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Sent: 23 June 2022 22:16  
To: Licensing  
Subject: Licence Suspension Notice in The Clock House window

Dear Sir or Madam

I would like to have clarification why the public house called “The Clock House” in Market Square, Harlow has, at overnight notice, been temporarily closed by police action in “review” of their drinks licence (as a note states on the window). I am a regular customer of some years standing (or rather sitting!) in the pleasant surroundings of this hostelry from actually the day it first opened as “Yates” many years ago. Although I am mainly an afternoon and sometimes early evening drinker there in all that time I have rarely felt threatened or scared to be in the place – quite the opposite – I quite like the friendly atmosphere of staff and customers that is generally found in there.

I note that there was trouble in the form of a large fight in the region OUTSIDE the premises last weekend. Well, as you should know, Market Square has been the scene of many troubles over the years I have lived in Harlow, including murders which were committed BEFORE there was any licensed premises in the area (apart from “The Painted Lady” on the other entrance to the Town centre). There was also up to two nightclubs in the Town centre in previous years which had their share of problems but I do not remember any of those organisations having their licence suspended because of this. Indeed I have been inside “The Clock House” when staff have responsibly been monitoring local known troublemakers through the windows and reporting them to other local premises and the police of the progress of what they could be up to. I got the impression that the response from the police was often very tardy in responding to these circulated information calls.

The premises also has security guards at appropriate times that deal effectively with any potential trouble. As for lawbreaking – well I have not directly witnessed any while I have enjoyed a drink within. I have seen plenty out through the windows that for some reason do not get the policing attention that maybe there should be. Therefore I do not understand this closure of a community asset (and we do not have too many of them in Harlow these days!) and I petition you to overturn this closure as soon as possible.

And also to compensate the business and staff for any financial losses they will have occurred. If this premises has to close because of this present action it will be another nail in the coffin of Harlow Town Centre.

Yours sincerely

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