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Date: Mon, 4 Jul 2022 at 10:21

Subject: Hearing 11th July 2022 re Premises Licence Application for Colibri (UK) Ltd, Orchid House, 14 West Avenue, Worthing, BN11 5LU

To: licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk <licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk>

Cc: Simon Jones <simon.jones@adur-worthing.gov.uk>, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Good morning to you

I writing to advise, as agent for the applicant, Colibri (UK) Ltd, of my intention to attend the remote (Zoom) hearing next Monday 11th July, scheduled for 18:30, in relation to the Premises Licence Application for the premises to known as Orchid House, 14 West Avenue, Worthing, BN11 5LU. I also advise that [REDACTED] Director and nominated Designated Premises Supervisor for the premises will also attend, and be available to comment on certain points of detail arising during the hearing, if requested to do so.

As you are aware, following a few points of detail raised by [REDACTED] we successfully mediated with Sussex Police very quickly and easily by adopting all of their suggested amendments. There were no other representations made by other responsible authorities.

There have however been a total of 20 representations made by local residents that have been judged to be at least partially relevant to Licensing Objectives. In the interests of achieving mediation, a letter was hand delivered to every one of them, in which [REDACTED] invited all to attend an "open house" session on Friday 1st July between 18:30 and 20:00, to discuss their concerns directly with myself and [REDACTED] as well as providing the opportunity of viewing all areas of the property for which a Premises Licence is being sought.

All addressees were urged to reply in order for the premises to prepare appropriate quantities of food and refreshments, with the following results:

14 properties neither replied, nor attended

4 replied with the intention to attend, which they did (a total of 6 people)

2 replied with apologies that they were unable to attend on 1st July, requesting that an alternative time and date be arranged (as I write neither has been set)

The six people who attended for four different properties stayed for nearly the full duration of the meeting, and conversations were both civilised and constructive. Indications were given privately by two of the attendees that they were now satisfied that the Licensing Objectives were going to be adequately addressed.

At present, no amendments to the application have been agreed by any party, but [REDACTED] and myself will discuss this matter later today – *please can you advise the deadline for receiving any amendments proposed.*

[REDACTED] has received a number of letters of support for her application, which I attach as I intend to refer to them in brief at the hearing next Monday. I have also attached the letter of invitation sent out to all objectors which I have referred to above.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Licensing Consultant

[REDACTED]

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Democratic Services Officer, Adur & Worthing Councils

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Address: Democratic Services, Worthing Town Hall, Chapel Road,
Worthing



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27th June 2021

Dear Madam,

I am a local resident and a business owner, I have seen your blue alcohol notice on your gate as I am out walking with my wife. I am aware that you will be a high-end restaurant and bar and having walked past your premises on so many occasions, I have seen the progress you have made in beautifying the gardens.

I am looking forward to coming along to sample your food and wine and I will certainly be bringing my family for afternoon tea and a glass of wine or champagne.

Can you please keep me updated on when you are likely to open?

Wishing you all the best and success.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

To whom it may concern

Re: Application for a premises license at Orchid House, 14 West Avenue, Worthing, BN11 5LU.

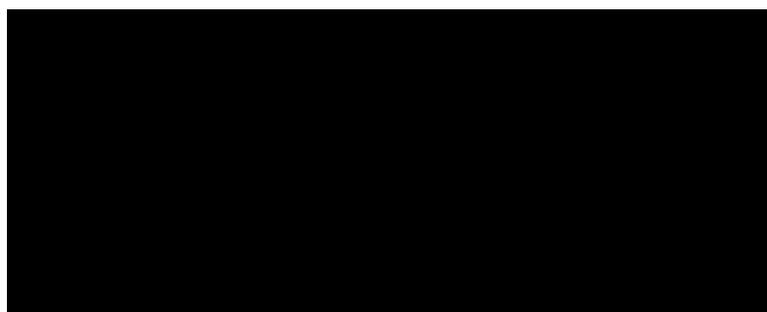
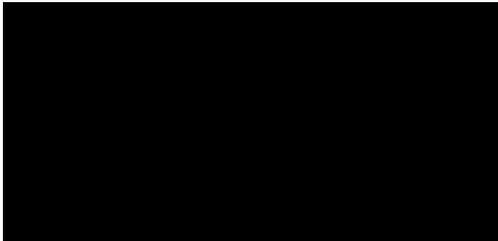
I write in support of the above application. As an enterprising borough it is right that novel and innovative business ideas are given proper consideration and the chance to thrive.

I am aware of the planning history of the address referred to in this application and feel that there is no evidence whatsoever that the very reasonable application for a promised license should pose a problem to the immediate neighbours or wider area. Indeed, the application should be welcomed.

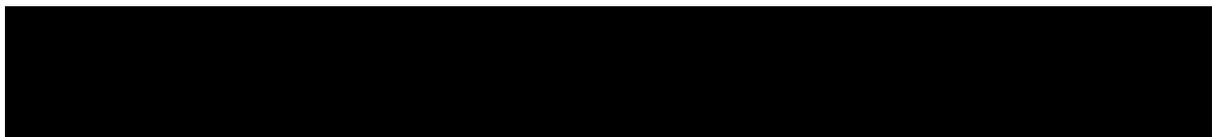
The committee will be well aware of the thriving micropub economy in Worthing that is based on well-run premises, decent clientele and a focus on socialising over a drink rather than “boozing”. It is my firm belief that the offering put forward in this application is very much in the spirit of the former rather than the latter.

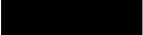
Fear of change should not outweigh the benefits that change can bring. Nor should fear or prejudice prevent local people from being given the chance to establish a thriving local business. I therefore urge the committee to grant the application as requested.

Faithfully,

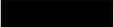


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Orchid House
14 West Avenue,
Worthing,
West Sussex
BN11 5LU

22nd June 2022

Dear 

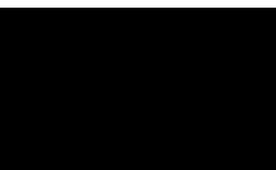
I am writing to you as a local resident in Goring, to let you know that myself and many others have been highly anticipating the opening of your restaurant and bar. We cannot wait to sample your culinary delights as well as spend time in the beautifully landscaped gardens with a glass of wine.

Worthing is a very up-and-coming location and named one of the seven most desired areas in a recent survey, with this in mind there must be growth within the town and it would be good to see such a unique, family run, small business open and be given the chance to offer something wonderful to the community.

I feel this type of business is exactly what is needed in Worthing to build a fantastic town and offer the people what they want. Especially as we should now be supporting small/local businesses to grow.

We look forward to your opening soon.

Kind Regards,



Goring Resident

Orchid House
14 West Avenue,
Worthing,
West Sussex
BN11 5LU

25th June 2022

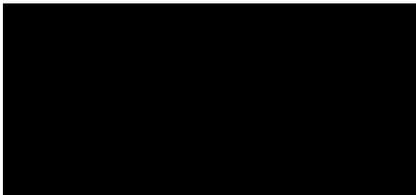
Dear 

I noticed you are opening a new restaurant and you have applied for a premises licence. Having spoken to someone in your garden, I was informed that you will be operating on a booking only basis. I was privileged enough to be shown around your gardens and I feel what you are proposing to offer is exactly what Worthing needs. As a local resident and business owner, I personally welcome an exclusive place in a beautiful setting such as yours which will hopefully not only attract much needed economic tourism to the area but also, I believe it will upgrade the reputation of Goring from a retirement village to hopefully an attractive place that will enable the local people to visit and enjoy without the need to travel long distances. From what I saw, I am certain people will eagerly book to sample your food, wine and inviting hospitality, if only they knew of your existence.

My family and I shall look forward to your opening.

Please keep me updated on menus and opening times.

Many thanks,



Orchid House
14 West Avenue
Worthing,
West ASussex
BN11 5LU

21st June 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Dear Sirs,

I have lived in Worthing for 14 years and I have known [REDACTED] for over 20 years both as a lawyer and a successful business owner. She is respected amongst those that know her as being highly professional, honest, trustworthy and dependable.

She has decided to pursue her dreams of cooking and working alongside her mother. This is admirable and I wish them both tremendous success and I look forward to dining in their restaurant and sampling their wines.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

**Orchid House
14 West Avenue
Worthing**

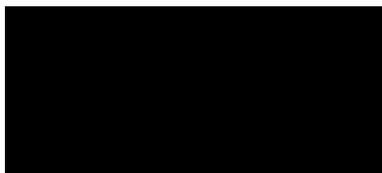
22nd June 2022



**Good to talk to you the other day.
Really hope you get the alcohol license.
You have worked so hard on the restaurant idea.
I'm sure that when everybody in Worthing finds out your plans,
they are going to be lining up round the block to get a table.
You and your family have worked really hard on the project, and
you are so close to opening, so fingers crossed you will be open
soon.**

All the best, and good luck with the license.

Kind Regards,



Orchid House
14 West Avenue
Worthing
West Sussex
BN11 5LU

24th June 2022

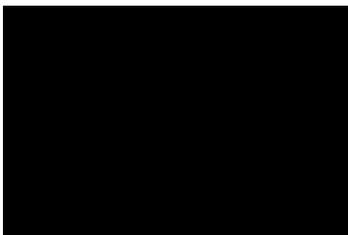
Dear 

My friends have told me about your plans to open a fine dining room/afternoon tea facility at The Orchid House and I must say this is a great idea. They were impressed by your gardens and it is apparent that in the area we only seem to have the option of take-aways, Asian restaurants, coffee shops, micro-pubs and a Carvery, none of which offer what you will and all of which seem to be centred around the busy Goring Road shops.

The Tea Rooms will no doubt give the elderly residents nearby a chance to experience a facility with a focus on the serenity of the attractive Orchid House gardens. I understand that this will be an exclusive Bookings only option and I look forward to making this a venue for my friends and family to enjoy.

Please keep us informed as to when you expect to be open.

Yours,



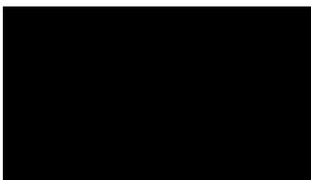
Orchid House
14 West Avenue,
Worthing

To whom it may concern,

Just a quick note having noticed your alcohol licence application. I think this is something that would really benefit this area. Obviously would need to be done right, but I'm sure that is part of the plan. I've been taking an interest in how you have been renovating that building, and if you put as much effort into the restaurant, as you have into the improvements of the house and gardens, I'm sure you will be a great success.

Keep up the good work, and I look forward to popping in when you're open.

All the best.



Orchid House
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Worthing
West Sussex
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23rd June 2022

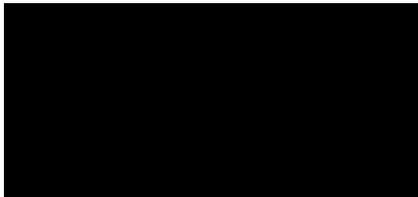
Dear Orchid House,

I live in Worthing and my friends who live close to your new restaurant have told me about it.

I certainly will look forward to visiting as it is easy for my wife and I to hop on the bus to Goring. We do not have any similar options in our immediate locality.

Please let us have your Booking details and let us know your opening days/times.

Yours sincerely,



Orchid House
14 West Avenue
Worthing

Dear Orchid House,

I noticed the sign on your entrance gate to the new Orchid House and must say that I feel this will be a beautiful setting for such a restaurant. It is certainly a place that as a local I will be keen to frequent. I have some elderly friends who live close by and I am sure they also will be delighted to join me in trying your new restaurant.

Please let us have more details about the Menu and your opening times.

Regards,



Orchid House
14 West Avenue
Worthing

23rd June 2022

Dear 

After the conversation you and I had at your gates, I thought I would write in support of your new venture which I think is exciting and just what Worthing needs. I write of course on behalf of myself and my family. We live close to your location, and I walk my dog along West Avenue many times a week.

I think the mother and daughter team is excellent and I love your concept about offering luxury afternoon teas and a glass of Champagne, especially when you both make everything in-house.

My family and I look forward to coming along to your restaurant.

Wishing you every success, especially in these hard times.

You certainly have our support.

Kind regards,

