

Simmi Yesmin

From: Theodore Holder [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 June 2014 11:51
To: Simmi Yesmin
Subject: Fwd: In support of The Hawkhurst Vault

Dear Simmi,

Got this reference this morning is it still possible to attach it to the pack please, I think it's quite important.

Thanks

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From: Michael Solomon [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, Jun 23, 2014 at 10:10 AM
Subject: In support of The Hawkhurst Vault
To: [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern

I am writing in support of The Hawkhurst Vault as a very local resident to the business. I live [REDACTED] almost opposite.

Theo and James are fine young gents. They, and their new business, need the backing and support of the local government and local community, as they in turn back and support us.

Previously the site was used as a hair dressing salon which meant those only with a very specific need entered the establishment. As a tea lounge, The Hawkhurst Vault has almost universal function and appeal to those living near, as well as those walking past. As such, it has become a lively hub. Local people congregate, meet and get to know each other because now they have a place in which to do so. The mood in the shop is invariably convivial and friendly. This is a well run establishment and, in the matter of six or seven weeks, has become a centre point and amenity for the local community.

Theo and James have worked very hard and conscientiously since taking over the site and starting the refurbishment. They have at all times considered the local residents and the public in general in how they have conducted the refurbishment, and themselves and their staff in running the business. I am extremely glad that they are there and have been able to use their business, get to know them, and watch the positive impact they have had on the locality.

I have never before thought to leave keys for our house for workmen and appliance engineers to collect, now I can and have done so. I have not attended life drawing classes for 25 years, I am now able to again thanks to the class they run on a Wednesday evening.

Businesses like Tatty Divine and Unto This Last alongside are all well and good, but they are shops for people to browse and make purchases in. They are not able to fulfil the role of community centre as Hawkhurst can and does.

The biggest and gravest concern for local residents is the use of the small grassed park space diagonally opposite Hawkhurst for drunks and junkies 24/7, especially over the summer months and

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at weekends. These are not Hawkhurst tea drinkers and cake eaters, they are hardcore hedonists without any concern for the noise, disturbance and resentment they create.

I urge the authorities to empower the Hawkhurst to the fullest extent in terms of opening hours, licensing privileges etc because they have earned our trust and deserve it. And also as a means of demonstrating to the hedonist and street drinker groups that plague the area that there are other ways of enjoying the local community and amenities, other people do so, and manage to do so peacefully and with consideration and respect for others. The Hawkhurst represents decent and considerate living and co-existence in the local community and fills the gaping vacuum created by those who party noisily, deprive locals of peace and sleep, and leave their filth behind for others to clear up.

The Hawkhurst Vault serves and represents the community at the north end of Brick Lane in ways that I have not witnessed in the six years that I have lived there and I would like to see them continue to do so and for the business to flourish. For the various reasons stated I suggested the business is fully supported in doing this.

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