

From: Conneely, Councillor Rita
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:47 pm
To: Legister, Linda
Subject: Licensing committee hearing- march 20th- 2pm - Kilburn arms

Dear Linda

I am writing to let you know of my intention to speak at the above hearing on the Kilburn arms. I do have to leave at 2.40 due to a work meeting so hopefully this can be accommodated.

The Kilburn Arms represents a community asset which is well needed in the area and which should be protected by Brent's Pub Protection Policy.

It provides a space for older local residents to meet which is essential in combatting social isolation which is a key area of concern in our borough. It also provides an essential resource for remote workers who cannot work from home due to overcrowded accommodation or high energy bills.

During our period as Borough of Culture, we committed to building an arts & culture legacy - particularly for young people. The Kilburn Arms is one of the few venues left in the borough which supports emerging music artists- including young people studying in the local university- the Institute for Contemporary Music Performance.

The Kilburn Arms is a well-managed licensed venue with a community orientated customer base. I have never witnessed anti-social behaviour inside or outside the venue. I strongly recommend that this essential business in the borough be supported by the committee - and not penalised unnecessarily.

Many thanks

Cllr Rita Conneely
Kilburn
Chair, Resource and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee