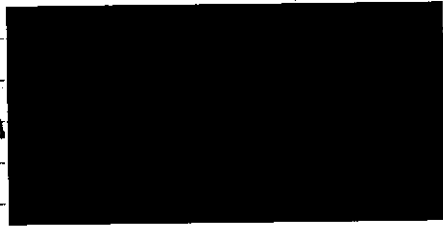
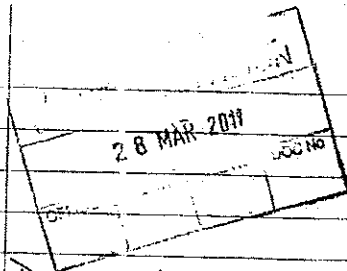


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Dear Sir,

It has recently been brought to my attention that you are considering closing my local pub, I am appalled that you should consider such action. ~~I~~ I have lived at the above address for 29 years and have always used this pub "The Brewery" to meet up with friends, host birthday, christening and funeral (my own father's) parties, it is a focal meeting point for our community, we have quiz nights, darts tournaments, charity days, pool tournaments, how can you possibly consider such action? This is a local pub for local people - young and old, I myself am 52 years ^{old} and there are many people older than myself

who would find it difficult to travel anywhere else to socialise, this pub is their lifeline.

If, as I have been told, you have had a complaint from some-one who lives opposite — across a road, a park, a lane and finally their back garden, then all I can say is, they have incredibly good hearing or they are just kittens, maybe they should come into the pub one night and see for themselves what a great place it is to socialise and have fun. Please do not even consider closing "The Brewery" it would kill our community, the town center is full of rowdy pubs, whilst small community pubs are being systematically closed, it really would be a travesty to several generations of people if you closed our local.

160247

Torbay Council	
Environmental Division	
28 MAR 2011	
Office	2011/00000



To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing as a concerned local. I have been a patron of the Old Brewery pub on Lower Ellacombe Church Road since moving to Torbay with my parents over thirty years ago, I have even spent some time working behind the bar when I needed flexible hours close to home when my kids were young. Nine of those years, including my time as a bar maid, was spent as a complete T-totaler. I am well aware many people only think of the negatives about living near to a pub, but I have never witnessed anything more than a raucous argument in there or heard of a fight that resulted in the police or an ambulance having to be called, this isn't some impersonal harbour side bar. This is just a local pub for the local community, it doesn't have passing trade and although it may occasionally be the starting point for a night on the town, it isn't a point of call on or the end of any pub crawl route. During all the time I have spent in the pub I have found the other locals as a supportive close nit community.

Over the years I have been a part of many local and national events raising awareness and funds for lots of different causes from downs syndrome to cancer, we have put on firework displays and thrown parties for all the local kids as well as support for some of the older or disabled members of the community arranging shopping trips and hospital runs organised between those with transport and time to spare, or just as somewhere to find someone to listen to their problems, this is the *only* pub I know I can walk into on my own without any worries, there is always someone to talk to, this is also a place of safety and support for the locals, arranging support and accommodation during relationship break ups or looking out for the kids in the park opposite, many parents feel safer in the knowledge that their children have somewhere close to run to if help is needed. It is also a place to seek and find work or workmen, with nearly all trades being represented in its patrons.

None of this would have been possible without the pub to act as our community hub, all this without money from the council or government funding, all this from local people using our own resources and time, and with the help and hospitality of the many pub landlords including the one we have now. To remove this would be a unjust. This is clearly a well loved and well used local pub. How many communities have been left worse off when big companies close their local pubs? This doesn't have to happen here! We have a landlord who has shown us he is committed to keeping this place open for us no matter what. I hope to be given the opportunity to speak in front of you, and on behalf of all the people I know that would be devastated if they lost our pub but are unable to attend.

Yours truly,



THE EXECUTIVE HEAD OF COMMUNITY SAFETY

TORONTO COUNCIL

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TORONTO POLICE OIL E.R. & G.P. DIVISION			
30 MAR 2011			
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RE: OLD BRASSERIE PUB HOUSE - LOWER TELLACORSE CHURCH ROAD

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you regarding the above mentioned premises and your forthcoming review of its licence.

After having read your notice posted outside the premises, I felt compelled to write to you as I think the points raised do not reflect a fair assessment of the premises.

Having been a regular customer of this public house for almost the past twenty five years, I can honestly say that during that time I have never witnessed any behaviour that could cause offence.

To say this establishment "operates in a manner that is causing public nuisance" is certainly not how I would describe it.

A great deal of effort has been made to ensure the avoidance of any problems. The bar staff are very vigilant, notices have been placed about the premises regarding the issue of noise and a new CCTV system has been installed. In my opinion the business is run on a very competent level.

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Also, I am sure you will agree the winter we have endured these past months has certainly not been conducive to sitting in a beer garden.

Are the accusations being levelled at these premises based on impartial findings or individual opinions?

Adjacent to the Old Brewery is a children's play park and an all weather flood-lit sports area, both of which are well used by local children and teenagers alike. Is it always possible to differentiate where noise levels are emanating from? Or are we to fear for the future of this play area as well?

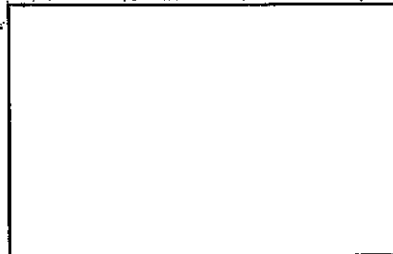
I think we can safely say that Ellacombe is not the most affluent area of Torbay, but this part of Ellacombe is rich in community spirit. At the heart of that community is The Old Brewery. To close these premises would leave a void in the lives of many local people, not to mention the loss of another employer and subsequent livelihoods.

On a more personal note, in my role as trustee of a local registered charity (DownSouth), I shall always feel a sense of gratitude towards the patrons of the Old Brewery. Over the years they have raised thousands of pounds to help local children with Down's Syndrome. At one fund raising event alone, enough money was raised to enable DownSouth to put Musical sets into many Torbay primary schools. These learning aids have proved to be of great assistance to all children with a learning disability in those schools.

For people with a disability, acceptance in society is an all important issue. My daughter Katie, was born with Duch's Syndrome and over the years she has not just been accepted, but totally embraced by both customers and staff alike at the Brewery. I would like to point out that any opinions I have expressed in this letter do not just stem from a sense of gratitude. I cannot stress enough the importance the 'Old Brewery' has to the local community here in Ellacombe. It means a lot of things to a lot of decent people and it is quite liberally more than 'just a pub'.

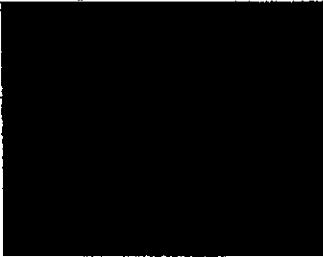
In conclusion, I would hope that during your decision making process, the feelings of the wider community are taken into account and the very negative impact closure of these premises would have on that community.

I would be most grateful if the opinions I have expressed in this letter are given fair and due consideration.



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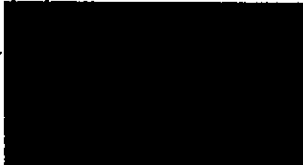
TORREY COUNCIL
E.N. & C.P. DIVISION
30 MAR 2011



Dear Sir Madam;

I have been going to the old brewery for over 20 yrs now and I am dismayed you are trying to close it down. It is a community pub used by all ages, from darts, pool, cards etc and it is used by many, as it is for charity work. Flora run etc.

I believe it gets blamed for any noise coming from playground the football park and recently a party if it closes there will be not much left in Ellacombe.



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TO: DISTRICT COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION
31 MAR 2011
FROM: [REDACTED]



Dear Sir/Madam,

Local man not on facebook or any other (supposed) social network site seeks council to allow local public house to remain open as unlike "modern" persons normal people want interaction face to face with other local people to talk about community issues and meet new people and not hide behind curtains deciding the ferment of local peoples lives.

The Old Brewery

is a welcoming small tavern
that is the 'cliché' of the
community and would be
sorely missed as another local
pub will be defunct and
expire when the McCarthy
building firm deem it viable
to ~~commence renovation work~~
into yet more flats.



TO: DAKOTA			
EVALUATION			
31 MAR 2011			
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Executive Head of Community Safety
 Torbay Council
 Roebuck House
 Abbey Road
 Torquay
 TQ2 5EJ

Dear Sir/Madam

REF :- THE OLD BREWERY PUBLIC HOUSE.

I am writing in support of the above named public house, I have lived in Ellacombe for over 33 years and have been a regular at the Old Brewery since I turned 13 years old, I have seen many owners come and go and many licence holders running the bar.

I am shocked that the council has decided to go down the route of reviewing the premises licence, especially as the Brewery is now not as busy as it used to be.

A couple of issues I would like to draw your attention to, firstly the pub is very rarely busy after about 9.30pm, so for neighbours and your selves to highlight noise late on; must be a rarity, secondly the correct licence holder has put up signs in the bar and on most internal doors and on the entrance/exit door, requesting the customers to adhere to the request of keeping noise down when exiting.

The point about loud music, is a strange one, as the Brewery does not have a juke box; it only has a lap top and TV's for the playing of music, whilst I know the laptop is connected to a speaker system I would strongly deny its played so loud that the neighbours can hear it "regularly" as it would be too loud for the patrons inside the bar.

Lastly I would say that the language and noise from the children (I use the term children loosely) playing in the park is more of the adult nature than what is used in the back garden, as well as the noise they create; but the little darlings do need to let off steam !!

Thank you for reading the letter.



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TODD BAY COUNCIL	
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- 1 APR 2011	



To whom it may concern,

Having lived and worked in Ellacombe for over 40 years my wife and I have seen many changes.... Some for the best and some not so.

Our local heart of the community The Old Brewery public house a possibility of closure... WHY ?

This very local public house is we believe to be one of the last remaining bastions, where others have tried and failed or could simply no longer keep up with the rents and demands of increasing brewery charges.

I saw The Old Brewery in its heyday opened in 1984 by Mr Steve Davis renowned world breaking snooker champion.

It has been through some ups and downs...diminished in size but believe you me it has not lost the valued heart of a community that stand by it and whoever might be lucky enough to have his or her name residing over the door as licensed proprietor.

We feel that Mr Sean Martin has done his utmost to participate in all aspects of abiding by and adhering to rules and regulations imposed on him and yet a campaign to oust him with such relentless vigour is a travesty.



Exec. Head of Community Safety
Torbay Council
Roebuck House
Abbey Road
Torquay



5th. April 2011

RE: The Old Brewery, Ellacombe

To whom this may concern,

I am writing you to in relation to the allegations concerning the aforementioned Public House.
Since moving to Ellacombe in 2001 I have been to The Old Brewery on numerous occasions.

1. My wife, friends and I often go for a sociable evening.
2. When I have family visiting the Bay we frequent the premises.
3. In the past I have played football for the Pub.
4. I have attended many functions, Wedding parties funerals, Birthdays yet to name a few.
5. As I get older I use the premises as a meeting place for my older friends who are uncomfortable in going into town, due to the violence and noise.

In every single occasion I have entered these premises I have always been made to feel welcome, the noise is not excessive and the behaviour of the customers may be boisterous but never to a level where me, friend or family have never felt intimidated, not like the town centre of other town pubs I do not care to mention.

The area around the Pub has always been an open area with children running, laughing, (in an area especially built), playing football, (in a park especially built to suit) dogs barking (in the area especially allowed to suit)! Has

My point is that Ellacombe is a thriving community with hundreds of families living and growing all around and the amount of actual complaints of the whole percentage of the local population is minimal. The Pub has raised many Thousands of Pounds for local charities, has been a much needed hub for local people and most of all a meeting place for us locals to keep the community together.

So much for the Big Society, many more Public houses in the Bay could learn from the brewery's community spirit and again bring local areas together again.

Please listen to comments from the public who actually use this public house and benefit greatly from it, as adults, you are taking away our swing park!

Yours Faithfully,



*Executive Head of Community Safety
Torbay Council
Roebuck House
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5th April 11

*Ref The Old Brewery Inn
Lower Ellacombe Church Road
Torquay*

- 7 APR 2011

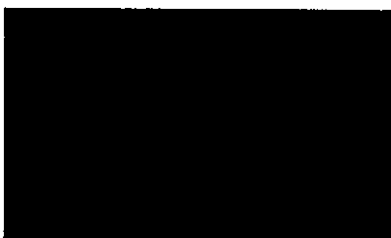
I write with reference to the above stated Public House.

I have been a patron of this pub for almost 20 years and would be very sad to see its closure. I also lived in Swaynes Mews for 7 years, which is adjacent to the pub and never had any cause to complain about the pub or any of its patrons.

It has always been a community family friendly establishment and continues to be so. I am aware that there has been complaint(s) regarding noise from the establishment and requests for certain conditions to be maintained and adhered to. As a patron I have seen lots of changes over the past few months including increased security measures as well as substantial building improvements internally at huge costs to the proprietor. I also understand that these are ongoing measures and by no means conclusive.

The pub is a lifeline for patrons old and young who choose to spend social time among friends rather than having to go into town. It is also parallel to Brewery Park that has a play park, dog park, basketball park that are all in use well into summer evenings by various age groups depending on the sport being played.

There are always social costs in terms of noise when you have parks, public houses and general public places. However as a resident of Ellacombe myself and many others fully support what the proprietor is trying to achieve, take pride in where we live and are all happy to work in conjunction with Police and Torbay Council to ensure that our community Public House can remain.



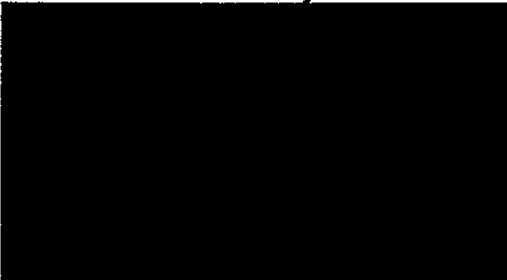


7 APR 2011



To whom it may concern,

We have lived in the Hillacombe area of Torquay for the past thirty odd years, of which, nearly 20 of those years one of us has been disabled, during this time we have been regular patrons of the Old Brewery pub. It has been and still is a very important part of our local community. Over the years it has been a mainstay in supporting local projects and people, from helping charities to holding firework events, Christmas, Easter and birthday parties, plus as many barbecues as could be fitted in depending on the weather. Therefore it would be a sad loss to the local area should the pub be forced to close its doors. We have two young grandchildren who use the brewery park, but only because we know that should anything go amiss they can go to the pub and be sure there will be someone to phone home and let us know if they are hurt or need our help, during the long period last year that the pub was forced to close, we found it hard on the local kids and parents/carers trying to balance home/work and the want of the children to play in safety. We are sure you will appreciate the Old Brewery is a very important part of our area with, we might add nothing to replace it within this area, if or when it should close. We would be grateful if we could be given the opportunity to offer representation for our local pub The Old Brewery when the time comes.



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To whom it may concern

I am writing in Ref. to the
Old Brewery, Torquay Review.

I have worked at the Pub on
several occasions and visited the
Pub as a customer. As a licensee

I can not fault the way the pub
runs. Mr Martin has strict policies,
i.e. checking noise levels outside every
 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, checking Toilets for drugs,
Asking for I.D.

The only times I can say the
noise levels were unacceptable has
not been from the pub but from
the Park, where youths have been
Playing football, shouting and using
Foul language.

The only Problem I See with the Old Brewery is it has too shut at 11 o'clock which I agree with the Customers is too early as all other Pubs around shut at 12 o'clock. This also causes people to drink more in a shorter time and could cause noise when they all leave at 11.

I have talked and listened to customers at the Pub, this is a locals Pub where they all look after each other when ill or in need of help. Some of these locals would have no-one to turn too or anywhere to go if it was not for this Pub. They all want this pub too stay open and I agree as coming from Paignton they have made me and others feel very welcome.



SRU 160247

Executive Head of Community Safety,
Torbay Council,
Roebuck House,
Abbey Road,
Torquay
TQ2 5EJ

13 APR

RE The Old Brewery Public House

April 4th 2011

I am writing to support the campaign to keep the Old Brewery pub OPEN. It is a great community meeting place, it is supported by many many local residents who live within a mile or less of the premises, most of which are in the 40-60 age range with careers, trades and businesses to run.

There are no 'unsavory' characters, drug dealers or the like that frequent there, it is a very safe pub, in fact one of the only places in Torquay that I, as a 43 year old woman can go into by myself and meet with other female and male friends in a non threatening way, without the drunken youths causing mayhem. All the locals know each other and we look out for our community, and respect our area and the residents within it. We all live around the Brewery Park area, lots of our children play in that park or we walk our dogs there and we know most of the people who live alongside the Park and the pub.

To say that the Old Brewery is a nuisance for noise is an OUTRAGE. We are well behaved adults who live in a small residential area and have a COMMUNITY that looks after each other. We need a place to socialize and meet each other in our area. It is not the only community area in Torquay with a pub in a residential area. There are many around. There is 'The Kents' a very populated area opposite and church, 'The Prince of Orange' in Barton, 'Alibi', 'The Union' and 'The Fortune of War' in Plainmoor (which has the added risks of Torquay United Football fans)'The John Bull' in forest road and not forgetting ones in Chelston and surrounding area 'The Haywain' etc. In fact if you looked all around Torquay, Paignton, Kingskerswell, and surrounding areas there are vast amounts of small community local public houses that serve their local residents.

If you close 'The Old Brewery' then I say you have a case to shut all these small local community pubs. How welcome would that policy become?

All the locals support our area, we want it to be a pleasant place to live with a good community feel. Why would we want to risk shutting our local pub by unsociable behavior or noise? In fact I refute that there is a noise issue with the pub. Most of the trade is weekend afternoons and very early evenings in the week. In fact with the doors closed and patrons inside you would never even know it was a public house it is that dull and quiet. If you walked through Brewery Park on a Saturday afternoon you wouldn't even know there was a pub there as the noise of the children playing outside and people using their own back gardens would be the prominent thing you heard first.

In fact I would argue with your so called evidence from local residents. The landlord does in fact track the noise levels with his sophisticated monitoring equipment. Did the council do such tests? Were they at different times in the day and different days of the week and at times such as closing on a Saturday evening different months of the year with different weather conditions? I think not.

How many different residents complained? Was there a cross section of households from different areas around the public house venue area that complained different age ranges of householders perhaps? I think not! Is there any social reason for closing the pub? Do the police object? No I think not, in fact the Community Children's Officer maintains that there is never any trouble with the kids in the Park as the adults that are in the pub keep the children in order and PREVENT trouble. Is there an issue with rowdy fighting outside the pub. No! Is it a haven for underage drinking. NO! I would argue that you would find it extremely difficult to find one reasonable public house or community order law that was being crossed at this public house.

The Old Brewery Inn is well run, the patrons live in the area and use it as a community focal point, the women feel safe and secure there and its like one big family, something that lacks in the many areas of our lives. Is this what the new Government White paper is proposing> Stronger Communities? If you closed this pub down it would be a CRIME! Try visiting it yourself and see for yourself what a well run happy place it is to socialize in.