## **APPENDIX E**

Neil's Superstore 9/11 Reginald Row Leeds, Ls7 3Hp



To Leeds City Council,

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a secondary school teacher who has dedicated thirty years of educating the young people of both Leeds and Bradford, I have had the unique privilege of witnessing the positive influence of local figures on our children. One such figure is Mr Singh (Malley), the proprietor of Neil's Superstore, our cherished local shop. This letter is a testament not only to his character but to the profound impact he has had on generations within our community. Mr Singh's shop is more than a place for groceries and essentials; it is a community cornerstone, embodying the spirit of Leeds through Mr Singh's unwavering dedication and warmth. Over the years, I have seen countless students- many of whom I have taught enter his shop, finding in Mr Singh a guiding presence. His genuine interest in their well being and his learned advice have helped shape them into the respectful adults they are today mirroring the esteem their parents have held for him. His shop has become a fixture in our community, offering much more than goods on its shelves. It represents a space where meaningful conversations are sparked, and lifelong friendships are nurtured, all facilitated by Mr Singh's kindness and generosity, Whether it be assisting an elderly neighbour on a daily basis by personally carrying the man's shopping to his door step or supporting my family during challenging times when my daughter of eighteen at the time had stage four cancer, Mr Singh has consistently demonstrated what it means to be an empathetic to those he meets and is a pillar of our community. The decision to revoke Mr Singh's license to sell alcohol has deeply concerned those who understand a appreciate what he contributes to our community. Mr Singh's operation of his business has always been characterised by integrity and a strict adherence to legal standards. This decision effects not only the vibrancy of Neil's Superstore but also the fabric of the community ties it supports.

As someone who has observed the positive impact of Mr Singh's interactions with the youth of Leeds, I can attest to the role he plays in guiding them towards becoming responsible, community-minded adults. Losing the ability to sell alcohol might seem trivial to some, but for Mr Singh and for us, it represents a significant loss. It's not merely about the products; it's about the principle and the place Niels Superstore holds in our community life. I urge you to reconsider the revocation of Mr Singh's license taking into account the broader impact of your decision. Mr Singh respects the law and has always sought to operate within it's bounds. His newsagent is a beacon of spirit and guidance, especially for the young people who have grown under his subtle mentorship. Thank you for considering my perspective as an educator in Leeds.

Yours sincerely





**Dear Leeds City Council Licensing Officer,** 

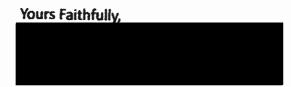
I write this letter in respect of fully supporting Neil's Superstore with the re-granting of his Alcohol Premises Licence.

I currently work and run a local restaurant business. As we do not provide alcohol for our customers, we would often recommend they go to Neil's Superstore as it was local and convenient for them if they wanted alcohol with their food. However, when Neil's Superstore's licence was taken away from them, we would have to tell them that the only other local shop that sold alcohol was further afield and this would sometimes result in unhappy customers. This affected my customers and business as well as potential customers for Neil's Superstore.

It would be great for both our businesses and our customers if Neil's Superstore were to be able to sell alcohol again as it would further increase our revenue line. Not only would we benefit as business owners, but the local community would benefit as they would not have to travel too far as well.

We have used Neil's Superstores for several years now, we still do, however only now for groceries, we are more than aware of the management who run this shop, they are kind, honest, credible and very hard-working people, therefore, are more than capable of adhering to the licensing rules imposed upon them to abide by.

I would like to further offer my full support to both you and Neil's Superstore in assisting with the decision-making, if the above is not sufficient enough to support the application, please do not hesitate to contact me as to how else I can assist/help.





Mr. Malkit Singh Neils Esserstove 9-11 Reguld Row LST 3HP

To wow is may concern,

I have been asked by Mr Singh from Neil's Experstone to write citetter in support of a recent application they have made to apply for a Premises probablicance.

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Please com your approve Neil's superstones to have Us premises licences back as it with help me, my visitors and the loral area significantly. In: current times, evenything is so expensive so the lost of additional travel, when there is a supporting doorstop is not ideal.

If there is anything fintler I cam do to help support Mr Singh's application then please let me know as I have his Snop to have the licence back to Sell arconst again trid regural



10<sup>th</sup> February 2024

To whom it may concern:

RE: Malkit Singh, Neil's Superstore, 9-11 Reginald Row, Leeds, LS7 3HP

I write concerning the above shopkeeper whom I have known for the last 25 years in his capacity as a shopkeeper at the above premises. Mr Singh is well known and well-liked in our neighbourhood and provides a vital service for local residents. In particular, he helps several elderly residents from Button Hill with their shopping on a regular, daily basis and is a lifeline for these members of the community.

I have always found Mr Singh to be a friendly, and helpful person in addition to providing an important local amenity that I have used for many years. He has helped me out on many occasions and would be sorely missed by myself and others were he no longer running this shop.

Also, it is vital to have shop units such as this occupied because vacant premises are a magnet for anti-social behaviour, something I have experienced over the many years I have lived in the area since 1982. His presence is a safeguard against any such behaviour because he is well-liked and respected by a range of different members of the community.

I fully support Mr Singh to be granted his alcohol licence.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you require any further information.

Yours Faithfully,



21/02/24

Re, Malkit Singh, Neil's Superstore, 9-11 Reginald Row, Leeds LS7 3HP

To Whom it may concern,

I fully support the application made by the above address for the Alcohol premises Licence and have every faith in the proprietor's honesty regarding his agreement to adhere to all rules of the licensing Objectives.

The above premises are a local shop that has served the local community for many years and is a vital support network to Elderly and Disabled residents of the Button Hill Community

Mally and his family go above and beyond the usual role of a local shopkeeper by offering support and friendship in any way they can i.e., delivering shopping, changing lightbulbs or being a friendly voice at the end of a phone for someone feeling isolated and lonely.

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It is vital that Mally is given the opportunity to maintain this support for the local community and I hope my statement will stand in god stead.

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yours Sincerely

18<sup>h</sup> February 2024

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Mr Malkit Singh Neil's Superstore 9-11 Reginald Row LS7 3HP

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write this letter in the capacity of a carer who works within the local community of Neil's Superstores.

I have recently seen a blue notice in the shop and wanted to provide my support for a premises alcohol licence to be granted to Neil's Superstore.

As mentioned earlier, I frequent the area quite often looking after various clients and this involves going on grocery runs for them. Currently, I have to visit a couple of different shops because this shop does not sell alcohol, therefore it would be very helpful for both me and my clients if this shop were to have an alcohol licence. It will reduce the time I need to spend shopping which results in my clients having to wait for me to return. Furthermore, it would be a lot more productive as a carer to get around back to my clients promptly.

I have taken the time to review what's expected of an alcohol licence holder and I can safely say this shop and the shop owner are a perfect fit. I do not just say this as an idol or passing comment, I say it as a long-standing customer of Neil's Superstore and I am more than well aware of Mr Singh's ethics, morals and beliefs. In my opinion, Mr Singh is well aligned with the licencing rules put in place.

If I can be of any further assistance to you in making the correct decision in this regard, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am more than happy to assist you further given the benefits me and my clients will receive from granting a licence to this shop



12<sup>™</sup> February 2024

I was just reading the notice displayed in Neil's Superstore shop window. I was a bit confused at first, not understanding what the notice was actually about. I spoke with Mr Singh and he told me exactly what the purpose of the notice was and what had happened.

I did not hesitate to support Mr Singh in his application for the alcohol premise licence. I have known Mr Singh for nineteen years and he and his family are hardworking and honest people. Throughout the many years I have shopped at Neil's Superstore, it has always been a pleasure and a safe environment.

**Yours Sincerely** 





20th February 2024

Mr Malkit Singh Neils Superstore

9-111 Reginald Row

LS7 3HP

Dear sirs,

I am writing to express my full support for the application for a premises alcohol licence for Neils Superstore. As a member of the local community for over nine years, I believe that granting this licence will contribute positively to the area.

The proposed use of the premises aligns with he guidelines set forth by the licensing Act 2003. I am confident that the management team at Neils Superstore will conform to responsible practices and ensure the safe and legal sale of alcohol.

Please feel free to reach out too me if you require any further information or of there are any additional steps I can take to support this application.

Thank you for your attention with this matter.



15th feb 2024

MR Malkit Singh Neil's Superstore 9/11 Reginald row LS7 3HP

Dear Leeds Licencing officer
This is a representation concerning mr singh's application for an alcohol licence.

I have personally known mr Singh for over 20 years ago when he Suddenly and around 4 years ago when he Suddenly Stopped Selling alcohol in his shop. I thought is was due to his eldeot son passing away and his religious beliefs.

However I soon learn't this was not the Case, after a conversation with him, he explained his adopted I were had been revoked.

I have chosen to Support mr Scrigh's application as he has been running this shop for over 30 year without a blemish and Scrice he lost his licence almost 4 years ago, there have been no inciden Neil's Superstone is our local shop and has been such a big part of our Community over all these years.

Thank yours sincerely



12-02-2024

To The Leeds Licencing Officer

This is a representation concerning Mr Singh's application for an alcohol premise licence.

Neil's Superstore has been my local shop for more than 25 years in this time, I have got to know Mally very well. He has become more than just the local shopkeeper, he is more like a brother to me. He and his family treat me like one of their own and if I can help him to get his alcohol licence back, then that is exactly what I would want to do.

Neil's Superstore is and has been a very safe place to come and do my shopping as well as have a natter. I am sure Mr Singh (Mally) will promote the licencing objectives that he is required to carry out.

If you need any further input from me, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.



16th February 2024

Dear Leeds Licencing Officer,

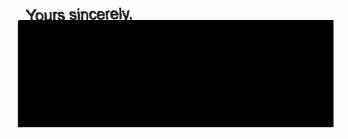
I am writing this letter to support Mally (Mr Singh) and his family regarding the application for an alcohol premise licence for Neil's Superstore.

I have been shopping at Neil's Superstore for around nine years now and I have become very good friends with Mally. Sometimes I even go to see Mally at his shop to have a coffee and a chat and I always see how nice he is to all the different types of customers he has.

Mally runs his business in a strict manner whilst also being very fair to everyone. For example, I have been at the shop when teenagers come in and ask to buy things like scratch cards and cigarettes. Mally politely tells them that they must provide a form of ID and he points out the notices he has displayed in his shop explaining the age they must be to be able to purchase the items.

Any licencing objectives that Mally (Mr Singh) is set, I am sure he will have no problems dealing with.

Thank you,



## Mr Malkit Singh, Neil's Superstore



23/02/2023

Dear Whomever this may concern,

I often visit Neil's Superstore if not daily and recently found out that they are applying for an alcohol premises license for the store.

Trecently moved to this area and have always relied on the store for my daily needs and goods. I believe it would be a great bonus to the locals and myself if this store had the ability and permission to sell alcohol.

I can confidently say, having interacted with Mr Singh daily, that he his a fantastic Owner and Business Manager as he always presents himself well and with a smile. Never turning down customers and always helping those in need.

As an example myself and Mr Singh have often helped elderly customers take shopping to their houses or vehicles knowing that we are doing the local area a good service.

He has always treated myself and other customers with massive respect and I couldn't imagine a more perfect spot to sell alcohol than one as reliable and trustworthy as Niel's Superstore.

I do not know the reason for why Mr Singh is not currently a holder of an Alcohol License however in the past year and a bit I have not seen any evidence as to why he should not. All he has shown me is how complimentary his store is to the community and that he is an honest and respectable staple here.

I hope this letter assists you positively in making your decision granting this shop its alcohol license back again. If you need anything more from me, feel free to use the address details given at the top of this letter.

Kind Regards,

Dear Leeds Licencing Officer,

I am writing this letter today to support Mr Singh's application for an alcohol premise licence.

I have known Mr Singh for over twenty years and I personally do not drink any alcohol but I rely on this shop because Mr Singh provides a vital service for myself and my elderly mother. When my mother walks down to the shop, she feels safe and spends sometimes hours talking away with Mr Singh in the shop.

Neil's Superstore is more than just a shop, it hugely benefits the local community.

Any objectives and conditions you set, I know that Mr Singh will uphold.

Thank you,

Yours Truly,





12th February 2024

Dear Leeds Licencing Officer,

This is a representation concerning Mr Singh's application for an alcohol premise licence.

Mally (Mr Singh) has asked me if I would support him in his application for an alcohol premise licence. He showed me the notice placed up in the shop and explained the situation regarding the alcohol licence to me.

Therefore, I have chosen to help support Mally as I have known him for 17 years and he has been honest and trustworthy.

I know he will 100% carry out the licensing objectives he is required to do so and any other conditions you set.

Thank you,

Yours Sincerely,



Mr Malkit Gingh Neils Superstore 9-11 Reginald Row 157 341

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Thank you

Dear Leedo Licensing Officer,

This is a representation concerning Mr Singh's application for an alcohol premises licence.

My name is My family x 1 have been going to Neil's Superstore for over 20 years. It is local to the estate x is needed for our community. I have four children now, who daily ask to go to 'Neils' he (Mr Singh) is like an unde to them all.

I know that for a couple of years, his business has been struggling, if his Singh were to be granted the alcohol premises hisence, this could help this business to thrive. Mr Singh has frequently helped me over the years and will always ask if I need anything, at may be bread or milk but when I'm struggling it means a great deal. If the shop were to dose our community would be at a lass.

These are some of the reasons why I support his application for an alcohol premises home. I'm sure Hr singh will abide by any conditions set.