Supporting Representations

I. Andy Pickard

To whome it may concern.

I am a Charlbury resident and use the bull fairly often and I would like to show my support for their licence application for the outside bar.

When the bar was operating I couldn't see how it effected the local residents at all. It was never noisy and always shut at 10.30pm. In the summer the garden will be busy if the outside bar is open or not, it just takes a huge amount of pressure off the inside bar.

So please acknowledge my support for a business that greatly contributes to Charlbury.

2. Hattie Mordaunt

I just wanted to email in support of the idea to reopen the bar at the Bull in Charlbury.. it would make the queue inside much smaller and it would make so much sense when it is busy. I used to live opposite the Bull with small children and the noise from the outside bar/garden was never that bad at all. It seems to only be one household that has an issue with it and it seems unfair that the Bull has to suffer because of them.

3. <u>Rebecca Renfrew</u>

I am writing a letter of support to re-open the outside Bar at The Bull in Charlbury. The owners have done a great job in making The Bull a welcoming pub not only for residents who want a drink but for people wanting a very good meal. They have invested time and money and as a resident I would like this rural business to succeed. I would imagine it would be essential to the business to have the outside bar open as the weather gets better and people sit outside.

4. David Oates

The Bull has had mixed success in my time in Charlbury, but since the current owners took over in 2022, has become a thriving and positive addition to the town. The staff and management are friendly and welcoming, the atmosphere is relaxed and comfortable, the food and service is excellent and, in my opinion, it is a fantastically and responsibly-run pub. I have noticed no issues with late-night noise or anti-social behaviour which is down to the way it is managed. As someone who is in a mixed-race relationship, my partner and I have always felt the Bull is a highly inclusive place to be and are very happy thet we have such a venue in Charlbury. The garden is the nicest pub garden in the area and is a joy to be in. The addition of well-managed live music would be a boon to the town and something I would whole-heartedly welcome. If the application was to be approved, I can think of no reason that any of the above would change other than for the better. I don't believe noise levels would increase nor would there be a change in the behaviour of the clientele (which I have always found to be exemplary).

Based on all the above points, I would like to register my strongest support for the application as I believe it would make the Bull an even bigger asset to the community than it already is.

5. <u>Kim Harrison</u>

Distance from The Bull - 50m

I have lived there 4 years

The Bull is a superb asset to Charlbury especially since it has reopened under the current owners. They have totally re energised this building and business.

The management /owners have been so welcoming to our local residents, including me.

I have not experienced any inconvenience from music or customer noise; the use of the garden has not disturbed me in any way. I often spend time there myself enjoying the new beautiful facilities. The venue is a safe and inclusive place to go, and it does not have issues with anti-social drinking or late-night noise that I have experienced, and as I live so close to it, I would know. I very much hope this application is granted, and I know that the garden will be managed well in the future, so as to avoid noise nuisance or disorder, and be a safe place to go.

I totally support this application and I will continue to support this amazing business that Charlbury needs so much. They have gone out of their way to support our local community and provide employment, and custom for other local businesses. As residents we should welcome this fabulous business. I wholeheartedly support this application and fully expect it to be granted. Thank you.

6. Helen Price

I am a Charlbury resident and I'd like to register my support for the Bull reopening their outside bar. The garden is a delightful place to go both in the summer and winter. The outside bar is fantastic and reduces the crowds inside where it can be hard to get served. As locals it's lovely to have a place that is accessible and relaxed with family and friends. Over Christmas they had some really lovely gatherings outdoors and lots of us took advantage. It would be a shame if this is not allowed to continue.

7. Fergus Mcvey

This is a letter of support for the Bull's application to reopen their outside bar.

Charlbury has long needed a really high quality business to drive activity in the centre of town and The Bull has really given the town the impetus it needs, and multiple new businesses have successfully opened - and are paying business rates as a result. As a former business owner in that location I can attest to the need for real drive and purpose. It is vital that this business be allowed to realise it's full potential, I also strongly believe that those who move in near to licenced premises should expect noise. It is fundamentally absurd for

people who buy houses near pubs to complain about noise. There has been a pub there for hundreds of years, it will be noisy, obviously

8. <u>Ian Cox</u>

I am writing as a long time Charlbury resident of 28 years to support the planning application from The Bull in Charlbury. The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to support the viability and vibrancy of the Town Centre and The Bull is an important part of our community. The current owners have invested heavily and have create a popular venue bringing trade into the Town and providing choice for local people. I live in Fishers Lane 400 metres from the venue. I am aware of concerns about the outside log fire but feel that these are manageable. The feedback I have had, and my own experience, is that the management and staff are helpful and considerate to neighbours. The cliental are also respectful and I am not aware of any anti social behaviour. Based on my own experience, if this application is granted, I expect that the garden will be managed well in the future, so as to avoid noise nuisance or disorder, and be a safe place to go. We visited the London pub owned by the same Company when we heard who was buying The Bull. That, too, is a well managed pub with friendly staff. An indication of the culture of the Company

9. Tim Widdows

From this address I operate a Gallery and gift shop and a Picture Framing service, our property is opposite the Bull and my bedroom at the top of the building also faces the Bull from where we can see the Pub garden from our bedroom window.

Since the new tenants took over the Bull it has been like a new lease of life has been given to the place and they have done absolute wonders for the building and the town of Charlbury, the staff are fantastic and go out of their way to make our time in the establishment the best they can make it and the food is superb.

Last year I spent many an afternoon in the pub garden which again is a delight to be in, from there we listened to great music and eat great food from the BBQ area and got drinks from the outside bar it was just perfect, even when I was not even on the premises noise level always seemed to be kept at a minimum and has not affected my homelife across the road .

I would like to show my support for The bull's Licence application not only as a regular local at the establishment but also as a business owner right opposite the Bull, I have been in my present address since 2009 and have seen a marked decline in footfall in the town centre over the years, since the new team moved into the Bull and after all the renovations that have taken place, as a business we have started to see footfall begin to increase which has to be good for everyone in the town and long may it continue.

The Bull seems to be able to attract the right cliental for the town as in there seems to be little sign of anti-social behaviour and latenight noise which has to be commendable and I look forward to this continuing in the future.

10. <u>Caroline Montagu</u>

The Bull is situated som 250 metres from my dwelling, where I have been living since September 2001.

I have experienced no inconvenience of any sort, including customer noise levels either from my house or just walking past the establishment. This included noise levels coming from the garden. The venue, is in my opinion, very well run by courteous, open and sympathetic management, who oversee a complement of very competent, polite, and inclusive staff. Since it's reopening the Bull has proven an impressive and popular asset to the town. The refurbishment both of the pub and outside areas including the garden has been extremely well done. The attraction of the national media's complimentary coverage of the establishment underscores the excellence of the facility.

I have every expectation that the Bull will continue to be well managed and very confident that they will ensure there is no excessive or disorder, particularly in the well set out garden where clients will be able to go on enjoying the hospitality in a safe and comfortable environment.

I firmly support the application which will prove an enhancement to the town's reputation as a very good place to live.

II.<u>Michael Montagu</u>

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With thanks and kind regards,

12. Edward Bradbury

I live at xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, opposite the car park of the Bull, so very close to the Pub and garden area in question .We, as a family have been there for 18 months, so have observed at close hand the day to day trading of The Bull.

The first few weeks of last summer were testing as regards music and smoke from fire pits but as time has gone by I have observed as a neighbour and a customer how the Operating team have taken on board concerns and tried to address them. I think both the owners and the management team understand that they are at the heart of a vibrant community and have learnt, i believe, the responsibility that goes with that.

I know that being able to operate an outside bar will greatly enhance the business and make for a better customer experience without additional noise as people will already be using that outdoor space. I have observed how people enjoy this outside space and also how the operators are clear at I Ip.m that the outside space had to be vacated. I believe the team are also happy to discuss concerns and accommodate as best they can those concerns, if any, going forward. The Bull is in incredibly good hands and we as a community are very blessed to have a place like this on our doorstep. They attract trade from all over but are still able to be a great local. Please support this application.