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To who it may concern

12.12.2020

I understand that the Police are looking into the possibility of closing down/taking the licence away from the Hop & Rye mini brewery in Hollywood Lane Wainscott.

Both my wife and I would like to take the opportunity of requesting that this does not happen. Our reasons for writing objecting to this proposal are numerous, a few of which I would like to draw your attention to.

We have lived at our present house (address above) for approximately 32 years, easily encompassing the period during which the Hope & Rye has been

open. Our house is approximately 200 yards from the H & Rand at no time have we heard or noticed any problem arising from its existence.

We have both been regular users, even though I do not consume alcohol. During this period of usage it has in fact been very noticeable of the social life side that this has brought to the community. Because of the type of establishment it has been somewhere conversation can take place, or not.

Play the old pub games and get to know one another. No doubt creating and fermenting friendship and possibly a sense of being content to sit and listen, join in if that is what you want.

As to the staff themselves I would add that there is a friendliness, willingness to chat and be helpful, if at all possible. Making it somewhere that is easy, relaxing and feels safe to go to.

At our time of life 79/80 years of age it is very comfortable to feel that there is somewhere to go, where you can relax and enjoy a period of time outside the house in other company.

I would request therefore that any consideration taken regarding the H & R would take the above into account.

Respectfully Mr B Wilkinson

Mrs V Wilkinson