

FAX MESSAGE TO: LICENSING COMMITTEE – SEVENOAKS
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Subject – Licensing Hearing 25th November 2009 10 am

Please accept this fax as notification that I intend to attend the above hearing in support of the Landlord of The Wheatsheaf Inn, Marsh Green, Edenbridge.

Background to the support of this individual.

Some years ago my father in law, who at the time was running the licensed bar at the Edenbridge Sports Association, suffered a severe stroke and I was forced to take over the running of the bar at very short notice. Having had no experience in this field, it was Neil Foster who came to my rescue in terms of what was needed regarding the sale of alcohol. The information he provided me with was invaluable, especially as we had a very high volume of junior people that visited the club facilities, and it was on his advice that I personally contacted licensing to check the current laws.

At the recent council meeting (that addressed this matter) I spoke on his behalf that I had personally seen him challenge individuals that did not appear to be 18, this, by the way, was not the first time I had seen this action being taken.

I am not a regular of the Wheatsheaf by any stretch of the imagination and would not wish my comments to be seen as supporting or condoning under age drinking, but I do however feel that in this case it has been a member of his staff that has let down his normal high standards. I have in fact spoken to the landlord of the Wheatsheaf Inn this evening (once I had found out about the hearing) and informed him that I will attend the hearing to put forward an independent view and during this conversation, he has confirmed to me that the member of staff responsible for this breach of the licensing law has been dismissed. This is unfortunate given the high unemployment we are faced with in this area but he felt this was the only appropriate action under these circumstances.

Should you need to contact me regarding this, please can you call me on my mobile (07747 002286) as I will need to leave home just after 09.00 to attend this meeting.

V J Maynard

