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To Whom It May Concern

The Hop & Rye Micro Pub, Wainscott

I understand there is a possibility that the Premises Licence for the Hop & Rye micro pub in Wainscott may be revoked due to a recent incident. Notwithstanding the seriousness of the incident, I would like to express my unqualified support for the pub and the licensee.

Since its opening, the pub has provided a much-needed focal point for the village. I have lived in the village since retiring from the forces in 2001 and have always bemoaned the fact that there has not been a decent pub in the village where one could enjoy a proper pint and meet with the locals; the Hop & Rye changed that. Since its opening, I have met and enjoyed the company of more local inhabitants than in the previous eighteen years. I now consider it my 'local'; it is where I take my visitors for a pint.

In this year of severe restrictions, the owners have worked extremely hard to provided valuable and diverse services to its customers; they are to be commended. To lose this amenity would be extremely disappointing. We would not only lose a fantastic community focal point that is affordable and accessible, we would also lose a family meeting place that this village has missed since the closure of the Working Men's Club. I, for one, am greatly looking forward to enjoying more pints in the friendly and embracing atmosphere of my local.

Without making light of the incident, I urge the authorities to carefully consider the future of the pub and the impact it will have on the local community if the Premises Licence for the Hop & Rye is revoked.

Yours Faithfully

