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To the review committee or to whom it may concern. I have been advised that the licence for the Rose and Crown public house is to be reviewed following a visit from the West Yorkshire Police.

Unfortunately, I live abroad Andorra and cannot appear in person (*if required*) to defend the actions of myself or that of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] but would like to make a statement to be read out at any review.

During the start of the COVID situation I was working offshore on the oil rigs and when I came onshore the lockdown was in place and I had no means or opportunity to travel back home but managed to find accommodation and help from and through close friends who I had known for many years two of which were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I took the isolation and lock down seriously as the severity of it could impact greatly on the type of work I do on the rigs. However when it was allowed that exercise could be taken each day I took the opportunity to go walking on the moors as often as was allowed.

I was on one of my walks on the 2nd June which took me past the Rose and Crown, a route I often took as it provided me with access up onto Marsden Moor. On this particular day I noticed [REDACTED] and his [REDACTED] [REDACTED] sitting outside. I have known them both for around 12 years and our two families have been on holiday together. I also rely heavily on them both as they take care of my [REDACTED] when I am not around and who they are also good friends with especially now as [REDACTED] is living alone since my [REDACTED] passed away and they have taken the responsibility to look after [REDACTED].

Having arrived at the top of the hill on such a hot day [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] typical generous self-offered me a coffee something [REDACTED] has done in the past but on this day I declined [REDACTED] offer due to the heat but [REDACTED] then offered me a cold drink and I agreed to a Shandy which was served in a plastic glass and to which [REDACTED] would not accept any payment from me.

I was invited to sit with them outside at a large long bench table which gave more than ample social distancing. The three of us were talking when [REDACTED] left the table to go and talk with three people who arrived. I decided it was a good time for me to continue my walk. It was not until later that night when I called to thank [REDACTED] for the drink and that it was much appreciated that [REDACTED] explained that the people who arrived were in fact the Police following up on a complaint?

[REDACTED] appeared very shaken up with this and could not understand what the issue was and I certainly did not consider that any rules or regulations pertaining to the COVID restrictions were being broken. I apologised to [REDACTED] for my being there but [REDACTED] said that I was not a problem as not only was I a close friend but almost family and that we were adopting a more than generous distance while we chatted.

In all the years I have known [REDACTED] I have never met a more upstanding, generous caring human being who goes out of [REDACTED] way to help people and [REDACTED] offer to me of a cool drink on such a hot day was typical of [REDACTED] nature.

I thank you for considering this statement and I trust you will see the positive side of [REDACTED] actions during these very difficult and unusual times

Kind regards

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