a year. More often than not, we celebrate our first day in town with our London friends at the Cow.

We've never experienced any trouble. And more often than not we walk there and back from our base close to the Lancaster Gate tube.

To us, the Cow is London. Thoughts of it not being there are quite sad indeed.

I know that our custom there doesn't do a lot for the Council coffers, but our London friends spend a lot there.

Please reconsider any thoughts you have about not extending the Cow's license.

Thanks so much.

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Licensing Team,

The Cow is a legendary London Pub .

It has been a popular 'local' for so many years including those of us far from local .

I've been fortunate enough to enjoy its welcoming atmosphere over a meal and look forward to the day I can visit again .

My husband has also had many successful opportunities to meet up with colleagues there .

For us it represents happy times , a night out ,fond memories .

Please don't refuse it's licence ...

Pubs like this should be cherished, not admonished.

Best regards

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council,

I recently received an email asking me to help save The Cow pub. I am distraught - surely nobody is thinking of closing The Cow? Please save The Cow.

The Cow is a huge asset to the local community. It is a place where friends gather, the food and drinks are always five-star, the staff have been there forever and it is a reassuring part of such an impermanent and insecure world. People behave well and are polite to each other. It is old school, high quality, reassuring and an oasis and a haven in these nerve wracking times. You may not realise this, is you don't live around the Grove, but The Cow is a local institution. People have grown up there, had their first drinks there and go there still. It's a meeting point, it's part of our community and you cannot take it away. I was distraught when I was sent an email to ask me to help save it - please ensure that you protect this place. It has great sentimental value to people from miles around.

Kind regards

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Hello,

I am writing to you concerning The Cow - the long established pub on Westbourne Park Road.

and have often enjoyed meeting friends and family for a drink or dinner at The Cow. We always loved its friendly ambience that was redolent of the old traditional pubs that have become so scarce these days.

A pub has been there since the early 1900s and for the last 26 years the Cow has continued the tradition and provided a wonderful meeting place for many local people of different ages and backgrounds. I am an ex local school teacher and know many people in the area. We have seen great changes around here and much that gave it its unique character has been swept away. I suppose that is one reason so many of us have valued the continuity of pubs such as The Cow.

I believe there is a licensing review and I am writing to add my name in wholehearted support of The Cow and its owner and its staff so that once this challenging time we have all been going through together is finally over landmarks such as The Cow will still be there, providing sorely needed warm and welcome spaces in which to reconnect with friends and acquaintances.

I am not a great drinker but I do like conviviality and community and for that have always enjoyed meeting friends at The Cow or, even better, occasionally treating ourselves to dinner in their excellent dining room where the food is simple but delicious.

In all the times I have been going there I have never had a bad experience nor have I witnessed anything untoward or of the slightest concern. The staff and management are very good indeed.

I hope that the licensing committee will bear in mind my letter of support for The Cow in its deliberations and grant The Cow the means of continuing to serve the locals of this community for many years into the future.

Kind regards,

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Hello,

I'm writing about the Cow: 21/00981/LIREVP

I've lived in London my whole life. I'm half American, and no stranger to the joys of places of New York, New Orleans or wherever else, but there's something in London that's always drawn me back.

London celebrates community.

London celebrates taste, smell, fun, and joy.

London takes deep pride in its history and institutions.

London takes deep pride in its people.

London creates spaces for people to come together in positive ways.

London creates reasons to be excited any day of the week.

You could swap out "London" for "the Cow" in all of the above. The Cow has been a constant in my time in London. First dates, overdue catch-ups, reading a book in the corner, or a pint of prawns when it's too hot to eat anything else. The Cow is representative of what it means to love London and we absolutely cannot let it go.

I have never experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or any safety concerns during my many many visits to The Cow. It is only a place of happy memories for me, which is why I'm writing to strongly advocate for its continued place in our community.

Thank you,

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

To Whom It May Concern,

I have been a frequent visitor to The Cow in Westbourne Park Road, West London for nearly two decades now. This is a place that truly represents the meaning and value of the words 'Public House'. You're as likely to find yourself partaking in conversation with a pop star as much as someone who sells melons on Portobello Market. Throw in to the mix the long serving bar staff and the house staples; Guinness, decent wine, fish stew, oysters, pint of prawns and tagliolini and you have everything you'll ever need. But unnerving news arrives with the announcement by Westminster Council that the pub's license is under review. For what good reason I have no idea. In over 20 years of frequenting The Cow I have never seen disorder, disturbance or troubling behaviour of any kind. It is a civilised house for civilised people and to deny it its right to exist is the removal of one more brick from the foundations of the greatest city in the world.

Sincerely,

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

To the Westminster City Council,

I write to you in order to express concern with regards to the review which The Cow is currently undergoing for its premises license. As a resident of Westbourne Park Road for twenty years I feel I have a firm understanding of both the culture and community this neighbourhood has, as well as their evolution. I can say with unwavering confidence that The Cow is a pillar of both aspects.

The Cow welcomes diversity and creates a safe and inclusive environment for people from all different walks of life to converge and connect. Spaces like these have become increasingly scarce, not only due to the pandemic but through the changing face of society into one of fear and disgust toward those who are unknown. An institution can only exist in this way through time and trust being poured into it by the community for over two decades. Its popularity and success is exemplary of this fact.

Losing The Cow would be devastating, not only for those that live here already, but also for all those who would find a sense of belonging in this neighbourhood behind its saloon doors. This place is unique and irreplaceable. It needs to be supported.

Yours faithfully,

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by

**OBJECTION**

To whoever it may concern,

I am writing to support The Cow vehemently.

It's a Notting Hill institution and so many parts of the neighbourhood I grew up in in the late 80s and 90s have changed beyond recognition already. We need to keep some of the soul of West London before it is ruined by property developers. The clientele of The Cow are generally affluent, non trouble makers and I have never, in all my 38 years experienced crime & disorder, safety issues or public nuisance

when visiting The Cow!

Not to mention that the food is world class, the pint of prawns is one of my particular favourites and I am always suggesting it to guests from abroad.

PLEASE SAVE THE COW!!

Yours sincerely,

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear sir or madam,

Hope this message finds you well.

Today I am writing to kindly ask you to allow the local pub The Cow carry on trading.

The Cow has a special place in the local community and outside of it.

I believe that The Cow is an asset not only to the local community but also to us tourists. As a foreigner myself, I can confirm that The Cow is a beloved place for many London visitors. It is the first place we go to to feel at home and welcomed.

The Cow has a lot of meaning to me personally. I have grown fond of their amazing food, kind people and warm atmosphere. During these rough times I have been daydreaming on a daily about walking through The Cow's doors and seeing the familiar faces of the staff. I will be confident in saying that I am not alone with these thoughts.

I can confirm that during all my visits to The Cow I have never experienced any safety issues whatsoever. I have never experienced any type of crime or disorder and have always felt safe at The Cow. I have however experienced things like delicious food, happy and welcoming people of any origins and ages and the most considering and helpful staff I have ever seen. I dream of seeing them again after the pandemic, chat about our lives and have a laugh like in the good old days.

Thank you for taking time to read my letter.

Sending you the best wishes from Finland.

Have a lovely week!

Kind regards,

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Hello,

and a regular customer of the Cow. I have recently read that the Cow's license was under review and I would like to express my support of this pub as a vital part of the community. I moved to London from the United States in 2019, and was very happy to discover in the Cow a community of welcoming people from all walks of life. It's something I had been searching for since my doctorate at Harvard and the local pub The Thirsty Scholar. With the arrival of strict Covid measures, I have very much missed the conversations and welcoming atmosphere I had found at the Cow. It would be a shame to lose it again.

Sincerely,

Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs/Madam

I am writing to tell you what an important and loved asset The Cow pub is to me and the Borough. I have been visiting it for over 20 years for the fantastic good value, food, wines and Guinness it serves. It has been a centre of culinary excellence for 25 years. The Cow is the original gastropub that has helped make the area the popular place to live, visit and work in that it is today. Over the years and countless wonderful visits I have never seen any crime or disorder only very happy customers in a safe and merry environment. The Cow, is in fact legendary for its friendliness, and being one of the most popular and famous pubs in London. Westminster council is lucky to have it in its Borough. You would be doing me and all other London residents a huge dis-service if you were not to renew its Licence. It is vital place for me and many friends who live in very small flats

in the area to socialise, eat and relax. It is the best West London living room and dining room you could ask for.

Yours sincerely  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to you regarding one of my cherished local destinations - The Cow Pub. I am sure this is not the only email you have received on the subject. I have looked on your website and have read the concerns and complaints with interest as a local resident. Fundamentally, I did not want to write to you along the lines of 'I love The Cow and love drinking there so please don't shut it down'. This is clearly true for a lot of people but it is so much more important than that, for so many of us....

Not only have I not experienced crime, disorder, nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow for over a decade, as I allude to above, The Cow performs a much more important role in the community. In an area which is increasingly tailored to the transient tourist community, this place has remained a steadfast pillar in the community for exactly that, the community. For me, it provides a 'safe harbour' - as someone living alone, it is a friendly place where I feel comfortable and enjoy the company of others, never under threat. I worry that my mental health could take a big step backwards if this is not available to me. It is a place that us locals feel like we belong - something I am not sure any other similar destination in the area provides. By removing The Cow, you will be removing a hugely important part of the fabric of the local community. We need this place.

I would be delighted to provide any further information you require and hope that my voice, alongside many others, will help you to understand how important the continued presence of The Cow is to our lives.

Kind regards  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern

I was sad and very surprised to hear that The Cow was undergoing a license review. The pressure of Covid 19 knows no boundaries and whilst I read the reports and they suggest some minor infringements relating to draconian regulations brought to bare on all of us during this "apparent" pandemic, I feel their might be a touch of anti Cow sentiment among some locals and officials which has led to an over reaction. The management are exemplary and some of the leading lights in the industry!

The Cow is quite simply the best of the best. I have enjoyed it and the community spirit it galvanises since it opened. Even more so when Pedro joined what must be nearly 20 years ago.

My family have celebrated important occasions and milestones at The Cow and these have all been assisted by the fabulous team. Yavor, the manager, Pedro a the most dynamic host and Oscar the chef is a genius. They are both held in huge affection and love by my family. My daughters view them as special friends and they have supported us with fine food, wine, and ale, ever since we could all enjoy such fruits at this most incredible of places.

We beg you to consider the impact on the community of taking any action against this outstanding community asset. It must have a chance to breathe again and return to being the treasure trove of humanity it is!

Yours,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

I am writing to appeal against the closure of The Cow Pub.

This is a community hub and a cultural heritage.

Please do not take away this well-loved institution.

I think we have all suffered enough grief this year!

Kindly  
[REDACTED]

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council,

Please save The Cow.

*I have been going for many years. It is the most authentic old school watering and feeding hole in Ladbroke Grove. The Cow has such a strong lasting appeal that many of the old West London crew come back to it still today. Many of us live far away now and are grown up parents and family folk but like a magnet we still keep coming back and congregating as it has not been spoilt by time and fashion. Some of the other old haunts in the area we have swerved and left behind. This is a piece of neo British heritage. Make it stay.*

Thank you kindly

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

*I have been a customer of the Cow pub for Twenty plus years. We have never, ever experienced any crime or disorder, any public nuisance or safety issues whatsoever. In fact it has always been the exact opposite. The staff are always friendly, the food excellent. The Cow is a Notting Hill institution and the best pub In West London in our opinion. It would be a great loss to the community if it were to close. It's a wonderful independent establishment and unique.*

Sincerely,

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam

Ref: Rejection to removing licensing at Cow Pub at 86 Westbourne Park Road (21/00981/LIREVP)

*I am writing to show my support for the Cow Pub , its owners, staff and patrons. The Cow is a huge part of the Notting Hill community and an excellent, highly regarded part of our area and has been for many years. Moreover, the Cow Pub has been an establish part of Notting Hill for many years and adds tremendous value to our immediate community and wider tourism business. The Cow offers excellent food, a sense of community, providing employment for local and fantastic staff.*

*I have been going to the Cow for over 20 years and i have never so much as experienced "nuisance, crime and disorder" in my entire time of frequenting one of the most loved pubs in Notting Hill. The Cow is very well know for their friendly attitude and welcoming vibe, I would go as far to say - its like walking into your own lounge for some delicious dinner and glass of wine, chats to the staff and locals.*

*I am strongly objecting to the the application to revoke The Cows licence. During this time we need to support the hospitality industry, protect jobs and stand together to nurture, protect and support the Cow Pub at 86 Westbourne Park Road.*

Yours faithfully,

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir / Madam,

**SAVE THE COW PUB!**

*I moved to California a few years ago and The Cow remains my absolute favourite pub in England. While I'm not much of a pub person, The Cow is so much more than a pub, The Cow is unique.*

*The Cow represents community, family, fun and embodies so much of the London spirit that is so hard to put your finger on....*

*Whether we were there for a Christmas lunch or a friends birthday you would always bump into familiar faces and feel part of the amazing, indescribable community.*

*It's one of the only places you can enjoy amazing food and company and feel comfortable to meet new people and even go on your own and feel part of the spirit of things.*

*I miss The Cow so much that every time I go back to London I would make my friends come from all corners of London to meet me there so I could pretend for a few hours that I had never left, sharing fresh seafood and traditional British plates, it really is one of the most charming and friendly places. It is the jewel in the neighbourhood crown and has so much character and charm.*

*Having now lived in the states for a few years it would be absolutely devastating not to be able to come back to The Cow and bump into those friendly and familiar faces the next time I am back in town.*

*I have never experienced any kind of crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues - the pub is a very special place, and it is a warm, friendly hospitable team and family and it would be such a shame to let such a unique and special place close down.*

*It would be a huge loss for the community and neighbourhood. It is loved by people across London and those like myself who are even further afield in recent years.*

*We can't let this happen!*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*The owners of The Cow provide service to the communities of Notting Hill and Westbourne Grove and more importantly provide employment and livelihoods to dozen of staff who are have already been through a dreadful ordeal over the past year.*

*There is no valid reason why you should revoke their licence, thereby rendering their entire staff and owners unemployed.*

*You should allow them to operate and continue to serve the community and provide gainful employment for their staff and families.*

*Your sincerely*  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*The Cow in Westminster, is a magnificent bastillion of the best of London's, & the UK's culture.. an establishment of fine dining, fine drinks and the greatest of music. To force it to close would be a tragedy, and great loss for our civilisation.*

*We ask for a public enquiry into these allegations, as we believe them to be unfounded, and most likely based on complaints of one influential resident, who feels the Cow brings down the tone of this part of London. We believe you've chosen the wrong place to live. Or you're tone deaf.*

*Yours faithfully,*



• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Neighbour  
OBJECTION**

To Whom it May Concern,

[REDACTED] to The Cow for over twenty years - my address is number [REDACTED]

I have NEVER experienced any problems that have come from people socialising at The Cow. I sincerely believe that the The Cow establishment is a jewel in the area and I believe that The Cow actually helps to bring the value of that corner of London up. It would be a disaster for the local economy if The Cow was to leave the area. I believe that The Cow brings people together, brings tourists to the area and is a well respected establishment run by hardworking and respectable people.

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION**

To: Westminster City Council

I write with regard to the up-coming review of the premises licence of The Cow pub on Westbourne Park Road. I am a [REDACTED]

The Cow is a local institution, much loved for its oysters, Guinness and fierce commitment to warm hospitality. It is that rarest of things in modern London, an old-fashioned local which knows its customers and goes above and beyond to look after them.

Since the release of the first lockdown on July 4th, the Cow has clearly found itself in the eye of the Covid storm. The huge pent-up demand for human contact and hospitality, and the great love that the community feels for the Cow in particular, may have resulted in the pub being overwhelmed from time to time. Based on twenty years of regularly visiting The Cow, it is evident to me that the owner and management team are capable of operating the premises in a safe and responsible manner, in normal times. But these are obviously not normal times. The cycle of lockdown and release has created circumstances which any licensed premises will struggle to cope with, let alone a small, quirky venue with a substantial local fanbase like the Cow,

I urge the Council to be as lenient as possible in dealing with this matter, it would be a huge loss to the community if this pub were to close. In particular it would be damaging if too many restrictions were placed on the license, potentially affecting the unique and important character of the Cow as an institution. I note that the current suggested wording of conditions in the email from Glyn Franks dated 14 Aug 2020, at 09:48 seems generally proportionate, assuming any new conditions are deemed absolutely necessary (which I would argue they are not). It would be regrettable and heavy-handed if the Cow was mandated to have SIA staff, or if staff were required to wear hi-viz jackets at any time.

This would inevitably create the impression that what is a currently a neighbourhood pub had turned into a late-night venue, and might exacerbate the challenge of improving the management of the external area.

We have already lost too many West London pubs in recent years and many more premises will close before the pandemic is over even without the additional legal costs and proposed licensing restrictions arising from this review.

I am willing to attend the review to give the case from a resident's point of view if this helpful.

Yours sincerely

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**



life-changing evening in May 2013 (maybe it was the man, maybe it was the Guinness), but for all the fun, fine food and warm welcomes had there since.

We've become friendly with Petro, the manager, struck up countless conversations with strangers, celebrated several St Patrick's Days, always call by for a pint at Carnival and two of our best friends held their wedding reception there in 2019. We even rented a place around the corner from it for two years, and a key factor in taking that flat was proximity to the Cow!

When friends come visiting from overseas or out of town, a pint of prawns and a glass of wine there is a must. It really is the best of London pubs and a real locals' gem. I have missed it so much during lockdown and can't wait to go back once it's safe to do so.

I have never experienced any trouble at the Cow; I wouldn't bring my elderly parents and their friends there if I had.

Looking forward to many more happy days and nights at the Cow,

Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Neighbour  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Council,

It has come to my awareness that Westminster City Council have issued a Review of The Cow's Premises Licence. "The review has been sought on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder"

However I would like to stress how much the COW is VALUED in our community. It is our local spot/restaurant bar pre-covid, and I really hope it can still remain post covid.

I hope you can reconsider your review, with the knowledge of how well LOVED the COW is by its clients and community.

Thank you

Kind regards

Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Neighbour  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster

I love "The Cow" and have been visiting it for 20 years .. it's a West London Institution and would be a tragedy if its licence were to be withdrawn.

Many pubs are owned by huge and faceless companies now - they have no identity, no character, no charm and mean nothing to the local community. The Cow is unique for its charm and personality. Please don't remove its licence.

Thanks

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to add my name to the long list of westminster residents who believe now, more than ever, is the time

to save our local institutions.

Since I moved to this area over 15 years ago the cow, amongst other fantastic venues, has continued to be a pillar of the community, hosting locals and tourists alike: a genuinely amazing pub.

As well as dates, dinners, quick pints with old friends or a coffee sending emails while the staff kindly charge your phone, this venue has played host to world cups, carnivals, national holidays and foreign ones alike as well as funerals for friends and fundraisers for Grenfell or just a place to talk to someone. Even while pleading to save the cow they continue to raise money for mental health charity.

This attitude from the top trickles down to long term staff like Petro and Luti through the kitchen with the food they make, the pints that are pulled and the service to the guests.

To see London lose another great venue in a time when so many are closing would be a travesty as well as a noticeable dent to the local economy providing employment to dozens while purchasing from local suppliers around Britain. Honestly, where do you think their daily fish is coming from?

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

P.S.

Furthermore, I'm a strong believer that one should write to their local representatives and ask their opinion on things that are important to them. I've CC'd in Nickie Aiken and would like to directly ask her

What is your current plan to help local businesses, especially hospitality, continue to operate and employ in these worst of times?

When are you next up for election?

[REDACTED]

**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern.

I am writing to you with shock and disbelief that Westminster council are reconsidering the license of The Cow Pub and Dining Rooms.

The Cow not only is a fabulous place to eat and drink it is also a very important asset to both the local community and the large community that frequent it. I was introduced to the Cow 10 years ago and welcomed into the family that it is, and I can honestly say there is nowhere else in west London with such a beautiful community spirit. I have NEVER seen any anger, violence or anti social behaviour within or outside the premises. Only happiness connection and respect. For so many people it is much more than somewhere to eat and drink. It is the heart of a community. A community that is increasingly threatened by 'gentrification and re-housing'. A place where people meet, share and enjoy. The Cow remains a vital life line for many people who are desperate as we emerge from lockdown to reconnect with other people and begin to repair their own mental health.

It would be a disaster for all concerned if the license was revoked so please do not.

Thankyou

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Ref no 21/00981/LIREVP



**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing today regarding the License Review of 'The Cow' on 89 Westbourne Park Road, W2 5QH.

As a regular customer for the past 5 years, I can guarantee that The Cow is to the neighbourhood and its people more than just a pub. It is part of the community and it has proven this throughout the years, not only with excellent customer service, amazing atmosphere and high quality of food and drinks, but most importantly by bringing together people from different backgrounds and diverse lifestyles, fully expressing the heart of Westbourne.

Furthermore, I confirm that I've never experienced any crime, disorder, public nuisance or safety issues or have heard of anyone witnessing any such behaviour or incidents whilst visiting the Cow.

I do believe that the Cow is a great asset to the neighbourhood and it would be a great loss for the community if it wasn't to continue its vibrant, unique and important existence.

With Best Wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

The Cow is an institution in Notting Hill

Tom Conran created a unique drinking experience

Having lived in the area for more years than I care to admit the Cow was a watering hole that welcomed everyone. Tom didn't alienate any of the regulars who had been a constant before he even took over; everyone was welcome!

That's genius !

The most important element is the Cow never tried to be flash or hip just a great place where you felt welcome to meet friends and familiar faces A lot of the staff have been there forever that must say something for the institution it has become in the area. A true rarity!

It would be a tremendous loss to the community when in these days of so many drastic changes locals need to have somewhere they are familiar with when we finally emerge from this dark place we have been dealing with the last year.

Please reconsider this closure

Yours truly

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern

I write to strongly oppose the review of the Cow's licence.

The Cow is a wonderful London institution with an eclectic mix of patrons and warm and welcoming staff. It has been central to some of the great times in my life - It would be a travesty if this bastion of culture and fun was lost.

I look forward to many more good times there and thank you for your time..

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

*It came as a shock to me that the marvellous establishment that is The Cow on Westbourne Park road would be at risk due to a license review.*

*I have been regularly frequenting The Cow for around seven years during which time I could only be amazed at how it is owned and managed by an extremely capable team, making this place a real institution in West London. The Cow's team leave no stones unturned making sure their guests have a memorable and safe experience. I have never felt unsafe in any way whether inside or outside of this great pub nor have I heard of any serious issues related to this place.*

*The Cow is in fact a big family formed by its iconic owner, spot-on staff and friendly patrons and I can only hope that my Council will allow The Cow to carry on trading for years and years to come.*

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

*This email is to lend support for The Cow, whose license is under review.*

*Quite simply, I've only ever had my experience of the borough, and indeed London, enhanced by trips to The Cow.*

*I always lived east or south of the river (12 years of my adult life), never near the Cow, yet I frequented it more than most other venues in London. Having moved back to Dublin in 2018, I miss an evening in the Cow more than anywhere else.*

*It's a traditional establishment that always upheld that which great about the London food and drink scene. Patrons, in my experience, were always friendly, interesting, quirky and respectful.*

*Should local residents have complaints about noise and so forth, I encourage you to look elsewhere for a cause or a solution. Blame does not lie with the Cow. At a time like this, it's important to support the best in class. The Cow is that, and more. It's a cultural treasure. It should be considered for being listed before it is considered having its license removed.*

*With respect and encouragement to see sense on this matter,*

[REDACTED]

**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*It is with huge disbelief that i have heard about the "licence review" for the cow pub on Westbourne Park Road, London W2 on the grounds of*





*I brought my 2 month old son to meet my best friend there for food and a drink at 3pm. This was a significant meeting as he died tragically a week after on a plane.*

*I have little hope in my life that things will return to normal or the way things were after the pandemic. We can't fly, we can't see family', there is so many thing that we cannot do. If the cow is something that won't be there after all the chastity we have persevere with the covid restrictions - I will be devastated. You and your government has made us abide by law and protect others and promised that if we adhered to the rules our life will be restored.*

*Westminster council, give me and my life hope, give me the hope that I can bring my children to the cow, have lunch and a few Guinness, talk to friends, feel sun in my face and go home.*

*You owe it to the people of Westminster to have places to go and feel human again after all this adversity, after all the government has put us through- please keep the cow open. I am bereft at the thought it would close.*

*I am a mother of three children, one with special needs, I am white, middle class, I work hard and I think after every thing I deserve to go to a safe place, to mix with my community and enjoy life again.*

*My address is [REDACTED] Please do not hesitate to contact me for more reasons why to keep this beautiful pub*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Dear Sir/Madam,*

*I'm shocked that you're considering removing the license of a much loved, local business, particularly at this juncture in the coronavirus pandemic.*

*Far from a site of public nuisance, crime and disorder or lacking safety, The Cow is a center of community that we need so much and all desperately miss. It's an institution that feels like home, wonderfully run adding character, quality hospitality and history to this busy pocket of westborne grove.*

*Yours sincerely,*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Hello*

*I gather there are plans to remove The Cow's license, please don't, this would be a terrible mistake.*

*This is one of the best pubs in the Notting Hill area, an area which has lost many great pubs over the years as house prices have risen.*

*Save The COW!!*

*Kind regards, [REDACTED]*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*This letter has been drafted in response to the recent license review for The Cow.*

[REDACTED]. At no time in my almost ten years of frequenting this establishment have I ever experienced any crime or nuisance. Quite the opposite in fact, The Cow has been a venue where I have come to seek solace, a moment of respite, a friendly face. It is where I have had several of my first dates with my now fiancé, where I have come with friends for a warming meal after a long day at work, where I bring my friends from out of town to experience 'one of the best pubs in London' and where I have been welcomed with open arms and a smiling face, every. Single. Time.

So dear is this establishment to me, that I have even considered hosting my wedding reception here and have one of the iconic Guinness Posters from the dining room hanging in my kitchen, after Mr Conran so kindly allowed me to purchase it at an incredibly fair price as a 30th birthday gift for my now fiancé (it may have even been the reason he proposed!).

For me, The Cow is not 'just a pub' - it has become an integral part of the fabric of our community. Where people go to meet friends and make new ones without any prejudice whatsoever. The Cow exudes an atmosphere, an ambiance that can only be built with time and by people who truly care and look after their customers - to me, the notion of crime, nuisance or any disorder taking place here is preposterous.

I urge you to treat the wonderful people who work here with the same warmth, generosity of spirit and kindness with which they treat their customers. Notting Hill and London would never be the same without The Cow, and were it to cease, it would leave a void that could never be filled.

Best wishes,

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a local resident of 15 years plus in Notting Hill.

I understand there is to be a review of The Cow's license on Westbourne Park Road.

This is an absolute outrage. It is nothing less than a cruel attack. This pub is so loved by many and is an excellent example of a British public house...in fact probably one of the best.

When I look around Notting Hill, this pub gives me the very least concern but yet you choose to demonise it?

I suggest you use your time much more wisely to look at those pubs where there are commonly drug dealers frequenting them and dangerous criminals inside.

This pub is nothing but a wonder, full of well meaning, loyal, local Residents. I urge you to find your common sense once again and throw this review idea in the bin. Focus on what is ACTUALLY NEEDED IN THE LOCAL AREA, and WHAT IS ACTUALLY A PROBLEM!!!

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sirs,

It was a shock to receive news that you're considering not renewing The Cow's license.

The Cow is a west london institution. I've met my best friends there when I first moved to london and since I've gone with my new born baby, relatives fairly regularly over the last ten years. I've never experienced crime and disorder, but I've loved it as a venue that's brought people together from all walks of life, backgrounds, race etc.

It would honestly be a huge blow to west london if it's license were to be removed.



*This is one of the best pubs in the Notting Hill area! Great vibe and so friendly.*

*Save The COW!!*

*Thanks,*

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

*After lucky seven closed- this is another dreaded council action.  
The Cow has been a source of so many great drinks and meals fro the local community and beyond.*

*Kind regards,*

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

*Dear Westminster Council,*

*Reference number: 21/00981/LIREVP*

*As a very local resident to The Cow, I wanted to make you aware how important The Cow is to the community. I have been going to The Cow with my family since my early teens (now 32) and have shared many a drink, lunch, dinner (I would go for breakfast if that were possible) with friends and family. Without wanting to sound too sentimental, it's a very important place for me and my family, where I've gone to celebrate with others, as well as drink to loved ones that have passed. The warmth and welcoming feeling in The Cow, largely to do with the amazing people that work there, has never waivered since I first stepped foot inside and I have got to know several of the staff who have worked tirelessly to keep the place going over the past year within the boundaries of government and safety regulation. In my circa 18 years of going to the pub I have never experienced crime, disorder, public nuisance or any safety issues. I currently live within a stone's throw from the pub and have never considered there to be any issues with noise or a public nuisance, as a Westminster resident, let alone a customer. I can honestly say I miss walking past and seeing someone sitting outside with a pint of prawns in hand and waving at whoever's working inside. There is so much positivity associated with The Cow in the community that I would go as far to say that it really is an asset to the area and upholds the true values of what it is to be a Londoner - equality, togetherness and inclusivity.*

*In all honesty, I don't think I have ever had to write to the council on anything before but this is very important to both me and my family, hence I thought worth letting you know. Happy to expand further, if and when needed.*

*Kind regards,*

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

*Dear Sirs*

*Re Review of The Cow's Premises Licence*

*When The Cow opened 26 years ago it was a revelation to the neighbourhood - a great pub, welcome to all, serving absolutely delicious food. And that has never changed.*

*The Cow is a huge asset to the area - somewhere warm and welcoming to go to, where you can enjoy a pint and a packet of Taytos, or have a full blown feast. If one is feeling bored or lonely, The Cow welcomes you in - I have often wandered in alone and always find someone to talk to, whether with the smokers outside, the bar-persons inside, or any of the regulars - the mood is one of friendliness, sociability and community. It is also a*

great place to catch up on local news, and meet newcomers to the neighbourhood. This will be needed more than ever, especially for the more vulnerable members of the community who will be feeling the effects of the pandemic and several lockdowns acutely.

When Crazy Homies and Lucky Seven closed, their absence was and is felt by many. A terrible result which has done nothing to serve the neighbourhood, indeed the opposite - empty premises are like ghosts, and make the area slum like - a huge loss caused (I heard) by opportunistic landlords. These were terrific restaurants, enjoyed hugely by the community (and those who came to the area specifically to experience them). The Cow is the same - plus their chefs serve some of the best food in London - from a pie and mash to seafood mountains, and the team are simply fantastic. People come to the area for The Cow - this can only be a go thing, for The Cow and other local businesses.

I am surprised to hear that there are concerns about public nuisance or safety - I have never experienced any problems at The Cow, and I am a regular and have been since it opened. We live around the corner and The Cow is our local, not only because of convenience but because it is the best.

It may be popular - and for very good reason - but I have never witnessed any form of nuisance, crime, or felt unsafe while there.

If the Council is concerned about crime, nuisance and safety, it is looking in the wrong place if it is looking at The Cow. Residents of the area are plagued by burglary and mugging, but that has nothing to do with The Cow or indeed any of the other local pubs. If the Council wants to serve the community, I recommend that the Council focus its efforts on slowing down the cars speeding up and down Chepstow Road, stop drivers openly selling drugs on Talbot Road and the little park off it, and install CCTV cameras in the area and reinstate some local bobbies.

The Cow is an asset and it would be sorely missed by so many - indeed, any threatened closure would likely lead to public disorder and nuisance as I do not think tax paying residents would accept that lightly.

I am happy to give evidence or other support to The Cow further if required.

Best wishes to Tom and his team and we look forward to the day when we can visit you again.

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

I write to you to speak of The Cow, Westbourne Park Rd, London.

For decades I have always felt completely welcomed in this beautiful establishment.

The staff have always been warm and more than helpful and the amount of attention spent on decor, layout and choice of drinks and food are most excellent indeed! And completely unique to anywhere in the world.

I work in the hospitality industry and have done for 35 years. So I know how much hard work goes into making a place feel really good, as soon as you walk into the door!

The Cow is the epitome of a great London Pub.

Also, being Irish, there are only a handful of great London pubs that serve excellent Guinness.

The Cow is most definitely a place I'd go to to feel a connection to my homeland. Which is vital to making all who live and work in London feel welcomed and safe.

This feeling is paramount to making one feel at home, secure and comfortable.

On this note I can confirm I have never experienced crime and disorder, public nuisance or issues whilst visiting The Cow, Quite the reverse!

I have always felt like being in The Cow was like being in a lively abode of dear friends. This is something you cannot replicate. This is a feeling that comes from years of love, dedication and hard work! Everyone needs a place that's home from home where they can go to unwind, relax and let go of life's stresses before going home, so home life is peaceful and stress free!

Surely everyone knows that!?

More so now than ever.

I pray you'll find compassion in your hearts and let The Cow carry on its magnificent role in aiding our lives so wonderfully.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

Ref: 21/00981/LIREVP

I was deeply saddened to hear that The Cow Pub's license is under review.

The cow is an iconic landmark in west London. It attracts tourists, locals, tradesmen, fine diners and young professionals.

It's a place where young and old can sit together and share stories, life experiences and even a song. We all need places like The Cow, especially when there is so much change in the world, having a familiar place where you are guaranteed to see a friendly face is a great comfort.

It's the only pub in London where I have never seen anyone discriminated by income, age, race or sex. This is so important where £10 million pound houses sit alongside social housing.

For those who live alone, and have suffered immensely from isolating lockdowns, they will be looking forward to the doors of this indiscriminating pub opening once again, so that they can feel a part of a dynamic community. It will be what keeps them going!

Please keep this institution open we are longing for are all depending.  
Regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom this may concern

Reference: 21/00981/LIREVP

THE COW is the heart and soul of the west London community. Over the 15 years of living in and around west London and seeing so much change happen to Notting Hill that a lot of it doesn't feel local anymore. Having places like THE COW around keep that lovely charming Notting Hill appeal alive. It has always been and will always be a safe and cosy environment for my family & friends to always meet at and enjoy life and some delicious food! Never once have I experienced any crime or unsafe issues if anything it provides a community spirit of safety and belonging.

THE COW is a beautiful building and location and at would be a huge loss to the west London area and I fully support keeping this charming establishment alive!

Kind regards  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Good morning,

I am writing to you regarding the news that you are reviewing the licence of The Cow public house in Notting Hill. The grounds of this review are, I believe, the prevention of public nuisance and public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

*We are living in difficult times and people are looking forward to the end of lockdown and getting together for a few pints and a good meal to reconnect. Oh how we have missed each other so badly.*

*It is during this lockdown that perspectives and priorities have changed. Everything we took for granted will never be taken for granted again. Arguably the most common line I am hearing from my friends is 'I cannot wait to get down the pub for a pint'.*

*The importance of pubs to our city has been realised by so many. They are where we go to unwind, to celebrate, to drown our sorrows, to remember friends no longer with us, to eat something we don't cook at home, to connect not just with each other but with the staff too. Many become good friends, many become our therapists and many offer comfort to the elderly widow or widower when they don't want to be alone in the house. I have seen this so many times in London pubs. Just the little fact that someone can get up and go to the bar and get served without having to tell the bar person what they want, who knows them by their name is a beautiful and important thing.*

*Now more than ever we need to protect our pubs, our city's little treasures. Loved by locals, adored by tourists.*

*The Cow is a wonderful, traditional establishment. The staff are incredible, many of whom have worked there over many years. The decor is worth the visit alone and the food is just sublime. It is an important part of the community and to that part of Notting Hill. The area would not be the same if it was closed. The character of the area would change and local businesses would suffer I am in no doubt.*

*I have drunk and eaten in The Cow countless times. I have never witnessed any crime and never have I felt unsafe there. The clients are respectable and are not a public nuisance and do not generate any disorder whatsoever.*

*Having worked in Mayfair for many years which hosts a great deal of pubs with limited outdoor space, it would not be consistent to not renew the licence of The Cow and keep every pub in Mayfair open. I can assure you I speak with great experience in this regard.*

*Please keep The Cow open. It means so much to so many people not just in the area, London, the UK, but abroad too. We need to look after our city's assets not replace them. You cannot replace the irreplaceable.*

*Many thanks*

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern,*

*Ref: 21/00981/LIREVP*

*I was deeply saddened to hear that The Cow Pub's license is under review.*

*The cow is an iconic landmark in west London. It attracts tourists, locals, tradesmen, fine diners and young professionals.*

*It's a place where young and old can sit together and share stories, life experiences and even a song.*

*We all need places like The Cow, especially when there is so much change in the world, having a familiar place where you are guaranteed to see a friendly face is a great comfort.*

*For those who live alone, and have suffered immensely from isolating lockdowns, they will be looking forward to the doors of this indiscriminating pub opening once again, so that they can feel a part of a dynamic community. It will be what keeps them going!*

*As I young woman I have never felt uncomfortable or unsafe sat alone, and I have never once had my bag stolen or experienced any other crime or disorder - In fact I have experienced the opposite! I once left my hand bag and it was returned to me the next day...still with cash in my wallet! Please keep this institution open! We are all depending on it!*

*Kindest regards,*  
[REDACTED]

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madame

I am writing in regards to your decision to review the license of my favourite place to drink a proper pint of extra cold Guinness, The Cow. Over the years I have enjoyed drinking and eating amazing food there and being served by polite and caring people . What really pushed me to send this email is the grounds of which this decision has been made, 'public nuisance , public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder' I never have seen any of those during the time I spend there , I always felt safe , welcomed . Compare with what I've seen around London pubs The Cow is the safest place to enjoy a meal , drinking , socialising so please , please don't take away our Cow . We love it.

Kind Regards .

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I was shocked to hear that The Crow's Premises Licence was under review.

Born and raised in London, The Cow has been home to many happy memories and life milestones. It's more than a pub or a place to meet friends for a drink after work, it's a place of acceptance, warmth, great food and a staple of London history and culture and it allows dogs!

I can't even begin to fathom how or why the notion of an establishment like The Cow could be thought of as a place that causes crime and disorder? There are many other establishments that I can think of that do deserve their premises licence to be questioned over these issues but not The Cow.

I spent the last night of 2018 at The Cow. New Years Eve. It is, to this day, one of the happiest memories I treasure to date. The reason we chose to spend it at The Cow was because we know it would not be grotesquely crowded, there would not be hords of intoxicated, disorderly people celebrating and it's a safe and local space for three girls to celebrate with other people and have a dance (a forigen concept in these times!). Even on New Years Eve at no point did me or my friends feel that anyone was a public nuisance, putting risk to other members of the public or in any way being disorderly. There was a bouncer on the door, who was kind but firm and did turn away a couple of people who were too rowdy and did not even let them enter the premises. This is why it remains and will remain a beacon of London life, for families, friends, couples, dogs and people who are just seeking a nice place to sit and enjoy a good glass of wine and home cooked food.

I have never experienced even the smallest hint of crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow.

Please, please, don t close it down or revoke its licence. London is already losing too many important, historical establishments to COVID, we can't lose this one too. Please.

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster City Council,

I'm writing to express my support for the renewal of the license for the Cow Pub. The Cow is a refuge for many, many souls, and is an anchor to the community. For somewhere so fiercely local and community driven to have so far thrived is testament to the Cow and all it stands for.

I am imagining this is one of many, many emails you are receiving about this pub; it's rare for a business to touch so many people. It would be a real loss to the area—indeed London—if the Cow were to close its doors after last orders in the near future.

I do hope you reconsider, and allow the business to continue to serve the neighborhood in the magical way it



has done over the years.

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Hi!

I moved to London a year and a half ago and my life would not be the same without The Cow. It was, the short times during COVID/ pre-Covid I've gone, the central fixture of so many memories, of so many different social scenes, and o so many people's lives. Every pub, integral to British social life, absolutely pales in comparison. Not only does it have innovative, delectable food, a wonderful atmosphere, it exudes incredible energy that impact everyone around it. I can't tell you how many times I and everyone around me went on a Sunday and were brightened by being there. That is very rare in a single institution and the entirety of West London would be hard pressed to find a replacement, nor should they have to! It is a singularly incredible place and strives to bring warmth and cosiness to its many adoring patrons.

I've never witnessed anything untoward, illegal, discomfoting, or annoying at The Cow nor have I ever heard of anything to complain about, except for not being able to get a table!

Thank you,

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write this short note in support of the licensing of The Cow, Westbourne Park Rd. It is a wonderful addition to our community and an example of exactly what a local, well run pub can be. Clean, cared for, lively, safe and offering terrific food and drink with great service.

Don't snuff out its flame. We need to encourage more of this kind of establishment, now more than ever.

When the pandemic passes and we're all back on our feet and ready to meet the world again, we will need to talk about these strange times, reconnect with each other and embrace the familiar. A good pint with an old friend. Let The Cow play its part in bringing us Londoners back together again.

Sincerely,

Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear Westminster Council-

I'm writing to you to express my love for The Cow. I am not a Londoner but rather a US citizen writing from across the pond. I'm New Yorker where I've resided for the last 20 years.

Long story short, I worked for [REDACTED], [REDACTED], years ago and our UK showroom was [REDACTED]. The Cow was a mandatory visit when I was in Knotting Hill for business. Heck it was for any of us who popped into town. I was there twice a year for a period of 7 years and each time I had a meal and several pints there with colleagues or clients and honestly it was some of the best times I had in London. It's not a secret that the food is just alright-- but it's the authentic colorful characters and their selection of music and topics of discussion that makes the place a relic.

In more recent visits to London I took my wife and her colleagues for a Sunday pint and diner. We had an absolute blast and a meal not to be forgotten. To do away with this place is to do away with a spirit of the neighborhood and fond memories of a place with so much character and legacy.

I've never experienced any negative going on's in the establishment. Let The Cow be please.

Warmest,

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Dear Sir/ Madam

*I am writing to support the continuation of the premises license of the Cow restaurant and Gastropub. The Cow is a local institution loved by our family and our neighbours alike, and it would be a shame to see it go.*

*We believe their premises licence should be renewed so they can continue offering great food and atmosphere to our community, as soon as COVID is over.*

Thank you  
Kind regards

• [REDACTED],  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

To whom it concerns

*I reside at 33 Colville Terrace.*

*You currently hold this premises, The Cow, under license review for reasons of 'public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder'*

*I cannot understand why, from my experience and opinions, such a well managed premises of high standard food and service would be under such a review.*

*In times such as these, and particularly in the absence of any real societal community offerings from the council, that such a longstanding and reputable licensed premises would be under such a self sabotage threat is to me is abhorrent.*

*Approve the license of this vital part of our community and focus on the funding issues for the future of our youths locally.*

Kind Regards,

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 26 Feb 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*Please don't close the cow.*

*It's always had a close knit family that live in there, every generation mixes and welcomes the next. It has a heart and soul, it has our hearts and souls, and this corner of London will lose a dear friend of you let it go.*

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*[REDACTED] the cow for 6 years from 2011-2017 I found the place to be a great meeting place and really made me feel part of the community. In my opinion, no other restaurant or pub has that, and I honestly feel that closing down the cow would be devastating for people who enjoy the community spirit it holds.*

*I spent about 2 evenings per week, every week in the cow when I was living in my own and at a lonely time in my life, the cow was always a place where I could seek company and make friends.*

*In all the visits I made to the cow, I did not experience even a loud voice, never mind any fracas or disagreement in this establishment. Any accusations of anything to the contrary, to mind mind is simply false. I would opine that the source of this complaint might be a disgruntled resident with false accusations.*

*Finally, it has to be noted, in my experience, the average age of the customers, must be 50+, certainly not the type of clientele who bother with making noise or fighting.*

*This review should be looked at from a community as a whole and the benefits we derive from the cow. Not from the opinions of a few neighbours who are happy to take great food, a safe haven and more importantly jobs from the area.*

Kind regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

*I have been visiting the cow for many years on and off. It is a unique and important social meeting point for a wide range of people from many different backgrounds.*

*It provides employment for some very nice people abs in my view it is an important beacon for the other businesses and retail outlets in the immediate vicinity.*

*Pls do not let it close down.*

[REDACTED]  
• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Licensing Office  
Westminster Council  
Via email (licensing@westminster.gov.uk )

To Whom it may concern

RE: The Cow Pub 89 Westbourne Park Road, London W2

*I am writing to express support of continuing/renewing the licence for The Cow Pub.*

*I have lived in the area for over 25 years and have enjoyed visiting The Cow regularly throughout this time; whether on my own, with my husband or with my children (now adults). We have always experienced a warm atmosphere in the pub and have enjoyed many a lunch or evening drink or meal there, feeling safe at all times. It is a true asset to the local community and I look forward to visiting it again as soon as lockdown rules allow.*

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Hi there,

*I was very disappointed to see that there was news that the Cow may be closing.*

*As a resident of Notting Hill for 35 years I feel qualified to pass judgement on which establishments in this borough are worth keeping and which are not. The Cow is without doubt one of the places which draws in everyone from celebrities to the common Londoner and losing it would not only be a loss to the borough but also to London itself as can be seen by the 5.5k Instagram followers it holds and the 16.5k tags it has, it is one of the most popular pubs in London!*

*I personally have had many happy times there from my birthday to friends christening parties, and never have I seen any kind of activity that would be considered a nuisance or any of the other untrue accusations which this institution is being accused of.*

*It would not only be a disaster to close it, but it would add to the issue of London pubs closing down when they should be supported before we end up losing our heritage and the loss of one of the great pubs of London.*

*I urge you strongly to reconsider any idea of closing this pub and to consider what is best for the locals of the borough, the pub trade in this city and for London's heritage.*

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

RE: 21/00981/LIREVP

To Whom it May Concern,

*I have frequented The Cow pub in Notting Hill since 2005, when I first moved down to London from Glasgow. It has always been an important meeting place for my friends and I and even now that we all have children and dogs, it continues to be the favourite meeting spot. I've never seen any trouble here and the punters are always respectful on leaving when last orders are called. Please do not allow a Notting Hill gem like The Cow to close.*

Kind regard

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

Good morning,

*I am a resident of Notting Hill [REDACTED], and am extremely disappointed to hear that The Cow is in the process of a licence review (21/00981/LIREVP).*

*As a regular patron of The Cow, I can confirm that I have, not once, witnessed any issues of crime and disorder, public nuisance or safety. The Cow is a responsibly run establishment and plays a key part in our neighbourhood community.*

*The closure of The Cow would be a huge loss to the area and the people who live here, not to mention the fantastic staff of The Cow who will be left unemployed at an extremely difficult time.*

*I urge Westminster Council to reconsider.*

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**



licence for The Cow pub on Westbourne Grove.

[REDACTED], and The Cow Pub has been a staple pop in for all our staff and clients since we opened. Not only that but I have been a regular customer for all the years the pub has operated!

I find it odd that the licence review is on the 'grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety & prevention of crime & disorder', whilst as a neighbour, I can verify that there is no such complaint from me or from any one in the shops near us. In fact we find the pub's proximity to be the the very antithesis of your proposal. They offer us safety & security against crime & disorder by simply being open!

Not only do they offer us a sense of community & good neighbourly spirit but they're also a deterrent against street pick - pockets and mobile thieves.

I am surprised that at a time of such economic devastation to the retail & restaurant sector you are seriously considering revoking the licence of our neighbourly institution on the grounds of what appears to be a flimsy reason!

1,300 pubs have been shut down from the high street in the last year with at least 25 pubs shutting down each week.

Surely, you as a borough representing the needs of your residents should be focusing on the well being of whom you represent rather than being lured by the prospect of yet another developer coming in and swooping at another profit churning opportunity to the detriment of your residents!

We would all be grateful if you do the right thing at a time of great social & economic challenge for all of us!

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

The Cow is an asset to the neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods, offering a unique setting and "other worldly" feel that can only come from a longstanding relationship with its patrons. One feels that from the moment you walk through the doors. You can feel its soul...and that is so important in this ever-changing world of ghastly brightly-lit, trend-following establishments that will be gone in 4 months time. Please let The Cow continue to offer its traditional yet eclectic beverages and fare to those who seek a moment's peace. And no, I have never experienced any public nuisance or safety issues whilst visiting The Cow.

Thank you for your attention.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

Hi there, I am making a private representation on behalf of myself and my wife, [REDACTED], arguing for the continued licensing and operation of The Cow Bar and Dinning Rooms.

We have regularly been visiting The Cow for nearly 25 years. It is a fixture of the area and a remarkable point of continuity. It provides an incredibly friendly atmosphere, well looked after beers and top quality food. It's deservedly considered one of the best pubs in the area - and probably London.

The pub is supported by local people and is hugely appreciated and valued. The clientele are very well mannered and considerate of the neighbourhood and passers by. In 25 years I have never seen any rowdiness or poor behaviour. It's the closest place I have seen to a community pub that reflects the area and is part of the local fabric. It would be an extraordinarily unpopular action for the Council to not continue the license at The Cow.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

With my business partners I opened [REDACTED] a short while before Tom

Conran opened The Cow 26 years ago. The police used to come and talk to us now and again and told us that The Cow then was a complete no-go area for them. It was a destination for the worst criminal element in the community. Mr Conran acquired it and made it into the wonderful, warm, stylish, embracing pub we have all frequented and enjoyed for 26 years. Huge credit must be given to him for cleaning up the area and providing a much loved social amenity. I have never experienced rowdiness or bad behaviour or indeed any problems of access to the road. Depriving the community of the conviviality and pleasure that The Cow provides would be a very retrograde step and I sincerely hope Westminster Council does not revoke or change Mr Conran's license and allows the pub to trade as before.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

I am writing to you in support of The Cow Pub.  
I have been going to the Cow since it opened whenever I visit London, many times a year. I am now over 70 and have always found it the most wonderful welcoming place.  
It caters to a an eclectic and interesting crowd, always mannerly, never intimidating to an oldie like me. Never any trouble or unpleasantness.  
Excellent staff and delicious food too.

It would be a crying shame if such an exceptional and now sadly rare establishment were to be closed.

Please keep London alive and local community together !

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

The following relates to the case reference 21/00981/LIREVP.

I cannot speak for the private behavior of the Cow's ownership but as a local resident [REDACTED] I believe strongly that any action to punish, control, tame or influence it as an institution would be wrong. It is a vulnerable, rare and valued public house that is held in the highest regard by both locals and visitors to the area alike.

The Cow has character, the type that almost no other local pub, restaurant or bar can claim to. It would not be pushing it too far to say that it is unique within West London. What it represents is no pastiche, it is true to its surroundings and offers what it always has and all good pubs should, a comforting, welcoming, beautiful and fun place for people to meet, drink and eat delicious food.

The staff of the Cow exemplify each of my above points. The longevity of their service and the evident skill with which they conduct their roles is obvious to see.

If you wish to make a justifiable point, consider it made. Any further action will only punish us, the innocent and dedicated locals (and taxpayers) who I think have quite clearly made our voices heard, and the staff, who rely on this pub for employment.

[REDACTED]  
**Received: 8 Mar 2021 by  
OBJECTION**

I'm writing in support of The Cow pub and restaurant. Last summer, I returned from living in New York after eight years, and one of the first places I went to for some lunch and a drink with a couple of friends was The Cow. New York has a lot of great eating and drinking establishments, but nowhere in America comes close to emulating the best of British pub culture, and the Cow is one of the finest examples of that. Before I moved to New York, I went to the Cow on various occasions, day and evening, and never once noticed anything untoward in terms of nuisance, safety or disorder. I really believe that The Cow and other fine establishments like it are absolutely essential to the social fabric of our neighbourhoods, and an important part of what makes London life the envy of other cities. We must not kill off those things that make us great.

I thank you for your time and your consideration in this matter.

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Hi - I am writing to quote the reference in subject "21/00981/LIREVP" about saving The Cow please.

The Cow is a place where I've shared many memories with friends ... the St David's day dinners with Rhys Ifans at the bar making everyone laugh... my 5th wedding anniversary dinner with my husband when we shared the seafood platter and many pints of Guinness... the first (and last!) pub where my son accidentally tried Guinness. It is an establishment full of love, happy memories, sad memories, laughs, life, creativity, and genuinely the most authentic place in London.

Please renew their license, in the spirit of a culture that is slowly disappearing due to gentrification we need to keep these kinds of cultural experiences alive and well for our future generations and the sake of the public.

Kindest regards,  
[REDACTED]

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

To whom it may concern,

I have lived in Notting for over 20 years and The Cow has been my local pub for all that time. The Cow is the heart of the Notting Hill community, our local "Cheers" where everybody knows your name. It's my destination point to catch up with all my friends, a home away from home as it were where you know you will be in a totally safe, homely environment.

Everyone there is so friendly and kind, you can go in alone and leave with a lifetime friend. Tom and all the staff are amazing, Luti and Pedro to name just two. This is a place you go to see locals. Most of the people you see in there have been going for decades and we all know each other. It would be heartbreaking to see it go.

I understand that it is under review for safety, crime and disorder. This is utterly untrue, if anything, it's one of the safest pubs in London. It's the only place I feel safe to go to alone. Further more, I would like to say that I have never witnessed any crime, disorder, safety issues or public nuisance in all the time I've been going there, and I go nearly every week.

If you need any further information, don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely  
[REDACTED]

Received: 10 Mar 2021 by  
**OBJECTION**

Dear sirs,

I am writing to you in relation to the Cow pub in Notting Hill and its license review

I firmly believe the Cow is an asset as it is a cultural, social and culinary destination of London and particularly Notting Hill. It is beyond a pub, it's an institution.

What does the Cow mean to me? I've had some of the happiest times in the Cow so it means a lot.

A few great things about the Cow include:

- sense of community
- neighbourhood
- quality of produce
- quality of service





together.

For much of the last thousand years, the pub is where we've socialised with friends new and old, met spouses, celebrated birthdays and weddings, and said goodbye to loved ones.

Never more so than this establishment .

As we know, this VITAL social history of Britain is fading frighteningly fast..

The Cow is where I meet with good friends , talk business and meet some of the social cream of Notting Hill....

Founding member of The Groucho Soho? Check....

Haute' Couturier? Check...

Aircraft Engineer/Musician/Stylist/Artist/Armed Forces/Wine supplier/Movie special effects Director/ Movie Producers...

.....check

The varied list is unbelievably endless..I've not come across a place like it..

Ever.....

I've lived in the Notting Hill area for 28yrs..Trust me, the surroundings have changed (partly for the good) almost beyond recognition

But

I have NEVER EVER witnessed a crime , a fight, stolen property or any sort of unruly behaviour....

I must say this, Its one of the very few establishments that I can walk up to at night & never feel threatened at all Period!

The Cow has achieved the impossible (by todays standards) ..maintained quality clientele and the best atmosphere by far (nearly every pub in the area has changed hands countless times) and has a gentle easy atmosphere...never ever aggressive or unruly!! On the whole the clientele is of an older demographic..of which I am one..

I am welcomed not just with my drink served at the Bar before I step up to it, But Petro will run round the bar & give me a hug..

Tom, the owner, will do the same (despite sometimes tweaking my nipples v hard)

George Orwell celebrated the pub as part of the informal cultural network that we choose for ourselves rather than having our leisure pursuits chosen from above.

In 1946 George Orwell's wrote an essay, *The Moon Under Water*, which is a absolute classic about British pubs. Orwell's pink china mugs, liver sausage sandwiches, scotch eggs and barmaids who call you 'dear' may sound archaic now, but the unique spirit they create - where as a punter you feel not just like a customer, but a stakeholder in the establishment - is still present in ways Orwell would recognise. That is The Cow in a nutshell....

So when pubs had to close on the 20th of March, it felt like Coronavirus was a bombshell not just physically, but to our very culture and the bonds that tie us together. We all knew it was coming, and on my last visit to The Cow, I realised (despite I'm not a visitor every evening) this was a place I'd greatly miss

I've drank a few beers under lockdown, supporting my local breweries by buying from them direct.

But nothing is quite like a freshly poured pint (or must say Guinness - the best in West London)

The weight of the cooling glass, the first pint clearing the dust and cobwebs of the day, surrounded by enlightening conversation....

The only thing that makes this better is being somewhere with others enjoying the same experience, a silent moment of communion with friends at The Cow I've known for years, or even friends you've only ever met in The Cow, knowing that you're sharing a moment that is simultaneously normal and banal & guaranteed barking hilarious,

But yet also, marvellous to a degree ,where I often remember these moments for the rest of my life (& believe me , Ive met some utterly incredibly talented people there!) Assuming you can find a space at the bar, aside from getting up close and personal with the most incredible locals, you'll be able to come face to face (literally) with The Cows famously brilliant de\_ "øcor. Tom Conran has collected an amazing smorgasbord of Guinness advertising art....its even more Irish than a Dublin pub....

The walls display a range of particularly weird and wonderful objets d'art/paintings and curiosities . The crowning glory is main painting ,which is stunning, graces the stair wall in which the great and the good who have graced The Cow for years are illustrated and enshrined in acrylic paints..their likeness preserved as comic characters..

I am honoured to be one of them...I hold the banner NIRVANA...

I couldn't of put it better myself...

I implore all those who read this to look kindly upon The Cow

Yours

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*To whom it may concern.*

*I am a local living in the w11 postcode. The Cow is a wonderful establishment and I have frequented the premises many times.*

*It is an essential part of the area and is much loved by the majority of people in the area, It would be disgraceful if they was to be refused a licence, as is a wonderful place to go for food and drink and is exceptionally quiet, unlike many other places in the surrounding area.*

[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]

**Received: 10 Mar 2021 by**  
**OBJECTION**

*Hi*

*I am writing to support the Cow in respect of its license.*

*I have been a resident of Notting Hill for many years, have been visiting the Cow regularly and the Cow is a great asset to the area. It manages to be a traditional pub with a proper feel and yet serves excellent food and hasn't fallen into the rather sad gastro pub model.*

*In the years that I have been going to the Cow I have never witnessed any behaviour that could be considered to be out of order and I have never been witness to any form of crime. Indeed many of my female friends are very happy to go to the Cow alone and I think this sends a very strong message about the nature of the Cow and the type of customers that visit the premises.*

*In conclusion I would reiterate that the Cow is a very important asset to the area and needs to be supported not attacked.*

*With kind regards*

[REDACTED]

Received: 26 Feb 2021  
**OBJECTION**

26th February, 2021

Attn: City of Westminster  
**REF: 21/00981/LIREVP**

To whom it may concern,

**Re: Premises Licence Review - The Cow, 89 Westbourne Park Road  
London W2 5QH**

I have been a patron of The Cow since 1996.

There is a reason why The Cow has been able to continue business uninterrupted for 26 years, and that's the community spirit it evokes, both within the pub and within the area.

It promotes a positive and progressive image of West London and its community, and is celebrated not only in the UK, but also recognised worldwide as one of Britain's best independent pubs. It's been awarded Pub of The Year by The Evening Standard, and featured in globally recognised food guides such as the Michelin Guide and Zagat Food Guide. I know people come as far as Japan and Australia to experience the pub and its atmosphere.

The pub has played an important part in the regeneration of Westbourne Park Road, and has long survived all of the other local drinking establishments by many years. Incredibly, the pub has employed some members of staff for 25 years straight.

The Cow is synonymous with the simple pleasures of food, drink, friendship and good company. For many years, The Cow has celebrated key calendar dates, which have become cherished moments for their customers and for their neighbours, from St Patrick's Day, to Notting Hill Carnival and New Year's Eve.

In my many visits to The Cow, I have not at any time experienced issues with crime or disorder, public nuisance or safety. I would say it's an incredibly welcoming place. The Cow's clientele is genuinely reflective of the area's diversity. There aren't many pubs left in London where you can take a seat at the bar and strike up a friendly conversation with a stranger.

Although I now live in South East London, when the opportunity arrives (and particularly when I have friends or family visiting from overseas) I love to bring them to The Cow. It is a place that hosts fantastic memories for myself and my friends.

It's one of the best pubs in the world, and a testament to its owners that it continues to shine so brightly some 25 years on.

I feel strongly that The Cow deserves its rightful place as an outstanding drinking and eating establishment, and removing the licence of The Cow would result in a terrible loss in London's social, cultural and culinary scenes, and frankly, a deeply embarrassing misstep by the City of Westminster.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions. I can be contacted at [REDACTED] or on [REDACTED]

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Received: 1 Mar 2021 by Neighbour  
OBJECTION

Reviews  
Licensing Team  
Westminster City Hall, 4th Floor  
64 Victoria Street  
London SW1E 6QP

1 March 2021

Re: Westminster City Council - License Review - Reference Number: 21/00981/LIREVP

Dear Sir or Madam,

It's not often I spend time to put pen to paper (or finger to keyboard :- ) to write a long letter these days - short and concise emails tend to get me by (as I am sure they do for you also), but after reading that The Cow pub is under license review from Westminster City Council I had to act immediately. This is a local establishment I am so deeply passionate about I had to lay my feelings bare and down in words. It made me think a great deal about what this place really means to me, feelings that are brought into even greater clarity and resolution with the current lockdown restrictions and the pub being closed. So here we go...

Firstly for me personally it is a place I can come to and have a pint or two of Guinness (the best pint of Guinness you will find this side of St. James's Gate) and a very decent hot meal (the fish stew being my favorite - with a potato gratin on the side if I am feeling hungry). It also has a vinyl jukebox - for me vinyl only way to listen to music. A place that has enabled me to engage with the local community - I have made many close friends here from all walks of life... all people with their own important story to tell, also people to listen to my own story. A place where the pub landlord and staff treat you like family.

It may sound funny but The Cow reminds me of the lyrics from the classic TV show 'Cheers' that I used to watch when I was growing up:

*"Be glad there's one place in the world  
Where everybody knows your name  
And they're always glad you came  
You want to go where people know  
People are all the same  
You want to go where everybody knows your name"*

So looking at these lyrics now for the first time in some 35+ years they are in fact very poignant...

The Cow welcomes all facets of society through it's doors, inequality does not exist in this establishment. It's really the only place I know where you could be sitting next to and having a deep conversation with a local tradesperson, school teacher or social worker while David Beckham (or other celebrity, or company CEO...) is having a quiet pint at the bar, it's a melting pot representing all walks of life... it does not discriminate, nor do it's patrons - that's something really hard to find. To give you just one example I have a neighbour who has a mental health condition and special needs - she regularly has lunch at the pub, invited by another local resident, a now retired American 'hot-shot' Wall Street lawyer, tell me where you find that? It's just one of many examples of local social cohesion and engagement that this pub uniquely facilitates. In this world of increasing inequality, I quote cheers: *"You want to go where people know, People are all the same, You want to go where everybody knows your name"*.

I moved to [REDACTED] over 21 years ago. I have only ever known one other pub in my 46 years on planet earth that even came close to the special warm, welcoming and magical atmosphere that The Cow creates, every time it feels like you are coming home - it's a wonderful thing and so rare to find now. The Cow is like an endangered species, it's such a rare beast it should be cherished and protected.

The Cow has significant cultural importance, it really is the beating heart of the local community, it should receive listed and protected status, not a review of it's premises license. Revoking the license for The Cow would be akin ripping the soul from the body, leaving it flaccid and lifeless.

This pub's reputation travels much further than the local community - particularly for the food it serves. It punches well above it's weight, in my opinion the food at The Cow is vastly superior to most of the restaurants in the local area and beyond. I have seen many tourists from all four corners of The World wowed by the cuisine and hospitality here. A go-to destination for the savvy traveller, it's exactly what we need post Brexit, promoting and championing a unique British cultural experience - not destroying it!

So there you go... that is my 2 cents into the pot. If you would like to clarify any of the points I have raised here you are very welcome to call me and discuss further on: [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

• [REDACTED]  
**Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Interested Party**  
**OBJECTION**

The Westminster City Council  
[licensing@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@westminster.gov.uk)

Reference number: 21/00981/LIREVP

To the Westminster City Council,

I am writing to voice my ardent support of, and wholehearted affection for, The Cow.

I have lived in London off and on for the last fifteen years, and visit often for purposes both private and professional. One constant, throughout all of this time loving London, has been The Cow. Every return to the city has as its fundamental requirement for a successful and fruitful stay, time spent at The Cow.

As a female both accompanied and solitary, I have relished my time at The Cow – whether to spend a few leisurely hours reading the weekend newspapers, for dining or drinks with friends and colleagues, or to celebrate special occasions. Never once have I felt unsafe. Never once have I felt uncomfortable. Never once have I experienced a moment of pause in my enjoyment of this premises. And I have both friends and colleagues who live in the immediate vicinity of The Cow who share my sentiments exactly.

It is for all of these reasons, that I heard with surprise and great disappointment of the Westminster City Council's Review of The Cow's Premises Licence, and the stated reasons for such a review.

The Cow is a gem. The Cow is an icon. The Cow is a vibrant thread weaving through the tapestry that is the urban experience of London. To censure or penalize such an enterprise would be a terrible mistake. I say this both as a patron of The Cow, and as an Urban Studies professional.

To be clear in my intent for writing this letter, I have never – not once in many, many visits – experienced crime nor disorder, public nuisance, nor any issues with personal or neighbourhood safety when visiting The Cow.

I hope you will take my advocacy of such a treasure under consideration as you work through this review process.

With best regards,



Received: 2 Mar 2021 by Interested Party  
OBJECTION

Reference # 21/00981/LIREVP

To: Licensing Team  
Westminster City Council  
15<sup>th</sup> Floor West  
64 Victoria Street  
London SW1P 6QP  
(licensing@westminster.gov.uk)

5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Sirs/Madams and all who this may concern.

I have been a local resident in both W2 and W10 since 1970. I have been a regular diner and patron of the Cow since it opened 26 years ago in 1995.

In all the years I have been a customer here at this fine establishment I can confirm that I have never witnessed any form of public nuisance, any threat to public safety or any form of crime or disorder.

The Cow is a particularly well run pub with fine dining as well as simple homely family style meals. A place I often bring my aging mother who lives nearby in Paddington for lunches.

Its a great classically principled Anglo-Irish themed public house that combines the local pub feel with an internationally welcoming spirit.

The regular clientele strike me generally as mainly an older customer base of good breeding, well mannered, polite, educated and friendly.

The pub embraces the seasonal traditions elegantly, colourfully with great panache and style. Never pandering to rowdy sports driven crowds that may tarnish the excellent reputation this very special place has.

I am right and dignified in writing this letter to you in the hope and determination that West London doesn't lose this exceptionally fine pub/restaurant. A local sanctuary that we all look forward to revisiting after current lockdown restrictions ease.

Yours sincerely

February 28<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Attention:

Licensing office. Westminster City Council.

I have been asked by the owners of The Cow pub London, to share my thoughts about the license review currently in progress.

I have frequented this establishment for over fourteen years, for social, and work purposes.

I have only had positive experiences from visiting The Cow pub. It is well run, and I have been lucky enough to meet some of London's brightest minds over the years there. I've never witnessed any disturbances, and have always found a homely, and welcoming atmosphere.

To me, and many others, The Cow is not just another pub. It is one of London's most revered Independent establishments, that has a reputation for incredible food & events.

In light of a year of devastating Covid restrictions, one would feel those that have managed to survive nearly a year of closures, should be supported, when they are able to re open. By their customers, and their local government bodies. We need these places to commune and re connect after a long period of isolation.

Most of all, The Cow has always been a meeting place that includes everyone, from all walks of life, and has been a great asset to its community since it opened many years ago.

## **Annex B4 – Premises Licence Holder's supporting documents**

Submission in Support of The Cow, 89, Westbourne Park Road, W2 5QH

I wish to support The Cow in this review of their licence. For over 20 years it has been a well run and hugely popular pub and restaurant serving both locals and visitors. There has never been any trouble reported before the events of 2020. Since Covid19 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organisation we have seen massive disruption to social and economic life with many businesses struggling for survival and many casualties. Life has not been anything like normal and it is against this background that the unfortunate events of 2020 occurred. I believe that the licensee has every intention of cooperating with the Licensing Team and with goodwill on both sides I hope that a positive way forward is found and that The Cow can continue to serve the community for many years to come.

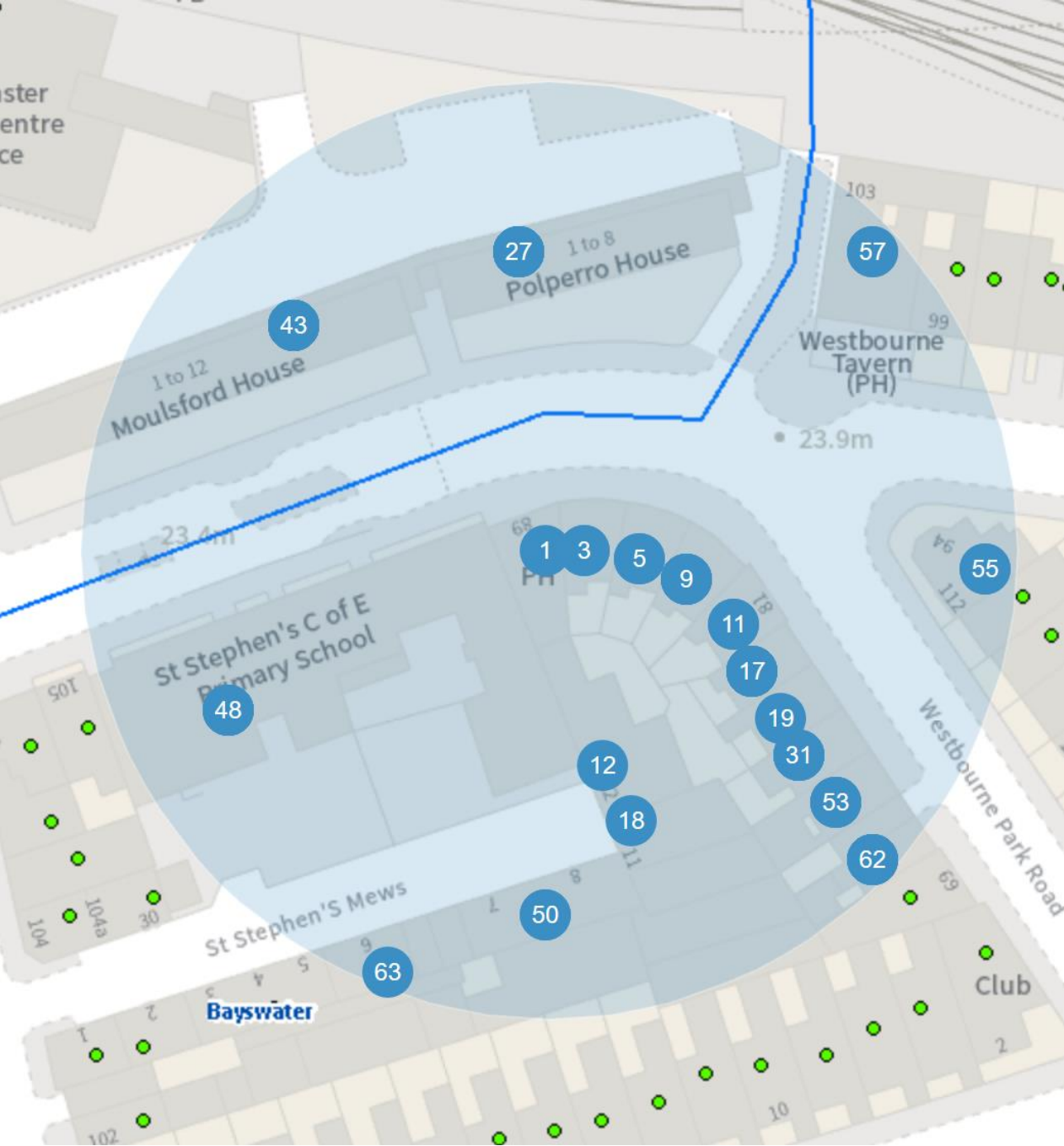
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## Annex C - Premises Licence and Appeal History

<b>Application</b>	<b>Details of Application</b>	<b>Date Determined</b>	<b>Decision</b>
05/08224/LIPC	Conversion of the premises licence	16.09.2005	Granted under delegated authority
06/12010/WCCMAP	Master licence	16.09.2005	Granted under delegated authority
08/06602/LIPDPS	Vary the of designated supervisor	28.01.2009	Granted under delegated authority
10/01742/LIPDPS	Vary the of designated supervisor	27.04.2010	Granted under delegated authority
11/11748/LIPVM	Minor variation - change of conditions	19.12.2011	Granted under delegated authority
12/00718/LIPDPS	Vary the of designated supervisor	13.04.2012	Granted under delegated authority
13/06049/LIPDPS	Vary the of designated supervisor	27.09.2013	Granted under delegated authority
14/03118/LIPDPS	Vary the of designated supervisor	19.05.2014	Granted under delegated authority
16/06783/LIPDPS	Vary the of designated supervisor	17.08.2016	Granted under delegated authority

<b>Application</b>	<b>Details of Application</b>	<b>Date Determined</b>	<b>Decision</b>
19/01981/LITENP	Temporary event notice	21.03.2019	Event allowed to proceed
19/02359/LITENP	Temporary event notice	21.03.2019	Event allowed to proceed
19/08370/LITENP	Temporary event notice	12.07.2019	Event allowed to proceed
19/09541/LITENP	Temporary event notice	09.08.2019	Event allowed to proceed
20/02696/LITENP	Temporary event notice	13.03.2020	Event allowed to proceed
20/07201/LITENP	Temporary event notice	24.08.2020	Event NOT allowed to proceed

Annex D - Residential Map and List of Premises in the Vicinity



Residents Count: 63

**Licensed premises within 75 Metres of 89 Westbourne Park Road, London, W2 5QH**

<b>Licence Number</b>	<b>Trading Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Premises Type</b>	<b>Time Period</b>
14/06140/LIPVM	The Westbourne Tavern	101 Westbourne Park Villas, London W2 5ED	Restaurant	Monday to Saturday; 10:00 - 23:30   Sunday; 12:00 - 23:00
14/04686/LIPDPS	Be My Wine	Ground Floor, 69 Westbourne Park Road, London, W2 5QH	Restaurant	Monday to Saturday; 10:00 - 00:30   Sunday; 12:00 - 00:00
13/07716/LIPT	Nogs Supermarket	110 Chepstow Road, London, W2 5QS	Shop	Monday to Friday 08:00 – 23:00 Sunday 10:00 – 22:30
13/08362/LIPDPS	Khao San Thai Restaurant	Ground Floor, 108 Chepstow Road, London, W2 5QS	Restaurant	Monday to Saturday; 10:00 - 00:30   Sunday; 12:00 - 00:00
06/12124/WCCMAC/ 08/08030/LICMPN/ 06/12124/WCCMAC	British Legion Club	2 St Stephen's Gardens, London, W2 5QX	Club	Monday to Saturday; 10:00 - 23:30   Sunday; 12:00 - 23:00
16/03370/LIPVM	Marianne	104 Chepstow Road, London, W2 5QS	Restaurant	Monday to Sunday – 10:00 – 00:00