

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

STRANGELY AND SOMEWHAT SADLY, I AM LEAD TO BELIEVE THAT THE MICRO PUB/BAR - THE HOP AND RYE IS GOING TO HAVE ITS LICENCE WITHDRAWN.

TO BE HONEST, I DO NOT KNOW THE FULL CIRCUMSTANCES OR THE PROCEDURE FOR ANY SEEMINGLY VIABLE BUSINESS BEING SHUT DOWN.

ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT WHENEVER I HAVE VISITED THE PUB WITH MY FAMILY OR FRIENDS THE BAR STAFF, BAR MANAGER AND PROPRIETORS HAVE BEEN NOTHING BUT WELCOMING AND THE PUB ITSELF SPOTLESS, ALSO STICKING STRICTLY TO THE CURRENT COVID-19 RULES.

AS I SAID, I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT ^{ANY} REASONS BEHIND THIS DECISION BUT I WOULD ASK YOU TO RECONSIDER OR MAYBE REASSESS THIS SITUATION.

I WOULD ALSO ADD THAT THE PUB CATERES FOR A FAIR FEW OF THE OLDER POPULATION IN THE COMMUNITY. THE OWNERS HAVE A MORE 'CONSIDERATE PRICING STRUCTURE' AND IT PROVIDES A SOCIAL SETTING CLOSER TO THE CENTRE OF THE VILLAGE FOR THOSE THAT CANNOT TRAVEL.

YOU COULD SAY THERE IS THE STAG WITHIN THE VILLAGE BUT LOOKING AT THIS SITUATION FROM A CUSTOMERS

POINT OF VIEW ITS OBVIOUS THAT THE STAG'S PRICES HAVE BEEN HIKE DUE TO THERE BEING A CAPTIVE 'OLDER' CUSTOMER BASE.

THE HOP AND RYE EMPLOYS SEVERAL LOCAL PEOPLE AND PROVIDES A BRIGHT, HAPPY ATMOSPHERE IN THE VILLAGE. THERE ARE FEW LOCAL PUBS OUTSIDE THE TOWNS IN MEDWAY ANYMORE. SO PLEASE TRY TO SAVE THIS ONE...

YOURS SINCERELY