

## Leeann Leeds

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**From:** Keran MASSETT [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 June 2014 11:35  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Portobello Inn

[REDACTED]

I have used the Portobello for over 30yrs now and seen many Landlords come & go. Some good some not so good but Charmaine & Steve has brought into this pub what no others have been able to.....A Safe, Friendly, Family Venue.

At the Weekends it is a social gaving for many Family's and because of the lack of facilities up this Village for Children & Toddlers, during the week you will see many Mums & Nannies (including myself) using the pub as a kind of Playgroup. It's like being in a Friends garden, we can sit & chat the kiddies have lots to play with because of the swings, slides, fort, playhouse, toys, which Charmaine & Steve have provided. Charmaine when preparing lunch/dinner for her own children will have a lookout to see what kiddies are about and will cater for them as well...might I add free of charge because she counts us not only as valued customers but also as friends. They fenced off the carpark, installed a locked gate so it was safe for the Children.

In a way the pub is also respite for a few families.

There is a 40yr old Downs Syndrome man [REDACTED] who uses this pub with his elderly parents. He is treated like a Lord by Charmaine, Steve, their Staff & customers but more importantly it is a pleasure to see his Parents enjoying themselves knowing their Son is respected by all and he is safe. Believe me, we live in a wicked world and there are not a lot of places where Paul could go and not have fun made out if him.

Then we have 2yr old [REDACTED] (also Downs). Wow, if you could see her face when she walks through the pub gate knowing she is going to have lots of fun with her friends, well it just melts your heart. It helps enormously with her social skills and again her Parents & big brother ([REDACTED]) can look forward to a bit of Me time knowing their daughter is in a safe friendly environment.

The amount of effort they put in to support Charity's is fantastic. There are 3 charity's close to their hearts.  
(1). The John Wetherall Golfing Society.... A young man and valued customer who died of cancer. His passion was golf so Steve arranges golf days throughout the year where's all monies raised goes towards Cancer Reserch in his memory.

(2) The Royal Marsden.....a 3yr old girl [REDACTED] who's parents & grandparents are valued customers of Charmaine & Steve. [REDACTED] has a rare form of Leukemia and is fighting for her life. Charmaine & Steve organises many events throughout the year where's all monies raised goes towards the Royal Marsden (toys, research) and to the parents of [REDACTED] to help them financially. Also they played a big part in organising a fund raising day for [REDACTED] that brought in a LOT of money. It was so big that the papers ran a story on it.

(3). H.C.T.P.....a charity for Special Needs Children/Adults. I don't have to go into this one as I will just mention [REDACTED] & [REDACTED].

Then there is the social events.....Barbecues, Firework night, Princess & Pirates Days. Its a Knockout competitions, Christmas Party's, Meet your favourite cartoon character etc.....just a few to mention but so many more.

Some might say Charmaine & Steve do this for Brownie points!!!, but that is a Big NO.

They do all this because they appreciate their customers and it is their way of saying Thank You. A prime example was their wedding day. Not one customer (including children) was excluded from celebrating their special day with them.

In the 4 yrs they have had this pub there has never been a fight up here, the police has never been called, you have had no complaints from their neighbours so I can't understand how you have installed these stipulations on them. A (alleged) fight broke out at the Kebab stall in the Bus Lay by NOT on the Ports

premises so how can you penalise Charmaine & Steve for this!?!?. Might I add about 2 months ago the 2 owners of the Kebab stall pulled out knives on each other. Police were called though no arrest made!!, A serious incident happened near by another local pub (Gamecock) at Christmas (2013). Like the Portobello it did not happen on their premises but UNLIKE the Portobello the Gamecock was not closed down for a week, did not have stipulations installed on them whilst investigations were going on..... Why???

All Charmain & Steve have done is try to make this pub the community of this village. Where else will you find two hard working people that puts so much effort in providing a safe, friendly family venue for many people and who puts in and gives so much to us all.

Your decision not only affects them financially but also as a family. You say one of them has to be in the pub always!!!!. What about their family time together!!, meals, days out, family functions!!!!...surly this can not be right?.

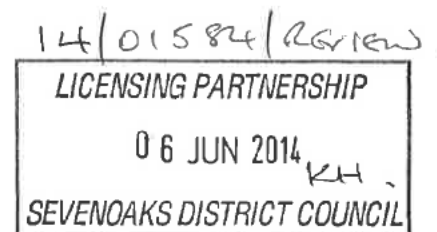
As a customer of the pub and a resident of this village I believe that if Charmaine & Steve have to leave this pub it will not only affect them but also many families in this village.

For many of us this pub is a big part of our social life, where's we can come and enjoy ourselves with our children, families & friends knowing that we are in a Safe, Friendly Family venue.

In this day & age the community spirit is very rare.....Please help in keeping ours.

I'm sorry if this letter is long but It is written from my heart. I hope by reading it you have a better insight on what these two lovely people do for many of us in West Kingsdown.

Thank You, your sincerely  
Keran Massett.



## Kerry Holloway

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**From:** terry hole [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 June 2014 17:55  
**To:** Kerry Holloway  
**Subject:** Portobello inn

Hello kerry, I've been informed that you are the person to contact regarding the situation at the portobello inn westkingsdown, I know you have probably been bombarded with emails but please listen to what I have to say, I've been drinking at the Portobello pub for many years, I also frequent the gamecock and the rising sun in Fawkham, all of which have good points and bad, when I heard that the licence had been suspended for the portobello I was astounded, as over the last four years the pub has been turned around completely due to the hard work and dedication of steve and charmain, the decor the service and the overall cleanliness of the pub has improved emensly, as has the lack of undesirables visiting and causing trouble. I am astonished that all this hard work has been overlooked by yourselves and I feel that you have totally misjudged the pub due to a isolated incident outside of the pub, which had nothing to do with the well running of the pub, just the act of mindless individuals. The landlords have worked incredibly hard to raise the standard of the pub and I feel that they have been unfairly treated by yourselves and plead with you to show some leniency in you decision as the red tape your placing on them in my view is ridiculous.

Yours, Mr T Hole.

**Janet Lockie**

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**From:** Lawrence Williams [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 09 June 2014 16:06  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Licensing restrictions on the Portobello Inn London Road West Kingsdown

Dear sir or madam

I would very much like to protest my anger and amazement at the decision that the licensing authorities have made against my local public house. As a resident in West Kingsdown for the past 10 years I have used this public house on numerous occasions never once have I seen any problems or trouble I have taken my children here knowing that it's a safe family friendly pub and is at the heart of the community for West Kingsdown. Mr and Mrs Powell has done some amazing charity fundraisers at this particular pub on one occasion raising £12,000 for a local child who had cancer also some amazing charity work at the Royal Marston Hospital. Running a pub is never easy by any stretch of imagination but one incident that happens around a burger van and not in the pub then for the pub to be penalised with licensing restrictions seems beyond belief. Mr and Mrs Powell have said that the restrictions imposed has meant that they had no choice but to close the pub within five weeks as they had a young family and nobody can expect them to be in the pub at all times a more realistic solution would be to insist on a manager to take responsibility why they were not present. Mr and Mrs Powell are the sort of people we should be encouraging in this community with all their fundraising and charity events not discouraging and penalising. What ever happened to 3 strikes and you're out rule. I am asking if you can think very carefully and reconsider lifting some of the restrictions on Mr and Mrs Powell licence as losing this pub and the great people that run it would be a travesty for this village community. We have a petition running to keep the pub open and running with currently have 250 signatures and climbing every day I urge you to reconsider your decision when you see the amount of support this village has for the current licence holders Mr and Mrs Powell. I trust that between the community, Sevenoaks council licensing department & the police that we can come to a more satisfactory situation for all concerned including the village community as a whole.

Your sincerely Mr L Williams

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David

**Donna Thorne**

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**From:** Gaynor [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 June 2014 21:00  
**To:** Licensing; michael.fallon.mp@parliament.uk  
**Subject:** Portobello Pub, West Kingsdown

LICENSING PARTNERSHIP  
09 JUN 2014 KH  
SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL

To whom it may concern,

I am saddened, shocked and outraged with the current situation regarding The Portobello Pub in West Kingsdown.

Since Mr Steve Powell and Mrs Charmaine Powell took it over approximately 4 years ago they have changed it from a grotty & rough pub, (which I wouldn't dream of drinking in, let alone take my family and children to) to a lovely & welcoming family orientated village pub. They both work extremely hard to make it a success. They involve themselves in many various charity's. They not only host many events free of charge, they also take it upon them selves to independently come up with money raising ideas/days. They happily choose to support local charity's too. They more than put themselves out on a very regular basis, for which all of there customers & the community appreciate and admire. They go above and beyond.

Me, my family & lots of our friends regularly frequent The Portobello Pub. I have recently spoken to many of them and we all agree on the following points. Not one of us have ever witnessed any fighting or trouble whilst there (because if we did we certainly wouldn't return would we?). We all love & appreciate what Steve & Charmaine do for our community. They bring us all together regularly with family fun days, charity events, entertaining tribute nights etc.....

If they left the pub it would leave a huge whole within the local community for hundreds of us.

Wt think they are being treated unfairly and many of us are shocked to core by recent events.

They are a lovely, hard working family who make a massive input to our community.

I've never written an email/letter like this before but I feel so passionately and strongly about it (as do all of our family & friends), I am contacting you on behalf of many of us.

I look forward to your reply.

Regards

Gaynor Magee

Sent from my iPad

## Leeann Leeds

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**From:** Emma King [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 June 2014 14:48  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** URGENT The Portobello Inn

To Whom it may Concern

I have worked at The Portobello Inn on and off over the last fifteen years and have never seen such good management then I do with Steven and Charmain.

I am a single parent with three young children, I would never have thought about taking my children to a pub until Steven and Charmain took over the Portobello but now as well as working there i regularly visit the pub socially with my family as I feel it is such a safe, family environment.

If Steven and Charmain do not get their license back not only will one family be losing their livelihood and their home, but Myself and my family will suffer as well. The hours I work fit in around my child care arrangements and I would struggle to find a similar arrangement. I hope you are bearing this all in mind when you make your decision.

Mrs Emma king

Sent from my iPhone

## Leeann Leeds

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**From:** Nichola Clark [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 June 2014 14:50  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Portobello Inn - licence suspension disgrace

It was with great sadness that I discovered on Friday that the licence for The Portobello Inn had been temporarily suspended due to an incident that took place at the Kebab van outside the car park of the pub. The kebab van is not in the pub car park, it is situated in the bus stop and has its own licence given to it by the council which has nothing to do with the pub. The incident had nothing to do with the pub and it is grossly unfair that they have been punished for someone else's actions.

I have lived in the area for a long time and I can honestly say that the current landlady and her family are the best people I have known to run the establishment in a very long time. They have turned an unwelcoming and cold pub into a warm, friendly and family orientated place to go for villagers and passers by. They have worked incredibly hard and do an incredible amount of good work for the village, varying from allowing parents to park in their car park for school, to raising lots of money for various charities including a local family whose daughter has leukaemia. They have organised several 'fun days' for charity and are a well respected and loved family in the community.

I have no problem at all in taking my children into the pub because it is such a family orientated pub, having two children of their own, one of which goes to the local school, they understand how important it is to be able to take your children to a warm, friendly and safe place as part of a life learning skill to learn how to interact with different ages and different people. The regulars that go to the pub have become almost like a family and if anyone needs help there is always someone that will pop round and fix things or lend a helping hand. In fact the landlord himself took it upon himself to help a gentleman that had a puncture outside, he had no money and no phone to get help and the landlord took the wheel off, gave the gentleman a lift to get a tyre and fixed the wheel back on for him. That's not an irresponsible person in my view.

If the Portobello Inn is to lose its licence this would be a great shame and a lot of families in West Kingsdown would be left with nowhere to go, have you been in the Gamecock????? I certainly would not take my children in there and hope that they never go in there when they are old enough to drink. Whilst on the subject of the Gamecock, I find it very interesting that when two young ladies were viciously attacked outside the gamecock on Christmas Eve by two customers, nobody was even interviewed and certainly they did not have their licence suspended, how is that fair?.

Lastly I would like to clarify that I have never known the Portobello to call the police over any incident because there just aren't any. It's a lovely, warm, friendly place and the family that run it are hard working fantastic people and do not deserve such stress, and incidentally neither do the poor staff that will be forced out of a job.

In this day and age with pubs closing every day it is clear that it is no longer a business that earns a fortune like they used to. We need a good family pub in the village as it is so difficult to get transport out of the village and the Portobello is that place. Like I said if you've been into the gamecock you would understand. I am by the way an ex landlady myself and I'm very impressed with what a great job they do at the Portobello.

N.Ledger  
[REDACTED]

Sent from Samsung tablet

-----Original Message-----

From: Sue Welsh [REDACTED]

Sent: 02 June 2014 13:04

To: Licensing

Subject: Portobello inn

We were amazed to find the portobello Inn has been closed by the licensing authority. We have used this Inn on a regular basis & we have always found it to be very friendly family pub with equally friendly regulars. We are happy to take our young grandchildrento the Portobello knowing that the enclosed garden is a safe place for them to play & that they are welcome & well catered for in the pub.

Sue Toomey

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

## Kerry Holloway

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**From:** Michelle Keenan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 June 2014 15:53  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** The Portobello Inn

To Whom it may concern

I am writing to you regarding the recent suspension of the license held by the land lady of The Portobello Inn, West Kingsdown.

West Kingsdown is a small village and exists as a strong knit community. Since Steven and Charmain have taken over the Portobello it has become the heart of our community. A pub is only as good as it's land lord or lady and luckily The Portobello has the best. They hold a very public presence and are involved in all community projects, regularly hosting such events. They help out at local school and church fairs by donating raffle prizes. The local football team hold their annual presentation at the premises. They were heavily involved in the organising of a charity fundraiser for a local girl with cancer and have held many fundraisers at the pub for various different charities.

I regularly take my two young children into the Portobello as it is a safe, relaxed, family environment. I have never been witness to any violence, day or night. Steven and Charmain regularly put on events especially for children and welcome families in. I would like to point out here that I would never dream of taking my children into the other pub in the village as I have been witness to far too many unsavoury incidents in that establishment.

I have lived in West Kingsdown all of my life, my father and grandmother the same we are proud of our little village and by suspending their licence you are not just punishing Steven and Charmain but the village and our community as a whole.

I hope this email gives you some reflection of the presence Steven and Charmain have in the village and the good that they do for the community spirit, which although dying in many places is still very strong in West Kingsdown.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Yours Sincerely  
Michelle Keenan

Sent from my iPhone

## Kerry Holloway

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**From:** Peter Jackson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 June 2014 16:05  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Portobello inn public house

Dear Sevenoaks licensing department.

I am a long standing patron of the Portobello inn located in west kingsdown, which at this present time is closed, I do not wish to argue the why's and wherefores of how the licence for the premises has been removed I just wish to inform you of my own position.

I do not live in Westkingsdown I live in [REDACTED] I pass seven public houses to get to the Portobello every friday for the last twenty so years, and i now on the odd occasion take my children with me, you may ask yourself why I would choose to do this when it would be so much easier to visit a much closer public house. The answer is simple, I feel safe at the Portobello, I feel that my children are safe also, the landlord is a family man and so am I, any other local pub has such a reputation, or are so uninviting that I would rather stay at home. Steve and charmain have been fantastic managers of the Portobello, and I'm sure the reinstatement of the licence would not only prove beneficial to the local community but to myself and others who travel the distance to have peace of mind that their safety and comfort is paramount.

Yours P.Jackson



## Kerry Holloway

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**From:** Lisa Watson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 June 2014 12:23  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** URGENT Potobello inn hearing

I was very shocked when finding out the portobello inn have had there licence suspended which seems to be due to ONE incident that happened in the car park involving the burger van which the council allow to trade there. I have used the portobello for many years now and I have never experienced any trouble or any need for the police to visit. I use the pub with my young and elderly relatives we find they cater for all including fun children's days and lots of good charity fund raising days. I have never felt unsafe and I find it to be a well run establishment from the owners and all their staff. I find it a real shame and disappointment that you feel the need to take away a vital part of the local community and our village due to this one incident.

Mrs Lisa Watson

## Leeds

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**From:** Sean Attard [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 June 2014 21:54  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Portobello Pub

I been drinking with my family in Portobello since Charmaine and Steve took over , being in a remote area I take my kids to all events that Portobello got to offer which my kids love such as , charity events , fun days,easter hunts, follow Santa and many many more , this is one off the only pub I feel comfortable taking my kids because it's a family orientated pub . It will be a shame to close this pub because off an incident that happen outside not relating to the pub , This is only effecting us loyal people and our families and taken away the West Kingsdown Community meeting point where we all socialise safely with our kids and friends .

Sent from my iPhone

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## Leeann Leeds

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**From:** Mandy Lucitt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 June 2014 19:17  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Portobello inn

To whom this May concern

I am writing this email to voice my opinion ,I have lived in west kings down for 30 yrs ,and have used the portobello pub over the years ,but Steve and Charmaine have been the best land lords ,over the last 4 yrs ,not only have they been great hosts they done loads charity work ,for my granddaughter and the royal marsden hospital where she's being treated ,and also for a young boy that died in this village many years ago ,to keep his name alive ,not just the thousands of pounds they have raised ,but also there friendliness there hospitality and how much the pub as change into a family pub ,I really can't get my head around that a incident that took place out side as anything to do with them ,your restrictions that you put on this pub have not only ruined a family but ruined a family community ,I really want to no if this incident took place out side why didn't u put restrictions on the other business around them ,why did you just choose the portobello ,the police never get called to the portobello !THIS IS OUR VILLAGE FAMILY RUN PUB.

Mandy

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Mandy

**From:** CLARK, Nichola [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 June 2014 11:54  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** URGENT Portobello Inn - West Kingsdown

I am utterly disgusted at the unfair treatment of a very hard working and well respected couple and their innocent family.

Your decision to suspend the licence for the premises was bad enough but the rules that you have now implemented on the land lady and her husband are both unfair and completely impossible to abide by.

- Firstly you were very aware that this is a family orientated pub with 80% of the customers being families, by stopping children being able to be in there after eight o'clock you have stopped those families from being able to sit in the garden or watch the football, personally the Portobello is the only pub that I would feel safe to take my children to at that time of night.
- To monitor the smoking shelter is a strange thing but to monitor the toilets every 15 minutes is going to be very difficult for them, how do the male bar staff or land lord check the ladies? Also visa versa? I for one as a customer do not feel very comfortable being watched at every move I make.
- I understand that you have also implemented the either one of them have to in the bar at all times when the pub is open. As you are aware they have two small children, how are they supposed to have any family time? How do they have family meals? If one of them has to go out, how will the other one collect their children from school and nursery? They will be forced to close the premises every time they need to go out for something.

I have been a frequent customer of the Portobello for the whole time that Charmain and Steve have been there and I can honestly say that I have never once known them to have to call the Police to any incident, I'm not saying that there has never been any arguments in the premises because that would be ridiculous but what small amount of incidents there have been have always been dealt with properly and quickly and the cause removed from the premises if needed.

I have watched them work incredibly hard and turn the Portobello from a bit of a joke into a flourishing, family run, family orientated place that I'm sure anyone would be happy to take their family to. I have witnessed them raise thousands for charities, have family fun days, give lifts home to customers, give prizes for local events, do things for the children at their own cost, they even shared their wedding day with us all and our families.

By forcing them to abide by these rules I'm sure you will be forcing them out of a job and a home. Not only them but their lovely staff will be out of work and their customers will be lost without them, I'm sure someone else would take over the pub but would never live up to the wonderful family that run it now.

This affects far more than the family that live and work there, for example there is an elderly gentleman that goes in there for a drink most afternoons to get out of the house, he loves a chat and a bit of banter with the staff and some of the other customers (myself included). Another gentleman had moved into the area with his wife who sadly became seriously ill, he nursed her for two years until she sadly passed away, he also comes into the pub for a chat several times a week, that pub is his lifeline to the world outside of his home and he would become very lonely I'm sure with the Portobello.

I would like to say that the event that took place outside the kebab van on 23<sup>rd</sup> May was nothing to do with the pub at all, the man at the kebab van who was supposed to have been severely injured and scared to come back, has already asked to come back, surely he cannot be that afraid. He was also back at the pub the next morning clearing up the mess, that doesn't seem like a scared severely injured man to me!!

Lastly I would like to say that the young man [REDACTED] has been portrayed to be rude, unhelpful and drunk on the evening of the incident, I cannot say if he was drunk because I wasn't there, however I can tell you that [REDACTED] is a very mature, sensible and polite young man and I find it incredibly hard to believe that he would be any of the things listed above, he is the sort of boy that you'd be happy for your daughter to marry.

I can only hope that this letter will help the court to revise the conditions that have been placed on the Portobello Inn as a big part of the community will be lost if the land lady, land lord and their family are forced out. The other public house is NOT somewhere that anyone I know would be prepared to take their children and certainly wouldn't feel safe going in there on my own like I do in the Portobello.

Yours hopefully

N.Clark

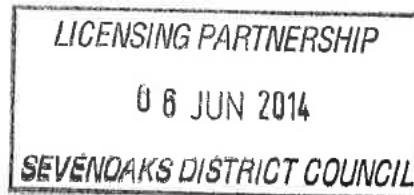
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**Janet Lockie**

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**From:** patrick hurley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 June 2014 17:04  
**To:** Licensing

Dear Sir/Madam, I was in the Portobello pub on the night of 16thMay. I or people I was with did not hear or see any trouble in the pub and only new something was wrong when we saw blue lights outside. I have used the Portobello for thirty five years and reason I go in there is that it is a friendly family pub and rarely get trouble. I think it will cause hardship to older people like myself and friends who can just about walk up there and do not want to go other drug fuelled places. I do not know why some people are trying to put down the Portobello unless its for self interest. I ask you to reopen the Portobello as soon as possible so my friends and I can have a live or whats left of it.

yours faithfully PATRICK HURLEY

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04 JUN 2014  
SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL



## Kerry Holloway

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**From:** Harriet Cook [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 June 2014 15:03  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Urgent Letter to Licening Authority

[Licensing@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014

Dear whoever it may concern

I am writing to you regarding the recent suspension of the licence held by The Portobello Inn, West Kingsdown, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 6JB.

Having lived in West Kingsdown all of my 27 years I must say it has come to a big shock for all us locals for the Portobello Inn's Landlords Steven and Charmaine to have had their licence suspended.

Where I cannot comment on this specific instance I must draw it to your attention that myself and my Sister, [REDACTED] were attacked in an unprovoked attack on Christmas Eve by punters of the Gamecock pub whilst walking past on our way home. As we were walking past the pub we were attacked by two Gamecock local men, with the Landlady witnessing the attack. We spent Christmas morning in Darenth Valley Accident and Emergency and whilst my physical scars have mended my Sister is still ongoing treatment for two missing teeth and a badly broken nose, she has had two surgeries and will need more to fix her teeth and nose, and unfortunately the mental scars for both of us will probably take many more years to heal.

Whilst chargers were bought against the culprits were dropped due to death threats against our family, Kent Police can confirm this attack. This was a direct attack by two men on two females witnessed by the landlady yet no repercussions were brought on towards The Gamecock.

I, and many villagers, find it hard to understand why you have decided to suspend the licence of two very popular local village landlords yet allow attacks by other pub punters to go unnoticed, and I was wondering whether you could justify this for me? It does not give me confidence in the licensing system's policies and procedures when incidents happen.

I would also like to provide a character witness for The Portobello Inn, and Steven and Charmaine. The Portobello Inn is an incredibility friendly, family orientated pub and having been a local there for many, many years, I have never witnessed any violence or felt The Portobello Inn's atmosphere to be anything but relaxed and friendly. The landlords are heavily involved in charity work, holding annual golfing tournaments amongst other things. There is a

strong sense of community drinking at The Portobello Inn, much needed during these times. I think to punish two hard working Landlords for the actions of others is incredibly unjust, these are trying times for all businesses and we locals would not like to see Steven and Charmaine struggle or have to sell due to this licence suspension.

As you probably well know the World Cup is fast approaching and I would very much like The Portobello to be open in time, and I have already made plans with my friends and family to celebrate with a few drinks at The Portobello Inn for my Birthday next week which will have to be cancelled.

By suspending Steven and Charmaine's licence you are not only punishing them, but punishing this village community as a whole.

I do hope you reconsider and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

**HSCOOK**

Harriet Cook



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17<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Portabella Inn  
West Kingsdown

Dear Steve and Charmaine,

We are writing to thank you both so much for allowing the use of the Portabella Inn for a Charity Fundraising event to benefit our young patients on the Children's Ward at The Royal Marsden Hospital.

The event was a huge success and raised lots of funds to purchase much needed items for the Children's Unit which were very well received by our young patients and brought lots of smiles and excitement all round.

On behalf of the staff and children here at the Royal Marsden Hospital, we are delighted to present Portabella Inn with a certificate in recognition of your tremendous support.

With our very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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**Portabella Inn  
West Kingsdown**

Dear Supporters,

We are writing to thank Mandy, Keran, Veronica and Jodie so much for organising a Charity Fundraising to benefit our young patients on the Children's Ward at The Royal Marsden Hospital.

Thank you too for the amazing supply of toys that you donated as words cannot express how grateful we are for your generosity – we truly do appreciate everyone's kindness, as do all the staff on the Children's Ward and you will be pleased to know that these gifts were very well received by all the children on the ward, bringing lots of smiles and excitement all round.

On behalf of the staff and children here at the Royal Marsden Hospital, we are delighted to present Portabella Inn with a certificate in recognition of your tremendous support.

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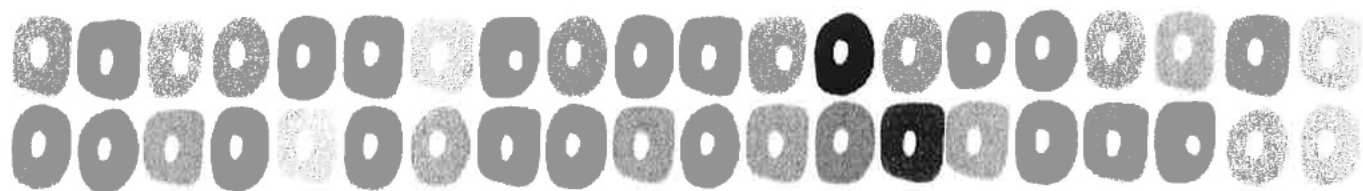
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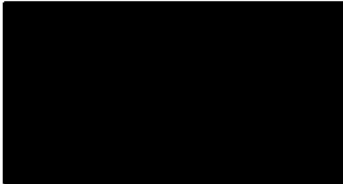
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29 April 2014

Keran & Veronica



Dear Keron & Veronica,

We are writing to thank you both along with Mandy, Charmaine, Steve, Jodie & Gemma so much for Fundraising to benefit our young patients on the Children's Ward at The Royal Marsden Hospital.

We truly do appreciate everyone's kindness, as do all the staff on the Children's Ward. Your continued support is overwhelming. The gifts that were purchased for the children have brought lots of smiles and will be sure to bring hours of play, making their stay more comfortable.

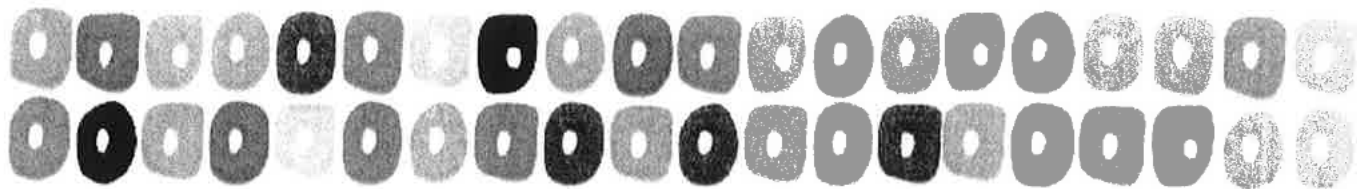
On behalf of the staff and children here at the Royal Marsden Hospital, we are delighted to present you all with a certificate in recognition of your tremendous support.

With our very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

**The Play Specialists  
The Royal Marsden Hospital**





This certificate has  
been awarded to

**Steve**

on

**29<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

for generously supporting



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We have only known Steve Powell and his family for about a year. They have welcomed us into their pub and made us feel very comfortable. We have made many friends through coming to the polo and feel that not receiving their welcome would have a huge affect on the local community and also any one that travels afar like ourselves. We travel from [redacted] to enjoy the company of all who are at the pub as its a very friendly, friendly pub and all are welcome. They arrange lots of family events and include all the community and it would be a great loss to West Wymondley to lose a great pub with a great landlord and family.

Sally + Neil Beckett + Aaron Beckett.

[redacted]

Steve Powell & Christine are some  
people who welcome anyone into their  
pic and home. They are very special  
people. We have had a family  
from outside of [redacted] to the Parkville  
man to enjoy the company of Steve and  
his partner & family. I feel very comfortable  
in their company, with their family  
values and hospitality. The parkville  
will not be the same without them.  
All our friends and family that we  
were united to the parkville range  
never felt uncomfortable or unwelcome  
or intimidated or threatened.

Steve Rothens

Tel [redacted]

We moved out of the village 10 years ago, we still come back to visit regularly. We have had many good times there and find it a very family friendly pub.



A nice Family Pub.


C. S. 1702 T

I have been coming here for the past 5 years with our chulde and always found it a very family friendly pub.

Mrs D Welsh



This is the only good Pub with a decent  
Pool table left! Its a family orientated  
pub and a wonderful environment  
P. Robinson & Deastgate,

I have only used this pub recently over the last 6 months. I ~~love~~ enjoy time that I spend in the pub with the friendly locals & landlord and landlady. 


Lauren Prodnock





I have lived in the village for 14 years, it is  
A very friendly Atmosphere. At the Portobello Inn, I have known  
Steve + chairman for 3 years + they are very friendly  
people to be with, the Portobello Inn is A very nice place  
and I feel very comfortable here with both friends +  
family, the Atmosphere is very nice to be around, it would  
be very sad to see the pub close down + see Steve +  
chairman sadly go.

Lee Edwards



We are a young family who have lived in the village for over 10 years now & have always felt out of the two pubs in this village The parrotella is by far the best for us as a family its a very family orientated place to come with our two young children everyone is very nice here Mr & Mrs Powell have done a very good job here in keeping the community together with lots of different events especially for charity's always keeping everyone entertained. We would definitely feel it such a shame if this pub was to close after all the hard work they have put into running this pub as its such a welcoming pub thanks to our lovely friends Steve & Charmain Powell.

Clare Allard



I met Steve & Charmaine 1 year ago  
at a New Year's Eve party. I met such nice people  
they make you feel welcome, loved & we have  
even taken them away with us  
They serve a purpose to this small  
community & welcome everybody including  
families & children old & young  
This purpose would be lost without them  
The portobello would be the same again.

LISA MICLER.

We are the Clark family and we as family have lived in the village for over 20 years. I have seen so many landlords running ~~the~~ the portobello pub, by all means Steve and Charmain are the ones to try the hardest to get the community together by organising charity & ~~the~~ community events which has been noticed and talked about within the village. It will be a great shame to loose the friendliest and welcoming pub where the locals of West Kingsdown meet with friends and families where I have been brought up and made good friends within the village.

Paul Clark

We are a local family that have lived  
in West Kingsdown for over 40yrs,  
We have also felt very welcome + safe  
in the portobello inn where we feel  
very comfortable taking our young family.  
In our opinion it is a very safe  
and well run establishment.

MR + MRS Watson



we moved into the village 10 years ago, there has been a few people that have run the Portobello Inn, Steve & Charmain are by far the best.

I wouldn't expect anything else from a pub, they provide for the old and young, when it's Christmas, Easter or your kids birthday, they do everything to accommodate. we feel safe and happy as all the customers do!

Andrew Lewis



I have been drinking in the Portobello for many years & have grown up in West Kensington with the choice of 2 local pubs. The Portobello is a family friendly establishment which welcomes locals & new comers alike. It is a safe & enjoyable place to drink & it is a great disappointment that it's licence has been revoked due to disrespectful youths who have come from another pub. The Portobello is well-known as a safe, friendly & welcoming pub & it is a truly unjust reason for which the licence has been revoked. Lake Smith - [REDACTED]

I have been drinking in the Portobello for many years and have had the pleasure of being able to take my children there with me. It is a friendly, fun, family run pub of which I am glad to be able to say that I have always been warmly welcomed and have always felt extremely safe in, myself, my husband and my children have never felt threatened or worried about being there and will be lost without it. Nicola Clark, [REDACTED]



Lovely Couple with Family for the Village

Highly thought of in the Village.

Nice place to bring the Family.

C. Brooks

I have been drinking in the portobello with my friends since was 18, this establishment has been friendly and welcoming to regular and new customers.

Steve and Charmain have given this pub a brilliant reputation and image, doing this through charity events and helping the community. The bar staff are welcoming and friendly.

Being shut has had a massive impact on the community and customers.

Steve and Charmain are not just the landlords they are also our friends.

M Healey



The Fortobello Inn is a great place to have a good time with family and friends - with not many great pubs like this around - it would be a real shame for pub to be closed down

As a family member to Steve and Charmain I think it would be a shame to shut a lovely location for family & friends

