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Subject: GREENS BAR - NEASDEN

Dear Sirs,

I write in relation to Greenes Bar, Neasden.

I meet up with friends at Greenes Bar every weekend which is 2 or 3 times a week minimum, as I am getting older I now prefer to go there between 3 or 4 pm in the afternoon and will stay there occasionally into the evenings and have done for some 20 years.

Therefore, I do know the Management and Staff and in my opinion they run the premises very well and cater for a wide range of customers from local businessmen and local manual workers.

The beer is always good and they offer good food at very reasonable prices from 5pm - 8pm which is very helpful to many customers living in rented accommodation who want a healthy wholsome meal in the evenings after work, I have eaten there myself on many occasions and the variety and quality is excellent.

I have only ever seen an argument turn into a scuffle in the premises once and it was dealt with calmly and very quickly, before it became serious, by the bar person who persuaded the main culprit to leave the premises and I know rowdy potentially troublesome customers are always asked to leave in the same polite way.

I have always felt completely safe in Greenes Bar and am comfortable even taking my grandchildren into the premises occasionally.

Greenes is traditionally an Irish Bar and being so is not just a bar but a excellent meeting place for the community, mostly Irish but also several regulars are Indian Asian men and also Polish. It is a place where the community look after, and look out for each other in difficult times, especially the elderly customers.

It is a trait of many Irish to go out late 10.00 - 10.30 pm is common practice and they enjoy a bar where they can relax for a few hours so they enjoy a bar that offers extended hours. Furthermore, it has also always been a bar where an unemployed person could be introduced to someone else who is offering work and I would say this happens regularly every week. It has been a meeting place for sports teams and occasionally fun events are held to raise money to support the teams.

Also, annually in November (Movember) the Management, Staff and customers raise money for Great Ormand Street Childrens Hospital, I believe well over £2000 was raised November 2017 and even more in previous years.

Greenes Bar is not just a bar it is a community meeting place and as explained above has a community feel to it always, the current Landlord and Staff continues and encourages this tradition and long may it continue.

## Kind regards