

From: MP
Sent: 03 March 2017 12:11
To: Business Licence
Subject: Greene's bar Neasden

Dear Sir/Madam

It is with great sadness I heard that Greene's bar is facing closure. If this was to happen it would be a great shame not just for the pub but the people who go there.

This place is more than just a pub it's a place within the heart of the community, Greene's is a home of anyone who visits always feeling welcomed unlike most pubs in the area. At heart a old time Irish pub but never forced upon you for example you could go in on a rugby game day and see England and Ireland fans enjoying the game together dressed in the country's colours. They don't care there only concern it seems is that once your there your enjoying yourself and they are friendly which is even more rare these days. I've been going to Greene's for many years and have always enjoyed myself also feeling ok even after a few drinks. If there has ever been any trouble the staff are always on point and quick to calm the situation down and make sure everyone is ok. Can't enough be said by how much it would be a great shame and a sad day if Greene's was to be closed not only for myself and my many friends I've made over the years visiting here but also for Neasden and the community around it.

Many thanks

From: SD
Sent: 02 March 2017 17:26
To: Business Licence
Subject: RE: Greenes Bar, Neasden

Dear Sirs,

My name is [REDACTED]. I am 27 years old and have lived in Neasden since I was born.

I recently heard that the council are considering closing down my local pub Greenes Bar on Neasden lane. I am writing to express my concern over this and offer my account on why I think the bar should stay open.

Since I can remember Greenes has been a place where the Irish community could get together and has served as a kind of hub for the community here. I worked in Greenes for a few years and it was a great experience for me. It helped my confidence and I got to meet lots of new people. I also got to know a lot of the Irish people from my area which I am very thankful for as being born in London it is sometimes easy to forget where your family came from and I'm glad that I now have a better feeling for my family's past.

There is also a lot of friends of mine who emigrated to London more recently and the bar has served as a place that they could meet new friends and find new work in the big city. A lot of people are not sure what they would have done without a place as welcoming as Greenes. For some it is like a home away from home.

During my time working at the bar I was always impressed with how quickly and efficiently any trouble was dealt with. Unfortunately as a fact of life there will always be a very small minority of people who want to cause trouble on a night out, but I believe a bar should be measured on how it responds to anti-social behavior and the way in which the staff at Greenes handle a potentially troubled situation has always made me feel at ease knowing that we can go out to our local pub at night and feel safe.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I trust that you will consider my thoughts and I hope that Greenes can go on to serve the Irish and Brent community of London.

Kind regards,

From: SM
Sent: 02 March 2017 19:58:11
To: Business.licence@brent.co.uk
Subject: Greenes Bar Neasden

To whom it may concern

I am writing to you in relation to Greene's Bar Neasden

This pub is a huge part of our community

It is a grateful Irishman working pub where we go each evening after work a catch up with the day's news.

It is as much a hub for us as it is a pub and I know several people who got work by just talking to others.

The staff and management are great people and run a good honest pub

From: PP
Sent: 03 March 2017 09:25
To: Business Licence
Subject: Re: Greenes bar Neasden

Dear Sir/Madam

I have heard that there is a possibility of Greenes pub in neasden being closed down, and so i would like to please encourage you not to do this. My father has been a regular at Greenes for many years and for him it has become a home away from home. He goes in there for a few hours everyday, to have a laugh and a good time with friends. Greenes is more then just a pub for him, he is well looked after by all the staff and management there, and this gives me great relief knowing his is safe there and can enjoy his retirement years with good company instead of being home alone. He went into hospital 5 months ago and the staff even inquired about him as they had not seen him in a few days. They provide great care to the community and i don't know where we would be without them. We would be very great full if it stays open for years and years.

Thank you for taking the time to read this

From: NW
Sent: 02 March 2017 18:15
To: Business Licence
Subject: Re: Greenes bar Neasden

Dear Sir/Madam

I attended Greenes a few months ago after work for a few drinks with friends. We were there for a few hours and I was drinking wine, I did start to become slightly drunk when the bar staff suggested I should have a glass of water instead of another glass of wine. I will admit that I felt a little insulted at first, but they gently persuaded me to have a couple of glasses and slow down a little to enjoy the night more. I took their advice and actually felt a bit better for it. I could have ended up in quite an embarrassing state if it wasn't for them looking out for me, looking back I really appreciate they did this. I travel about once a month from Watford for a night out to Greenes and always find the door staff and the management very friendly and professional.

Yours sincerely

From: MF
Sent: 02 March 2017 23:31
To: Business Licence
Subject: Late licence

I am writing to you about greenes pub in neasden I am a local resident in the area and this is the local meeting place for my family and friends who travel over from Ireland it is also a family place on Sunday where I bring my kids for Sunday lunch. It is a trouble free pub. I would be disappointed if we can't have our next family occasion here due to not having a late licence

Regards concerned resident

From: JC / MC
Sent: 02 March 2017 15:32
To: Business Licence
Subject: Greene's Bar - Neasden Lane North

Dear Sirs

I've heard from a senior member of staff at Greene's Bar, Neasden Lane North, that the licence is up for renewal and Brent Council are not altogether in favour of the renewal thus forcing the bar to close. I would be sad to see Greene's Bar close. My husband, [REDACTED] and I live about 3 minute's walk from the pub and have been regular customers since it first opened in May 1993 as a family business.

The pub is frequented regularly during the day by some local pensioners. This may be their only opportunity to meet other people throughout their day and for this reason the pub is contributing to the community spirit of the areas. In my opinion, it offers 'care in the community' to these customers.

These pensioners (because of mobility issues) and indeed other local people are loathe to use the underpass to Neasden Shopping Centre, it may be safe enough during the day but in the hours of darkness lots of people are very reluctant to use the underpass.

The pub employs a number of full and part-time staff who would be forced to seek alternative employment and with the demise of local pubs such jobs can be hard to come by. It would be sad to see another pub close.

For these reasons and others I would ask you to consider allowing Greene's Bar to remain open for the foreseeable future.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

From: [DF](#)
Sent: 03 March 2017 09:59
To: Business Licence
Subject: Re Greenes pub Neasden

To whom it may concern,

I have heard that Greenes in Neasden may be closing down, I'd like to appeal that this not be the case. Greenes is a big part of the community especially the Irish community. I came over here 6 years ago as there was no work for me back home. I was encouraged by a friend to visit Greenes in Neasden as 'they'll look after you well in there' and I was not disappointed. I was kindly told I could rent a room above the pub by the owner, and within a couple of months I had made a few friends with the regulars there, once of which offered me a trial job on his building site. I found out this was not out of the ordinary, many men like myself coming over from Ireland had found board and jobs this same way.

I could come down for a lovely cooked dinner like id get back home, and felt at home here. I had heard rumours about trouble in/outside the pub when I first came and was a bit wary. However having spent a few evening and living above the pub I found these rumours to be far exaggerated. Like any pub there have been incidents, however I commend the door staff and the management on how well these incidents were dealt with. The staff are able to quickly gauge when a situation can get out of hand and quickly alert the door staff who immediately try to defuse the situation, most of the time after a few words from the door staff the situation calms, the few times it doesn't, the door staff quickly and safely remove the offending person out of the pub and make sure the incident does not escalate.

I would always recommend Greenes to friends traveling over from Ireland as a great starting point to getting on their feet here. The atmosphere is always welcoming and friendly and it would be a great shame for myself, all the regulars and the community and future generations who like myself come here to make a life for themselves, if this pub was closed

I urge you to consider us and thank you for your time

Yours Sincerely

From: OJ
Sent: 03 March 2017 11:18
To: Business Licence
Subject: Greens bar Neasden

Hello my name is [REDACTED] I have lived in Neasden for nearly 20 years. I have been coming to greened pub for a while and have had such a nice time always....the owner is nothing but kind and a true gentlemen!

Best wishes

From: [Fr. M Spain](#) – Parish Priest
Sent: 03 March 2017 15:01
To: Business Licence
Subject: Greenes Bar Neasden

I write on hearing the news that Brent Council wish to close down Greenes Bar in Neasden. The owner, Tim Sheahan is known to me over six years now and I encouraged him to take on the business. I did so because he is an engaging, generous and light hearted man.

Tim is always available if we need a bar run at our Parish Centre and has done a BBQ of excellent quality for us. I blessed his Pub, I said Mass there with a healthy crowd gathered and he did a charity event for our Homeless Charity. If Tim has contravened licencing hours law, I cannot condone this but I know him as a kind hearted landlord and friend who brings a lot of happiness into the lives of those who know and meet him.

I will also send this message by post to you.

Yours respectively,

From: VP
Sent: 03 March 2017 16:14
To: Business Licence
Subject: Ref: GREENES BAR, 362-364 Neasden Ln N, London
NW10 0BT
To whom it may concern,

I am the manager of Video Prince, [REDACTED] Neasden Lane North. My business is very close to the premises and I have never had any problem from customers going to Greenes bar.

The management and staff are always on hand to make sure that their customers behave well and do not cause any nuisance outside the premises.

Additionally the management and staff keep the service road behind our premises clean
Kind regards

From: PH
Sent: 03 March 2017 16:25
To: Business Licence
Subject: Greenes bar Neasden
To whom it may concern.

I have been a regular at Greenes bar for many years and can honestly say that it is probably one of the best remaining independent local pubs in the area it has always been involved in the community from raising money for charity and mobilising patrons to assist in local projects, more often than not without recognition or self promotion.

In a time of what appears to be a systematic closure and persecution of any independent pubs bars and clubs in the local Boroughs for the purpose of redevelopment or repurposing for the slightest infringement or trouble Mr Sheeran (land lord) has taken a loved local hub that was in Decline and revitalised it insuring everybody that should wander in is welcomed and treated like a regular and valued customer.

I have always known the staff to be friendly and professional and always up for a laugh and a joke, they also take care of anyone that's in need from visiting older patrons and making sure they are safe often organising cabs at their own expense and escorting them home. In addition to the regular stuff the venue has brought in door staff at the weekends to help with any disorder that could occur and any incidence that look to be starting have been defused very quickly and professionally and have been very good at keeping out any possible problem elements.

As a local resident who can remember the days of Neasden Shopping Centre having several pubs, clubs and bars Greenes has always been seen as the true local and never caught up in any of the issues that used to arise especially over the weekend and unlike other businesses that seem to go unchecked the consideration of local residents seems the priority.

So to end I would say Green's has always been a community centre with locals and residents looked after and considered highly including providing free Christmas dinners to anyone alone and free barbecues during the warmer weather for anyone that should need a good Sunday feed. It would be a shame to lose yet another great local that serves the community in more than one aspect rather than corporate and political interests.

P.S feel free to contact me with any queries.
Your's sincerely

