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To: All parties that have made representations

Re: Application for alcohol license by Anna Witham on behalf of Fuzion Bitez, 62 Wales Road, Kiveton Park, Sheffield, S26 6RD

As a family we opened Fuzion Bitez in October 2024, initially as a Takeaway, whilst we completed renovating the property. We have invested a massive amount of time and money into restoring and bringing up to date a very old building which was quite literally falling down around us. On completion of the renovations, we opened as a restaurant in January 2025 with a takeaway & delivery option. The majority of our customer base are older adults and families. After a recent inspection were granted a 5 Star food hygiene rating. I have included photographs for you to see the work we have done and how the restaurant looks now. We have widened door ways to create wheelchair and pushchair access and created a disabled and child friendly toilet with the appropriate facilities.

We have received some amazing support from the vocal and surrounding villagers, our feedback has been 98% Five Star on our food, quality and service. Those customers we have asked for their opinion have all been in support of the granting of an alcohol license.

I am sure that all local residents would agree that parking has always been an issue in this particular area of the village. The Kiveton Tap, Pejis & Golden Grill are directly opposite, and their customers and drivers do park on the side street. Parking on the side street on a Monday and Tuesday when our restaurant is closed is very similar in terms of parking and traffic, therefore it does seem unfair that we are solely blamed for parking issues. However, we want to cause as little disruption as possible and having read the concerns listed within the representations we are taking positive steps to ensure our business is not adding to the parking problem. The manager will no longer park their car in their designated parking place, instead this will be reserved for the delivery driver on shift and any other delivery drivers have been firmly asked to avoid parking on the side street at any time. In addition, at no point will delivery drivers leave their vehicles running or with music playing whilst waiting for orders, they will now wait inside the premises with their engines off. We have also conducted a customer survey, and the majority of our customers are local residents and tend to walk to the premises.

Should an alcohol licence be granted I would suggest that even fewer people would drive to the restaurant if they are local and intend to have an alcoholic drink with their meal.

In regard to representations against the actual granting of a license to sell alcohol as their main concern, I feel that the ability to sell the alcohol that is consumed on the premises as opposed to customers bringing their own with them would allow us to better control alcohol consumption and serve this in a responsible manner.

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I am surprised by Councillor Beck & Councillor Havard's concerns regarding the protection of children from harm, considering that our own Village Hall where children are generally always present, attending parties and dance classes etc, within a stone's throw of a children's playground, skate park, tennis and basketball courts, houses a pub. I therefore cannot see how my restaurant's application to sell alcohol would be considered of a higher risk. In addition, The Kiveton Tap, directly opposite my restaurant, has been granted an application to sell alcohol and as a pub has the sole purpose of selling alcohol. We are not a pub nor a bar, we are a restaurant, people drinking alcohol would be doing so whilst enjoying a meal, they wouldn't be visiting our establishment with the sole purpose of drinking as they would do a pub/bar.

We take the protection of children seriously and there will be no children under the age of 18 years old allowed without a supervising adult present and a challenge 21 in place. All of our staff are trained in challenge 21 and CCTV covers the entire building and surrounding areas.

We have three children ourselves, ages 13y, 10y and 1y and have spent my entire career working with at risk children and therefore am fully trained in safeguarding and child protection, therefore recognising my responsibilities in regard to safeguarding children is second nature.

We will continue to operate as a restaurant regardless of if the premises is granted a licence to sell alcohol meaning that I a denial would simply create an increase in encourage customers bringing their own alcohol, which as stated we mean that we would be in a weaker position to monitor or control responsible drinking.

Regarding issues raised around noise, whilst renovating the building we paid to have an independent noise assessment carried out, this was done at differing times of the day and evening, both inside and around the outside of the premises, with all equipment running and concluded that the premises was not emanating excessive noise or noise that would be considered a nuisance, I am happy to provide a copy of this at request. That said, the last thing we want is for our neighbours to be unhappy, so have made some changes and made positive steps to reduce noise levels. As we understand it, the layout of the flat upstairs means that the residential living room/bedroom are directly above our kitchen and food prep area, we will therefore instruct our Chefs and kitchen staff not to play any music within that area.

In regards to music, this will only be played in the restaurant as background music, low enough for people to obviously talk easily whilst enjoying their meal – we are not a late night music venue, music will purely be used as low level background music, however we will ensure that all speakers are inwardly faced and will also remove any and all speakers

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that are attached to the party wall in the hope that this will alleviate the problem. We are happy to work with the tenant of the flat to come to an agreement that satisfies both parties. No other residents should be affected by this as it's not possible to hear this from outside of the premises.

In conclusion, we are local residents operating a restaurant for local people and will continue to operate as such, we are simply requesting a license to sell alcohol as an option to our customers. I hope that I have covered all concerns raised and that the information given here, and the steps suggested to alleviate concerns is helpful and offers some reassurance. I therefore hope that residents will consider withdrawing their representations and offer their support in our local business in these already difficult times.

Regards
Anna Witham

I have attached some photographs to show the inside of the premises, the food we have on offer.

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