

Before the South Oxford District Council

Licensing Sub-Committee

Applications for Street Trading Consents

The Greyhound – Whitchurch

The Red Lion – Chinnor

The Cross Keys – Wallingford

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I would like to express my support for the Greyhound in Whitchurch and the Social, Street Food Scene that they provide.

Since Oak Taverns have taken over the Greyhound, the pub has been totally transformed from a failing establishment into a thriving business. In particular since Lottie has taken over as the landlady and introduced the Street Food Scene, the Greyhound has become the thriving hub of the village. It is extremely popular with the vast majority of the villagers and that is shown by how much the pub and the street food are utilised. It is always busy, the atmosphere is great and friendly. You know that when you go there, most of the time you will meet up with friends from the village and surrounding area and enjoy the social scene together.

It astounds me that while the hospitality sector is on its knees generally, there are still people and authorities who seem hell bent on destroying it further.

How can just a few people, very much the smallest minority, spoil such a good thing for the vast majority of people who enjoy so much what the Greyhound is now bringing to the village?

Regards

Brian Reddecliffe

Hi,

I am writing to let you know how important the street food vendors are at The Greyhound, Whitchurch on Thames and the surrounding villages. The addition of the street vendors has bought a hub to the village and has created a family atmosphere where families visit instead of the feeling of a 'local pub' full of men on their own. Since the street food has been in existence we've met other local people who we now consider friends. We have lived in the area for 6 years and have never experienced such a lovely local atmosphere. It would be a shame to lose the food vendors because of a few people who don't like change and clearly don't support local businesses that help to create a friendly and open atmosphere.

We fully support Oak Taverns and the addition of the street vendors.

Sarah-Jane Flew

Hello,

My family and I have been going to the Greyhound pub for a number of years. And very much look forward to the street food on offer. It is a real treat, the Greyhound and how it is run, is so friendly, a real family community feel of all ages.

The street food is great on a number of levels, great to see so many friendly locals enjoy themselves. I do hope that this continues into the future.

Kind Regards,
Paul

Paul Hale

I would like to congratulate Oak Taverns and particularly Lottie Mitchell our landlord for the complete turnaround of this pub from a dying concern into what has become a thriving business and focal point for the village.

It is unfortunate that apparently not everyone wishes success to her venture: the concept of offering street food to compliment the normal activities of a pub is a fantastic idea that allows a wide range of foods at reasonable prices without the need to maintain a full-time catering staff. I suspect there has been little negative impact from this activity, but doubtless there a few of the "not in my back yard" point of view that disagree. It would be nice to see Mr. Spock from Startrek's phrase "the needs of the many outweigh those of the few" hold good. For the time being I believe we still live in a democracy.

It is a very pleasant experience to visit The Greyhound under Lottie's stewardship and find it well populated with happy drinkers and eaters rather than the previous atmosphere of stoney stares from the few that used to patronise the place.

Good luck to Lottie; she certainly has my support and I would hope that OCC has the good sense to grant and endorse the provision of street food there.

Sincerely, Robin Shuff, , Whitchurch on Thames.

Good morning

We would like to register our support for the licensing application at the Greyhound pub in our village.

Regards

Paul and Rachael O'Grady

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To Oak Taverns:

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to express my support for the Street Food service at The Greyhound in our village of Whitchurch on Thames. I understand that there is to be a hearing shortly on the subject of licences

The food offering provided by the food trucks this year has helped to enrich the social life of our village and to support the continuing popularity of The Greyhound as a focus of community life.

It would be a great shame if the food trucks were not able to bring their special and interesting food to our High Street.

I have been living in the village for nearly 50 years and I would not like to see the entrepreneurial spirit involved in these young and mobile businesses being rejected.

Best regards

Richard Wingfield

Dear Oak Taverns

We have lived in Whitchurch for over 30 years and I can honestly say that the Greyhound has never been such an asset to the village as it is now. This is a testament to Lottie's management and also Oak Taverns' 21st century approach to pubs, giving customers what they want, a warm welcome, great beer and a variety of food.

I don't know what objections to your food licensing there have been but I do not believe that they can be sincere or valid. I have seen no sign of litter and have never been aware of any disturbance or nuisance caused by the food providers.

If you are not awarded your food licences it will be a travesty!

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Best regards

Adrian Dixon

I am a resident of Whitchurch-on-Thames and have lived here for over 30 years. I believe the objections to The Greyhound serving street food are ill-founded and against the wishes of the many residents and visitors.

I have never noticed any serious problem with litter being worse since this excellent idea was introduced.

Please put me down as being IN FAVOUR of The Greyhound pub in Whitchurch-on-Thames being licensed to continue to serve street food.

With many thanks for your consideration.

Robin Maccaw

I am writing to express my support for the amazing service Lottie and her team provide at The Greyhound in Whitchurch and in particular the fantastic food she has available at the pub.

Lottie has made many improvements to the pub since she's been there and one of the most impressive is the range of fantastic food options throughout the week. From my experience, the vendors are respectful of the village environment, clean up after themselves and finish at a reasonable hour so as not cause any disturbance to neighbours or residents of nearby properties.

I understand that there have been objections to this service continuing and whilst I do not know on what basis those objections are raised, I have to say that the pub, the village of Whitchurch and the surrounding area would suffer a greater loss from losing the friendly, family-oriented environment Lottie has created than by allowing it to continue. In addition, in losing the ability to service her customers as she currently does, it's likely that Lottie's business would suffer. The last thing any village needs is the loss of a local community hub and that is exactly what could be at stake here.

Kind Regards
Ben Oakley

To whom it may concern

We are writing to give our support for the continuation of the Street Food offer at The Greyhound in Whitchurch on Thames. The introduction of the food has resulted in the increased use of a very valuable community asset. The food, together with the excellent pub management, has provided families and individuals from Whitchurch and the wider area with a fantastic range of interesting and popular refreshment. In addition it has enhanced the social aspect of the venue, providing a great accompaniment to the music and drinks on offer.

We believe that, without the food offer, The Greyhound could lose custom which would impact on the viability of this fantastic community asset which has become a positive addition to the life of the village.

Yours sincerely
Keith and Dianne Brooks

Hi there,

I wanted to show my strong support for the Street Food at the Greyhound pub. I'm a resident of Whitchurch-on-Thames and the Greyhound is my "local". Over the 6 years we've lived in the village we've seen the pub go through various stages from under used and then obviously really struggling over Covid so blossoming as a real asset to the village.

Under Lottie's management it's really blossomed into a community pub and hub for all in the village; young couples, families, older people are all welcome and it really feels like the living room of the village. A big part of this success this has been the street food. The ability to eat food in the pub with drinks, or pick up some takeaway on the way home is invaluable, especially in a village with no other real alternative options!

The street food is wonderful, and also encourages people to come from outside the village to use the pub and ensure it survives as a valuable community asset. It wasn't that long ago that it was looking like it would be bought to turn into a house, so anything we can do to keep this important business viable; especially as the street food service is so valuable to the village community seems like a great idea to me!

Alexa

Hello,

I would like to let you know as a neighbour that lives on the high street less than 50 metres away from the Greyhound, that I fully support the application to have street vendors at the pub. The Greyhound is a fantastic social meeting place in the village, and the food vendors have enabled it to be a place to meet with food and drink with your friends. I also have very active small children, in a busy family, and so the convenience of the food traders to get affordable family food on my doorstep is a massive help.

I can vouch that the quality of the vendors is excellent, they are well organised, and together with the pub staff they ensure the area is tidy from litter whenever they leave.

Having a food trader in the village is a tremendous asset for the residents. I hope the license can be granted to enable this to continue.

Kind regards
Clive Finlay

Dear Sir or Madam

Just a short note to provide our support to the continued Street Food service provided at the Greyhound.

We are a local residents living in Eastfield Lane Whitchurch on Thames and our fully supportive. The service underpins the vibrancy and enjoyment of the village pub. Ensuring it continues as a valid community asset to the village.

Kind regards Jon & Sarah Ashford

Good evening,

I live in locally and strongly support the excellent food vendors that the Greyhound have given us. I believe they have no negative impact on the area but only add to the pub and the local area. Focus should be on helping pubs to survive during difficult times as they are a local community hub. I have never seen any litter or any other issues with this, they don't seem to add to traffic and are a great addition.

I have really enjoyed the sense of community that this helps maintain.

Thanks
Laura.

Dear Oak Taverns

We are writing to express our strong support for the reintroduction of street food vendors outside The Greyhound pub. We will two doors down from the pub on the High Street and have never had any concerns about rubbish, noise or antisocial activity. On the contrary, we found the street food nights to be a lovely contribution to village life. Local people would bring their own Tupperware to the taco truck on Tuesdays, we would bring our pizza boards on Thursdays, people were always diligent not to leave a mess.

We moved to the village last year with a young child and have since had another baby. The street food vendors provided us with delicious, super convenient food when we were wrangling a newborn baby. We got to know them - James from Proper Takeout was the first person we met when we moved to the village when we lent us ketchup on our first evening, he went on to cater the food for my daughter's christening. The food trucks have been a great way to meet people of all ages and support the local pub.

Not only have I never seen any litter from the trucks, but my dog has never even had the opportunity to Hoover up any rubbish because there never is any when I walk him in the mornings.

We strongly support the reintroduction of the street food vendors and The Greyhound pub - both are brilliant parts of this community.

Very best
Kate and Rob Dix

Hi,

I am writing to support The Greyhound in Whitchurch on Thames and the street food vendors who serve the village.

Prior to Oak Taverns purchase of The Greyhound and the current landlord's tenure, the pub was rundown with very few patrons. The arrival of the new regime has seen the pub revitalised and return to a focal gathering point in the village. Key to that has been the street food initiative. We often visit The Greyhound at the weekend for food and stay for a drink in the garden. It's a fantastic location to meet friends or bump into people from the village.

We're very supportive of the pub and its vendors in obtaining the appropriate licences to continue this great service to the village.

James Statham

I would like to give my voice in support of the food trucks being offered outside of the Greyhound pub. We regularly visit the food trucks and really enjoy the varied options that this set up can provide. It means we don't need to add to emissions by getting in the car and driving somewhere further afield and they have become a huge community asset. The vendors have always been considerate and I have never noticed increased litter following a visit by one. They are a bonus of living in the village and perfect compliment to the pub that we love. Local pubs can often struggle and it is schemes like this that enable them to continue to run. It would only be a negative for the community of Whitchurch for the pub to suffer because the food trucks have been unable to trade on their premises.

Yours sincerely,

Lydia Edey

To whom it may concern,

I wanted to lend my strong support to the brilliant Lottie and her amazing team at the Greyhound around food trucks.

Having moved to the village two years ago to find a tired and somewhat unloved village pub, we've seen this incredible transformation into a buzzing local business at the heart of village life. It was always going to be a challenge in such a small pub to offer a compelling food offer - and instead the team have come up with a brilliant solution that also empowers and supports local small business owners. Standing in the queue for the food trucks offers a chance for all generations in the village to chat and get to know each other - whilst also enabling people to use the pub for community and charity events that aren't focused around alcohol only.

The staff supporting the food trucks are always friendly and polite, and I've never seen any signs of litter / noise disturbance that would justify stopping this valuable community service.

I really hope that whoever is making the decision on this truly understands how proud and grateful our village is of what the team have put in place. I'd be happy to discuss further if you have any questions - particularly if it's over a burger in the Greyhound garden!

Becky Galea

Dear Greyhound and Oak Taverns.

Further to your correspondence on the FB group, please find enclosed my review of the Greyhound and the Street Food and why I feel that what you have done over the past few years has been a "gem!" along the Thames Path and we as a family and the dog would miss this culinary treat!!

Title: A Culinary Haven at The Greyhound: Whitchurch's Street Food Gem

Nestled in the heart of Whitchurch, The Greyhound pub stands as a beacon of culinary delight, particularly renowned for its exceptional street food offerings. This unassuming establishment has become a vital thread in the fabric of the local community, weaving together flavors, community spirit, and a touch of gastronomic magic that would be sorely missed if lost.

Ambiance: 5/5

From the moment you step inside The Greyhound, you're enveloped in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The rustic charm of the pub, combined with the vibrant energy of the bustling crowd, sets the stage for a memorable dining experience.

Street Food Extravaganza: 5/5

The star of the show is, without a doubt, the street food. The Greyhound's culinary wizards have mastered the art of crafting dishes that transport your taste buds to the vibrant streets of far-off places. Whether it's sizzling tacos, aromatic curries, or succulent kebabs, each bite is a journey of flavors that leaves you craving for more.

Community Hub: 5/5

Beyond its culinary prowess, The Greyhound plays a crucial role in fostering a sense of community. The pub hosts events that bring locals together, creating a space where friendships are forged over shared plates and laughter. It's not just a pub; it's a home away from home for many, and losing such a hub would undoubtedly leave a void in the social tapestry of Whitchurch.

Diverse Menu: 4.5/5

The menu at The Greyhound is a testament to the chef's commitment to diversity and innovation. Vegetarian and vegan options abound, ensuring that everyone can partake in the culinary adventure. The only slight quibble is the limited dessert selection, but the mouthwatering main courses more than make up for it.

Service: 4.5/5

The staff at The Greyhound are attentive, friendly, and passionate about their craft. They navigate the bustling atmosphere with grace, ensuring that each patron feels valued. The only room for improvement lies in the occasional delay during peak hours, but the quality of the food more than compensates for any minor wait.

The Heart of Whitchurch: 5/5

The Greyhound is not just a pub; it's a cornerstone of Whitchurch's identity. Its presence is felt in the laughter that echoes through its walls, the aroma that wafts from its kitchen, and the vibrant tapestry of people it attracts. Losing such a gem would be akin to losing a piece of the town's soul.

In conclusion, The Greyhound in Whitchurch is a culinary treasure, a community hub, and a cultural landmark all rolled into one. Its street food offerings are a testament to the culinary prowess of the chefs, and its role in fostering a sense of community is invaluable. To lose The Greyhound would be more than losing a pub; it would be bidding farewell to a vital part of Whitchurch's essence. So, savor every bite, relish every moment, and let's hope The Greyhound continues to thrive as a cherished local gem.

Kind regards,
Laird Michael Pen-Collings & Brinne the Beagle.

Dear Simon,

I would like to express my full support for your application for food truck licenses for the Greyhound Pub in Whitchurch-on-Thames. As Chairman of the Whitchurch Parish Council and long time resident, I would like to highlight some of the many important benefits that Oak Taverns have provided to the village since purchasing the Greyhound about two years ago:

- First and foremost, the Greyhound is one of the most important community hubs in the village as its only remaining pub. A second pub was closed 18 months ago and it is unclear whether it will reopen again,
- The Greyhound pub has had a number of less than successful publicans over the past several years under the previous owner, Punch Taverns, and all of the feedback that I have received from residents of the community support the view that it has been significantly improved with increased popularity since it has been since it was taken over by Oak Taverns.
- The introduction of food truck services several times a week is seen locally as a win, win, win situation – more trade to keep the pub sustainable, new business for local food traders, and an innovative food service for residents of the community adding to the vitality of the community spirit of the village.

I am fully supportive of SODC's role in ensuring food traders have the appropriate licensing, but I understand that further work is required to ensure licensing policies and procedures applying to Oak Tavern's situation, where they are requesting licenses for multiple food traders across multiple pubs. SODC should work to tailor their processes to better support this situation in an efficient, flexible and cost effective manner for all parties.

I also support the need for public consultation for these types of licensing applications. I am only aware of the overwhelming support I have seen for the food trucks from residents in the village, but request that SODC work in a constructive manner with Oak Taverns to resolve any legitimate concerns raised by members of the community.

Kind regards,
Jim Donahue

I write to express my support for the continuing provision and licensing of street food outside The Greyhound pub in Whitchurch-on-Thames.

I live on the High Street and haven't seen any issues with behaviour, noise or litter. It provides a valuable service to the community, feeds guests and visitors to the area and helps the pub to remain a profitable concern at the heart of the community - very important in today's inflationary environment.

Regards
James Hebblethwaite

Hi Oak Taverns

Good afternoon.

I'm writing on behalf of the whole Robinson Family (Nicola, Nathan, Stanley, Daisy and Oreo) to let you know that we thoroughly endorse what you do.

We love what you have done (credit to Lottie and her team) with regards to making the Greyhound a viable and welcoming Pub in our Village. We're proud to, at last and finally, have a proper local.

Unfortunately, though we're really short of food options locally, which is where The Greyhound has really managed to come into its own for many of us. The Food Trucks have been amazing, they offer outstanding Food with such variety. If we're feeling whacked out after a hard week, the kids love the treat of Burger & Friends or Dyllies Pizza. But we've used the various Food Trucks for Dad's Cricket, Football, Birthdays, walks with Friends and many more occasions. We'd really like to continue doing this for as long as we possibly can, it gives us pride in our local surroundings, pride in our village and pride in the Greyhound.

I particularly love it if we could have additional food trucks, one on a Thursday for Football and Local Boys Meet Up would be grand, but I'm thinking on a purely selfish thinking level here!

Anyway, Long Live The Greyhound! Keep up the hardwork (and long May the food trucks remain, in fact we'd/I'd like more!)

Over and Out

Nathan Robinson

OBO- Nic, Nathan, Stanley, Daisy & Oreo

Hi,

Please add me to the list of people who are in favour of street food in your fabulous pubs.

I am a resident of Henley and frequently visit all of your pubs, I see no disadvantages to vans serving food from your carparks and can't really see the difference between that and you serving food from within the pub if you wanted to add kitchen facilities to any of them.

I for one, like to visit pubs and like to be able to pick up a bit of food before or afterwards if possible, and believe that both yourselves and the people operating the street food facilities should be offered nothing but support from the local council as you are helping with social and economic issues of the local area.

The requirements of a few selfish individuals should not be given priority over these important advantages that are created for the many.

Good luck with the public hearings, I hope common sense prevails and you get the licences you require.

Best

James Thornley

To Lottie and all at Oak Taverns

We have been shocked and disappointed to hear about the issues you have been facing regarding the wonderful service you and your talented street food vendors have been offering outside The Greyhound in Whitchurch on Thames.

With very limited choice of restaurants offering good quality food in the surrounding areas, your street food vendors have offered our family a much needed and welcomed choice of varied and delicious meal options locally, without needing to drive for miles around to find decent restaurants or take away choices.

The benefits of this kind of enterprise are far reaching:

To the pub- This kind of creative business thinking supports the viable operation of a pub which is the hub of this small community, within an industry which is really struggling and seeing many local pubs shutting down, Landlords must diversify to attract customers in order to survive in these very tough economic times, times which have hit the hospitality sector particularly hard. To remove this lifeline from the pub is utter madness and totally counter intuitive. If the street food offering helps to ensure the success of the pub then why take it away without any viable reasoning?

To small business- the food vendors who facilitate the service are all themselves small or start up businesses, and are often new ventures run by young people. This kind of enterprise and entrepreneurship is vital to our economy and must be encouraged and supported at every level, not shut down because of red tape. Do the local councils and LEP's want to support SME's and growth like they say they do, or not?!

To the village and local community- The street food offering has seen customers traveling from all over the local villages and has given Whitchurch in particular and new lease of life. A busy pub creates a stronger local community and a good food offering gives residents more reason to go out. We as a family have found that the option of being able to eat and drink in a relaxed atmosphere without needing to go out for a more formal sit down meal has given us more reason to venture out and more frequently, and has also lead to us meeting people in our community who we wouldn't have otherwise come across. Interested and engaged local communities must be encouraged otherwise our villages are at risk of becoming 'Dormitory Towns' where people only use the area as a place to be based so they can commune easily to other places, spending their disposable income in the surrounding towns and cities where they work rather than in their local villages.

Any suggestion of litter or disturbance caused by the traders is utter nonsense, and i suspect is a desperate excuse that has been conjured up by one of the local Pangbourne eateries who are disappointed by a possible loss of trade as a result of such a great service provided by Lottie and her street food vendors. Never once have we witnessed any litter discarded or distribution caused to the local residents, and any mention of this should be totally disregarded.

I hope the council are able to see sense as soon as possible, and any licenses you require to resume normal service are agreed and issued with immediate effect.

We remain in absolute support of the street food vendor service remaining.

Best wishes

Kate Taylor-Norris & Family

Hello

Having relocated to the Whitchurch area a few years ago, we've become regulars at the local Greyhound Pub. Initially, it was just a typical pub, lacking in atmosphere and a sense of community. However, over time since Oak Taverns and Lottie took it over it has transformed into a warm and inviting establishment that feels like a true part of the local community. Now, every visit is greeted with friendly faces and a welcoming vibe.

One key factor that has contributed to the increased participation of local residents is the fantastic array of street food vendors. This addition has turned the pub into not just a place for drinks, but a hub for friends to gather and enjoy a diverse selection of food. It has become a great place to meet with friends and enjoy a variety of cuisines and quality beers. There is nothing else that offers this community feel in the local village - which is so important for people well well-being. Here's to hoping that this positive trend continues.

Cheers!

Julien Davies

We want you to know that as residents in [REDACTED] (*just up the road*) we are in support of the Greyhound, Whitchurch on Thames, the publican and yourselves. The outdoor street vendors is an excellent idea. And well run too. No litter is seen.

We know only too well how difficult it is to maintain a pub, we have been without our local one 'The White Lion' at Crays Pond, for around 10 years now.

Good luck to all of you.

Phil and Jane Mason,

Good Evening

I am writing in support of the regular food vendors at The Greyhound pub.

The variety throughout the week is great and this is the main reason we regularly visit, and make the effort to walk from a neighbouring village. It's worth the hours walk!

We love that we can enjoy a meal there now too and not just pop in briefly for a drink.

The food stalls do not impact on parking, traffic or members of the public and the Greyhound manage it well with a good system. It only positively impacts those visiting the pub for a food option.

Thanks
Katie

Good Evening

I am writing in support of the regular food vendors at The Greyhound pub. The range of food vendors throughout the week is great and this is the main reason we regularly visit The Greyhound as it isn't just a place for a drink now, we can have a meal there and spend longer at the pub.

The Greyhound manage the food vendors well, it doesn't impact on parking, traffic or members of the public, only positively impacting those visiting the pub for a food option.

Thanks
Sharna
Sharna Denver

Hello,

I want to learn my support to the cause.

I have lived in Whitchurch, my whole life, and the one criticism I have of rural living is the inability to get a good takeaway without getting in the car. The addition of the street food vendor outside the Greyhound has had a hugely positive effect on our community and on, more specifically, our family life.

It is a joy to have so many excellent choices for a meal on our doorstep each weekend. And it's also fantastic to know we are supporting other small businesses and start-ups from within our own communities.

The addition of the street food trucks has meant that we now spend more time at the Greyhound with our friends, and it has had a positive effect on the sense of community within Whitchurch. It's hugely popular.

I actually can't believe anyone has complained because everyone we speak to, who also lives in Whitchurch has only good things to say about this venture. The vendor's have been nothing but polite and I have not noticed any litter or debris caused by their presence.

I can only see this as a positive for our village and long may it continue.

Best wishes
Anna Woollcott

Hi,

I am a local Whitchurch resident and wanted to show my support for the food truck events at the Greyhound.

Since moving to the village in 2011 the Greyhound pub has never been the hub of the village that it is now. Since Oak Taverns took over, the inviting atmosphere created has led it to become a popular meeting place for villagers. We're now lucky enough to have a venue to meet other locals, make new friends, get out of the house and chat to friendly faces.

It's great from a mental health viewpoint, especially for those that work from home, don't work at all, and those that are lonely and need some friendly company. We all have huge amounts of respect for each other and for Lottie who now runs the pub and has created such a welcoming place.

The food vans have played a part in the success of the pub, bringing people in and making it a viable business.

With so few amenities in Whitchurch, and the Ferryboat closed, there is nowhere we can get a meal from, and for busy families the food trucks are a godsend.

The villages are respectful to their neighbours, clean, tidy and not noisy. Some social conversation whilst waiting to place their order is about as controversial as it gets. But the benefits that the food trucks bring far, far outweighs any downsides.

I hope that the Greyhound is allowed to thrive, we don't want to lose our community spirit and become a ghost town where locals don't have a meeting place and can't make friends. It really would be a shame if the food trucks were not allowed.

Hoping for a positive outcome,
Beth Baxter

Beth Baxter

Hi there,

A quick note to throw our weight behind the campaign to reinstate food vendors at the Greyhound Pub in Whitchurch on Thames. We don't have any affiliation to the business but we live locally and are occasional customers. We are grateful for the pub helping to ensure a vibrant community, evolving village life and we are grateful for food options where the local options are limited.

Best of luck with the hearing.

Helen and Jack
Pangbourne residents
Helen Ody

Hi Guys,

Thank you for the new life you've brought to the village, and the idea of bringing food trucks has been fantastic. Unfortunately with two kids under two I've not been able to partake as much as I'd like, so I really hope the council sees sense and allows you to keep doing what you're doing.

Best

Alexander Fisker

Hello,

My wife and I are occasional visitors to the Greyhound, and similarly the food trucks. We live just a little further up the High Street, maybe 100 metres away.

I would support the presence of the food trucks. They have been a brilliant idea, and have given a new lease of life to the pub.

I think the Greyhound has a small kitchen and in our 15 years in the village it has not generally offered the greatest pub food. I think the physical constraints make it hard to offer good quality food. These days I think it's really hard to economically run a pub without food available, and the food trucks get the pub out of that difficult corner.

I have never noticed noise, litter or any other theoretical effects from the food trucks, only people enjoying the food. They are good for our local economy.

With kind regards,

Tony Butcher

I am writing in support of the street traders who have stalls outside The Greyhound pub in Whitchurch. I use the pub at least once a week, and do not find the presence of the traders at all intrusive. Moreover, I have bought food from them a few times, and enjoyed it in the pub with a drink or two. In my opinion, the stalls outside bring a lot of extra business to the pub, and cause no problems. As the pub serves no food, it is very beneficial to be able to buy it just outside, and to eat it inside or in the pub garden. I do hope these street traders will be allowed to continue as they are (or with more).

Yours,

Vivien Chambers

I fully support the application from the above to continue with street vendors selling food.

I think it is an excellent idea to solve an ongoing problem, and cannot see what there is to object to.

Brigitte Wise

Hello,

Hope you are well.

Please accept this as my confirmation for support for Street Food continuing at the Whitchurch Greyhound. The food alongside the fantastic staff and service is now a real pillar of the community. It would be a real shame that the few try to ruin this for the many.

Kind Regards,
Adam Lee

To whom it is of concern,

I wish to affirm my unwavering support for Oak Taverns and the inspirational introduction of the street food to my and many other local villages and towns.

Not only has the street food played a small although significant part in revitalising the local pub for the locals, it has also brought great joy to people passing through that have returned due to the experience. It has given small start up businesses a platform to grow and establish their business.

It is a wonderful addition to the village and should be supported to the very maximum possible.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Raymond.

I would like to add my support to your endeavours. I hope that you succeed in continuing trading and I may in the future continue to enjoy your hospitality and excellent service, both inside and outside.

Best regards

Chris Canty

Hello, I live in Whitchurch and would like to add my support to keeping the food vans at the Greyhound.

If rural villages are to thrive, then there has to be the infrastructure to support a living breathing community. The food vans are very popular and make the Greyhound an inclusive hub where all are welcome.

Sincerely,



David Mattimoe

Hello. I'm writing to thank you for arranging Street Food Events at The Greyhound, Whitchurch. The food is delicious and the service excellent. It's also wonderful during a cost of living crisis to be able to eat out more cheaply. The benefit to our community is huge particularly because it brings people together.

My only suggestion for improvement is to do it more often if at all possible!
On behalf of our local community, a huge thank you!

Pete Green (Pangbourne)

Hello,

I wanted to drop an email over in support of the continuation of the food vendors at the Greyhound in Whitchurch on Thames. The pub and vendors both provide a valuable service to the local community. I truly believe that both work in support of the other. I know that many of the customers come to the pub directly to use the vendors which is great for our local community pub. At no time have I witnessed any littering from customers of the vendors, many of whom consume the food within the confines of the pub with the remainder taking the food back to consume at home. I know that one of the original complaints was that the level of rubbish generated was a concern, it has never been an issue as far as I can see.

I wish you all the best in resolving this issue for the local community.

Thanks

Jane

Good morning,

I wanted to drop you all a message in support of the street food vendors at The Greyound in Whitchurch On Thames.

Ever since Oak Taverns and Lottie took over The Greyhound, the "hub" of the village had finally returned. The village had been without a decent place to eat and drink for quite some time and as soon as Lottie and team members took the helm it has brought a breath of fresh air back to the village.

The different food vendors serving various dishes has been a huge success. It would be a great shame to loose this vital community "go to". I believe the local council should be supporting the pub and the individual vendors who are trying to make a living during these tough times. Surely something can be done to allow this to happen.

I wish you all the success going forward,

All the best

Mel and Garry Taylor

Good Afternoon,

I just wanted to offer my support for The Greyhound and the food vendors that visit the site.

Since Oak Taverns has taken over the pub it has become a real community hub, prior to them taking over the pub felt like an empty shell with no events, atmosphere or even customers. Since then it has become a place where locals and visitors can go to and always get a friendly welcome. It is also a lovely place to just go and chat as there will always be a friendly face in there.

The food adds a great element to the pub and helps make it what it is, it brings customers that would otherwise not come, including walkers from the famous Thames Path.

I've lived in the village since Oak Taverns took over and since the food vans have started and during this time I have never seen any litter or unsociable behaviour relating to it.

We should all be supporting local pubs, especially one that is as thriving as The Greyhound, too many pubs are disappearing each week and I certainly do not want to see The Greyhound decline.

Thanks
Caroline Disbrowe

Dear Oak Taverns

We are close neighbours living two doors up from the Greyhound and we are regular customers of the pub and the pop up food trucks.

We have lived here since 2009 and had never previously been frequent visitors to the Greyhound until it was taken over by Oak Taverns. Since then, the pub has been given a new lease of life, the food vendors are a brilliant idea that means we can always get variety and support small independent traders.

We have absolutely no complaints being one of the nearest neighbours. The pub is always well kept, friendly and is a very positive contributor to life in the village.

The Greyhound is an important hub of the community and I strongly believe that the food trucks are a key part of that as they keep people coming back.

We would like to offer our support to Lottie and The Greyhound and we hope that the food vendors can continue to bring life, enjoyment and delicious food to our village.

Village pubs are important part of British culture and we should do what we can to keep them going. The food vendors are a great idea that helps encourage customers to the pub.

Wishing Lottie and The Greyhound every success

Kindest regards
Alice Blackham & Clive Finlay

I am happy to support your licence application for the Greyhound in Whitchurch to allow street food vendors to operate on your car park.

Jon Hatt

Hello there

Just a quick message, as a local resident, to voice my support for the wonderful food stalls that the greyhound provide our local community. The kebab and falafal wraps on Sundays are particularly delicious and good value. We enjoy the variety of food on offer and the festive atmosphere the stalls bring.

Thanks.

Lucinda VAUGHAN,

Hello Oak Taverns. We noticed your post on the Whitchurch Facebook site.

As a group that has been trying to re-open The White Lion Crays Pond for 10 years, we are well aware that it is far better to support a going concern than try to get hold of a Pub that is in the hands of a developer.

The Greyhound in Whitchurch is a splendid example of a local pub and is used by the White Lion supporters as we are denied a local pub ourselves.

The Food operation is, we believe, vital to the business and should continue as before, as it was respectful of the local inhabitants and the surroundings.

This will support the important provision of a 'Local Pub' for the community.

We all know that a 'Local Pub' is important to the survival of a community, offering cohesion, comradeship and a sense of well being to those who use it. A place for the local community to gather, friends and families to meet to enjoy food and drink in a social environment.

We lose a Local Pub at our peril as once lost it may not be able to be resurrected.

Save The White Lion-Crays Pond as a community asset

Crays Pond Community Group

Crays Pond Community Group

Sir/Madam

I would like to voice my support for The Greyhound and their current food service.

By way of background, I have been a life member of the Campaign for Real Ale for over 30 years. I encourage responsible drinking and appreciate licenced environments which are family friendly, enabling me to take my children and step-children into a social environment.

My reasons for supporting this business are:

1. The Greyhound is a delightful example of a traditional rural pub. It is well run by caring staff who create an environment in which everyone is welcome. As a village asset, it is well respected and customers are, in my experience, well behaved.
2. There are no other retail food outlets in the village. Consequently, customers cannot avail themselves of food before or during drinking. The loss of catering facilities would lead to a significant drop in trade and would turn the pub into a venue in which it would be difficult to encourage families. I have personally left the pub with my family after a round of drinks because we were hungry and no food was available.

3. The food outlets that have been available are of a high standard. There is a wide variety of catering which encourages customers to visit on different nights.
4. I have never seen any evidence of litter or waste being discarded in the pub or the environment around them.
5. The Greyhound is the heart and soul of the village. Were it to become unviable (a distinct possibility) then Whitchurch would become a suburb of Pangbourne and lose its identity.

I wish you the best of luck in your hearing.

Nick Swift (and family)

Dear Oak Taverns

Since you've taken over the pub in Whitchurch I have seen your custom grow and now when I go to the pub it feels like a real Village pub, bustling with people and even more so with the food trucks present. Not only does it bring the residents out but also non locals who are either passing by or specifically come to Whitchurch for the food and drinks on offer.

I have never seen any issues with litter as the vendors and or Lotty take care of the rubbish and anyone not eating in the pub is taking the food away back home. These vendors work incredibly hard for their business and to take away their ability to trade will be detrimental to the community, to their businesses and ultimately to the pub.

This will impact the community but also lost tax revenues for the HMRC from the individuals running the food trucks and corporation tax from the profits of Oak Taverns.

Common sense really needs to be applied to this situation and allow all the traders to continue as without that many many more pubs will lost around the country as when they don't get used, people can't make a living.

Ian Cole

Whitchurch resident and Greyhound regular.

To whom it may concern

I would like to give my and my family's huge vote of approval to the street food that has benefited our community immensely over these past months. The Greyhound has done a fantastic job of managing this and I see it as a win, win, win, on every level. The community is provided with delicious and varied food each week. The pub has become a thriving hub, which is great for our village and the street food vendors are providing much needed work, for an industry that has suffered greatly through the recent pandemic.

It seems to be managed well, with no traffic issues or litter. It would be a really shame and a huge knock for the community not to have this wonderful resource in our village.

Yours sincerely

Kathy Aitchison

Hi

I wanted to email to give my full support for the street vendors continuing at The Greyhound in Whitchurch-On-Thames. I live on the High Street and love that we have a now thriving pub with a great and varied choice of food and drinks. The place is really family friendly and is a real hub for the community.

The food is a real asset and my family and I are fully in support of the licence for the street vendors.

I don't see any issue with this continuing. The vendors are parked in the pub car park and there isn't a littering problem from it.

Kind regards

Caroline Collins

Hello Oak Taverns, hello Lottie

I'm writing in support of the brilliant offering - especially including the food trucks - that we now have at the Greyhound pub in Whitchurch on Thames. Since Lottie has taken over the running of the pub she has created something incredibly special: a hub, where all parts of the community want to come together to eat, drink and socialise.

I firmly believe the introduction of the food trucks has played a large part in achieving this. Through introducing interesting and high quality street food vendors to the village, there is a pull to the local pub where you are now guaranteed to bump into a friendly face, have a lovely chat and grab some food and a drink.

The street vendors themselves are all professional, polite and respectful. In my view, I think more mess and disturbance is made from traffic passing through the village and throwing McDonalds wrappers out their cars.

Lastly, given the economic climate in the UK right now, I feel incredibly strongly that communities should be pulling together to support our local businesses. The beauty of food trucks at the Greyhound is that we can support multiple small businesses simply by popping down the road for our dinner.

Wishing you all the best for the public hearing.

Eleanor Sugrue

To whom it may concern

I live just steps from our amazing greyhound pub and have been amazed and delighted to see the greyhound become such a thriving part of the community. A big part of this is the wonderful food trucks you offer bringing much needed service to the area and helping small local businesses thrive.

There has never been any trouble, noise or litter (I think I am one of the closest houses to the pub)

and it would be such a shame if it was forced to stop.

Kind regards
Sue Morris

Dear Simon & Team,

Just a note to say how much we value everything The Greyhound stands for, not least the availability of a great range of street food.

How anyone can object to how your company has brought back to life an ailing pub and turned it into a true community asset is beyond me.

In Lottie, we have a landlady beyond compare.

Keep up the great work.

Best

Peter Kemp

My family of six live in Whitchurch on Thames. We are a 5 minutes walk from the Greyhound. Occasionally we will pop in for a drink, maybe after walking the dog, but due to younger kids are not frequent visitors.

We do, however, as a family enjoy the take away treats on offer from the various street food vendors. Our kids have enjoyed burgers, pizzas and sharwamas too. As have we! We think the offering that the pub provides gives an additional dynamic to the village that is invaluable to the community. Most of the time we bring the food home, but we also nip into the pub with the kids (and the dog) to enjoy a drink and the meal that's available on the day.

I know other pubs are looking at similar offerings within South Oxfordshire. It's great for the community, the pubs who are struggling to stay afloat in these challenging times but also the vendors who provide high quality meals for the locals and beyond. If you can find a great burger, pizza or sharwarma then a 10 minute walk or drive would be worth it.

We fully support and endorse what Oak Taverns are promoting. The community and village would be a far worse place without such initiatives in our village.

Regards

Grant

GRANT WESTALL-REECE

What a shame you have to go through this, I think having the food vendors is a wonderful idea and I fully support your application to the Council. We are told that we should support our local business not try and make it difficult for them to make it a successful.

Michael Whitbread

Good evening

I am just writing to show my support to these great vendors that facilitate the premises they bring a great selection of different foods to the town and are used by many to loose these would be a great loss as it gives people variety as and when they attend please grant a license to support local traders
Many thanks Danny Paxton

danny paxton

Hello,

I'd like to communicate our ongoing support for the continuation of the wonderful food trucks, that come to The Greyhound in Whitchurch on Thames. We're locals, living on the High Street and thoroughly enjoy spending time at this (now - since Oak Taverns took over with the fabulous landlady, Lottie) terrific pub. Visiting family and friends always ask us to take them along to enjoy the drinks, food and atmosphere. All three elements are linked.

We're disappointed that the very small minority, who have objected, cannot see what a service and joy that this combination of great pub and great food bring to our community.

I do hope this matter is closed quickly. And I look forward to seeing new food offerings in the future (Friends of Flavours & Dillies Pizza are our family favourites, so please keep them)

KR Caroline
Caroline Cresswell

Dear Oaktaverns

We have lived local to the Greyhound for many years.
It is our favourite pub.
Lottie has done a remarkable job since she has taken over.
It is warm and friendly and the street food is a fantastic bonus.
The quality of the food is outstanding.
All the street food suppliers Lottie uses have such pride in their food.
Everyone has a right to earn a living and to earn a living providing quality food should be allowed wherever you cook it surely.
As one of many families living in the area, we love the pub and the street food.
Long May it continue.
Carol and Ian

Dear Sir,

My family have had a house, in Whitchurch for over 40 years. My sister and I have now moved out. But we have always supported the Greyhound, and enjoy many socials and food there in the past and even today.

Since the amazing Lottie Mitchell and her brilliant team took over The Greyhound, they have totally transformed the pub, to a vibrant and very welcoming place to go to.

Whitchurch only has one pub now due to The Ferryboat still boarded up, we need at least one working pub which serve food. And the Greyhound does just that very well, along with the combination of food and "live" music.

The food trucks idea was just a genius idea, made by Lottie and it brings in lots of trade from everywhere. The food trucks, brings people from all walks of life together, to enjoy the pub's brilliant atmosphere, along with the very enjoyable "live" music.

We need more pubs, as pubs bring people together in times of loneliness, and helps mental health, interaction with each other, by eating and having a natter.

I really hope that the food trucks continue to trade at all the pubs across the board, which have these fantastic vendors, as the pubs and food truck vendors need each other, in order for their livelihoods to survive.

Kind regards

Jennifer Bruce

I would like to show my support for The Greyhound and the amazing job they are doing combining a lovely looking pub with good beer and the use of street vendors who add great food, making it a lovely evening out. There are no negatives to this partnership. Please allow it to continue.

Regards local resident Julie Hamilton
Julie Hamilton

Hi

I wanted to support Oak Taverns by writing to tell you firsthand how the Greyhound pub has reformed the village of Whitchurch on Thames. The jewel in its crown has been its clever and innovative use of the street food offerings.

The pub is now the social centre of the village. Smartly turned out it's serving of fresh and original beers, provides a welcoming atmosphere for anyone in the village. I often see many different age and social groups in the pub and it is much busier than ever before. A wonderful landlady Lottie being in charge has brought the pub very much back to life after a lacklustre decade. Book clubs, cycling groups, friendship groups, committee meetings all converge- it's a real hub and hive of minds.

The street food is a vital component to this success. Delicious and varied food on the parking space outside provides an additional focal point for the village. A chance to catch up with others, a reason to have a pint whilst collecting the food. It is extremely popular and serves a lot more than just the regular people who frequent the pub, plus a buzzing passing trade. I haven't seen the complaints, but I cannot see why any have been raised. The queues are very orderly, the food vendors friendly, hygienic, and efficient. Passing customers don't block the road where there is plenty of parking at that time of day. They are discreet and there is never any litter lying around the vicinity - or anywhere else in the village for that matter.

My children, wife and I - and I know all of my friends too - would be very surprised and upset to see this Street food offering be legislated out of existence. I have not spoken to anyone - and I mean zero people - who has anything but positive words to say about this initiative. I am one of the local school's governors, and the school lane is at the entrance to the street food venue. Small issues about the lane have been discussed at Governor meetings in the past. If any issues had been stoked by the food vans, I have no doubt we would have heard via this forum.

The advantages of the street food helping keep the pub a going concern and playing a vital central part in the fabric of the village and community cannot be overstated. It would be extraordinary, unwarranted, and a real loss to the village community if this was all undermined by comments from a few.

Regards,

Nick Acworth

Hello,

I'm emailing to provide my support for the application for street food vendors at the Greyhound pub. The team at the pub have done a fantastic job to turn this pub around for the village and it's now become a social hub for the small community, the street food vendors are a pivotal part of this. It has become a hub to catch-up with neighbours and friends while waiting for food, and has brought new food opportunities to a village where there are no takeaway delivery options due to delivery drivers not wanting to pay to cross the bridge. I have not seen any negative from the street food vendors being at the pub - there is no visible litter from this and no additional noise, it is well managed and serves this small community perfectly. It will be a massive loss if this isn't allowed to continue.

Thanks

Emma and Adam Siveyer

Please note my support for the street vendor trucks, thank-you.

Kind regards,

Laura Lucas

Hi Simon,

I'm sorry to bother you at this difficult and annoying time. I'm lotties friend at the Greyhound in Whitchurch-on-Thames that has been posting on social media.

With the recent developments I've been asked by a number of people to start a petition to save the street food.

I'm happy to do this and also reluctant in case I step on any toes with yourself and anyone advising you. I don't want to make things worse.

If you feel it would be appropriate and in some way helpful I'm more than happy to spend the time and do it.

I would email you the wording prior to posting if you're happy for me to proceed.

Please let me know if you feel it would be helpful or not.

My sympathy and underlying anger at the situation is raw today and I really hope this can be resolved

Best wishes

Jay Raymond.

Dear Oak Taverns,

We fully support you trading street food at the Greyhound at Whitchurch on Thames. This is a great innovation and has reinvigorated the village. Keep up the good work!

Best Wishes

Andy and Lesley

GREYHOUND – WHITCHURCH

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS FOR STREET TRADING CONSENT

1. Between the hours of 12 and 9, the street trader shall only operate for a maximum of 5 hours.
2. The consent will only be used for a maximum of 5 days per week.
3. The annual usage will not exceed 200 days per consent.
4. The trader will provide an additional bin for use by customers.
5. At the end of trading, the traders will undertake a litter sweep of the immediate vicinity of the street trading space.
6. Appropriate cleaning of any cooking solution deposits to be undertaken at the end of each trading period.
7. All Traders are to operate at this site.





Dear Oak Taverns,

I'm saddened to hear about the issues with independent food trucks being aloud to trade outside the Red Lion.

All these businesses have struggled AND survived during such a difficult last few years. Please continue to give these businesses the opportunity to increase their trade during the week, when knowingly their bread and butter is predominantly over weekends or events!!

I have never seen litter in or around the red lion, everyone is very respectful. People order, sit and wait or go in and have a pint and nothing more.

Most people either take it home as a takeaway (obviously) or take it in the pub and eat whilst having a drink and then dispose of it whilst there.

It's not a kebab van in the middle of town surrounded by pubs with the potential to invite 'rowdy' customers!

It is simply a safe and pleasant place for these businesses to thrive.

Please make the right decision, for lots of people, so that all can benefit and enjoy.

Thank you

Carla Earl

Dear Oak Taverns,

I'd like to whole heartedly register my support for the food truck system you have had in place and will again soon hopefully.

The village of Chinnor is woefully under served with retail spaces in general and the lack of choice for food is unnatural in such a large community. The regular vendors that frequent the Red Lion are all of a good to excellent standard and some are even charity based which adds a warm glow to your meal.

Having been involved in a couple of community groups for some time now I can confirm the distress at having this service withdrawn has been admittedly a first world problem but that is where we live after all.

Yours in hope
Harry Jones

I am a resident of Chinnor and just wanted to write in and say how much me and my whole family enjoy the street food provided at the Red Lion.

You have a wonderful range so there is something to suit everyone (even my fussy kids who love the burgers and pizza). It was such a shame when the street food was

stopped as I have never seen any litter or any problems of any sort when I have been there and you provide a fantastic service to the community.

I really hope you can get this matter sorted and we can continue to enjoy amazing street food at the Red Lion for many years to come

Beverley O'Connor

I would like to support Nicky and say she and her staff are doing a great job at the red lion. This is a small pub with no facilities to do food and has been there longer than most people who live here and other food premises near them. The food vans do not interfere with anyone they are on private property which is always cleaned up after they have finished I enjoy going to the red lion and it would be a shame for the village to lose another good pub which is well run there will always be a few narrow minded people who oppose everything so I appeal to you not to let that happen. I have lived in the village for 36 years so please do not let small minded people make the village lose another decent public house. Joan byrne.

Joan Byrne

Good Evening

We just wanted to let you know that we are fully in support of the food vans being at the Red Lion in Chinnor.

They have been a real asset to the village and have been much missed in recent months.

As Chinnor residents, we enjoyed being able to have a great choice of food while enjoying a couple of drinks at the pub.

We wish you the best of luck at the hearing and very much hope the decision goes in your favour for the benefit of the village.

Regards

Gaby and Roy Oatway

Hello

We would like to add our support for the continuation of the food vans visiting the Red Lion. These provide a valuable resource for the village.

Regards

David and Laura Bartholomew, Chinnor residents

Hello,

We as a family are really sad to read this as we often visit the pub for a drink and the street food. We always find the pub and pub grounds, clean, tidy and well maintained.

This always bring a lot of people from the community together.

Parking has never been an issue either.

We do not understand what the complaints are as there are never any issues.

We hope the street food vans can continue to serve and the community and help the Red Lion thrive.

Many Thanks

Giovanni and Emma Mule

I live about 100 yards from the Red Lion. I have never seen rubbish after the food vans have been in the car park nor have I heard noise. It's a brilliant amenity for the village and I wholeheartedly support all the food vans who want to be there!
Rosie Rayfield

To Whom It May Concern,

I'd like to give my support to the food van initiative that is provided by Nichola and her team at the Red Lion in Chinnor. Since they started our family have been big fans of various vendors that visit the pub car park. The vans have been a fantastic addition to the food available in the village and the variety and quality has been well received by my family but also visiting friends and family and of course other residents.

I've never had any issues with parking, noise, litter, or any other sort of anti-social effects that you might expect with such a popular offering, in fact Nichola and team have worked to ensure this initiative has the least negative impact possible.

I do hope common sense prevails here and the district council grants a license to Oak Taverns so that this local community asset can continue to thrive and improve the village. Not to mention to provide a source of income to the hard working vendors who visit.

Best regards,

James Tanner

Dear Oak Taverns.

You have my full support for food vans at your pubs.

I have on various occasions used the food vans at the Red Lion in Chinnor.

I strongly believe the service offered is an asset to the community & would be missed by many if withdrawn.

Regards

Paul Hawes.

To whom it may concern

I am writing to you in support of food vendors being allowed to trade on site at Oak Taverns establishments

I myself live in Chinnor where the Red Lion is located

We have seen many benefits since food vendors have been operating from the Red Lion, which include the following:

Families being able to visit on a more frequent basis and for longer. We have a small child and we wouldn't take her over the pub for lots of drinks! So it allows us to visit the pub as a family and to get some lunch or dinner together.

Increase in trade for the Red Lion. When there is a food vendor there, the pub is a lot busier which is great for a local business such as themselves

Increase for local food vendors. One of my neighbours used to be in the food van business and once the Food festival season was over trade dried up over colder months. However, this allows them to have a more regular fixture as well as gain more exposure for them as a company. I know people who have then used them for private events and weddings as a result of this.

Getting to know our local community. Before we were in lockdown and we didn't know many people in the village. Since we have been visiting the Red Lion for food, we have gotten to know and socialised with many of our neighbours and other people in the village

Experience of different cuisines. We are somewhat limited in Chinnor and not many people deliver to our village either. We have been able to try and enjoy many different cuisines such as Caribbean and Japanese and allowed my daughter to also try these new choices of food.

I cannot comment on what objections there would possibly be to this as I am not privy to this information. But I have never once seen litter on the floor and the Red Lion provide plenty of bins. It is not a noisy or 'rowdy' venue or I would not take my little daughter over there.

It to me is a lovely family friendly, welcoming environment and I would hate to see food vendors removed, as I wouldn't be able to visit as often with my family.

I hope my support/opinion is considered and that the right thing is done for the village and community as a whole

Regards

Rhea Croxford

Good morning

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to air my opinions on the food vendor situation at The Red Lion in Chinnor, we have lived in Chinnor since 2007 and have visited our local pub since its new ownership in 2020.

We use the street food vendors at least once per month and enjoy the variety of these. It's a cheaper option than eating out in a restaurant when we're a family of 4. It brings much needed trade to the pub in these current times and of course helps the food vendors sales! It would be such a shame if these were to cease.

Long may they continue

Kind regards

Steve Thorne

Company Director



Hi. I just wanted to let you know how much we enjoy visiting the Red Lion in Chinnor which is one of your pubs? We never used to go out much but since the Red Lion reopened and started having street food, it is something we look forward to most weekends. We love supporting small businesses

and the variety of food vans that come is amazing. The food is always top notch and made to high standards. There are always bins put out to dispose of your rubbish in and The Red Lion is a hub now which brings the community together. If it doesn't have the food vans anymore than I really can't see us just going out for a drink there as it is part of a lovely ritual we now do, involving eating, drinking and meeting up there with friends and family. The whole village would be disappointed if the food vans were to stop so please do everything you can to make sure it doesn't happen/

Kind Regards

Kate and Jon Green

Green Fingers Garden services

We love all the great food vans
Please don't destroy this fantastic
Pub it's the hub of Chinnor
We will always support
The Red lion
Hugh and Helen Ritchie

Hi , I fully support you in your application for these licences for food street traders. As I have used them on many occasions they provide a much needed welcome and missed facility for Chinnor .

Regards

Bruce Blyth

Hi

We absolutely love coming to the Red Lion for the street food (and the amazing beer, staff and heaters in the garden).

Love being able to sit in a pub and try something different.

We live in a village where Deliveroo doesn't exist - so apart from the restaurants in the village and maybe Dominos - if you want some different food and don't want to drive anywhere your options are very limited.

The food truck options at the Red Lion are brilliant - great variety, great choice and you get to eat it piping hot and fresh.

It would be a huge loss to the village if they stopped coming.

Thanks

Selina Smith

Oaktaverns

The impact your business model of running pubs has made on local communities has been huge. Once failing pubs are now used extensively by communities and are safe places to be for all members of the community. The food delivery via pop up food is an important part of your business model and a huge success given the line of customers to get food, not all being customers of the pub. This is an additional service to the community.

Please be successful in maintaining this good work.

Regards

Mark

mark lewthwaite

To whom it may concern,

I write today in astonishment that comments like mine even need to happen. The Red Lion public house in Chinnor has been a staple of the community since I have lived in the village for more than 30 years.

During this time numerous pubs have sadly had to close their doors but thanks to the ingenuity of the remaining pubs offering a variety of cuisine from all around the world through local food vendors they have managed to survive.

They are the heart of communities like ours in Chinnor. They should be supported, protected and actively encouraged to provide these services.

It's incredible that an issue such as this needs a public enquiry and public money wasted on it when so many issues that actually adversely affect the community go unnoticed or are pushed through without any notice of the genuine objections.

The public enquiry shouldn't just find that assets such as the Red Lion can continue to use these food vendors. It should go further than that and actually remove the red tape and the extensive permits needed and modernise a one permit fits all approach and work with the surviving pubs to do everything in their power to allow them to remain such a vital part of village life and the community.

The food vans are also providing a valuable service and bringing a huge range of cultures to our village. To deny them the right to be able to operate or to simply price them out with too many needless costs would be a shame to both locals and the wider economy.

I trust that you will take comments like mine into consideration when making your decision and come to the correct outcome for the good of those who you serve.

Kind regards

Paul Masters

Hi Oak Taverns Team

I am writing to express my full support for your fantastic community initiative of hosting a variety of street food vendors. It not only adds vibrancy to our local area but also fosters a sense of community connection that is truly invaluable to so so many.

The diverse range of street food options not only delights our taste buds but also supports local entrepreneurs, showcasing the entrepreneurial spirit of the younger generation. This initiative contributes significantly to our local economy and is a credit to the positive impact your pub continues to have on the community.

I believe it's essential to voice support for initiatives that bring people together, especially when it involves something as universal as sharing a meal. The human connection formed while waiting for delicious food is something to be encouraged, communities need these connections, those who live alone welcome the ability to get food and chat too.

We support this outstanding work you do, despite potential challenges posed by unnecessary out of date red tape. It's clear that a majority of people in our community welcome and appreciate the variety and entrepreneurial spirit your initiative brings.

Thank you for enhancing our community through such initiatives, your refreshing! . I look forward to seeing it continue to thrive and contribute even more to the local community.

Warm regards

Jacqui Bradney

Dear Oak Taverns,

Please continue the street food at the Red Lion Chinnor. We regularly enjoy the lovely food and it's become an important part of village community life.

The traders have been instrumental to the quality of our lives through the pandemic and beyond. It would be such a shame to not have them anymore.

Please do your best to let this great partnership continue and to serve our village.

Thank You

Hayley

Hayley Vowles

Good evening

I am just emailing to offer my support of the food trucks that have been reinstated at the red lion in chinnor

We are new to the area and have enjoyed sampling all the different street food that has been offered at the pub.

I hope that these street food restaurant trucks will be able to stay!

Thanks

Nicki

Nicki Buckley

As a local resident in Chinnor, I am writing to express my support in favour of The Red Lion and their carefully selected street food vendors to be granted the various licenses that they require; so that they are able to continue to provide fantastic food and beverage services to the local community that choose to use it.

With so many small local businesses and consumers suffering because of the cost of living crisis; it'd be great you fine council folk approve rubber stamped what is required. It just makes sense.

Regards

Iain Noakes

Please continue to allow traders to sell street food at this premises.

We live in a small village with not many food service outlets within walking distance, is fabulous to have different food vendors each week selling their array of delicacies.

It would be a travesty to not give the Red Lion Chinnor a license to continue alloeing this service to our Chinnor community.

Yours sincerely

Mr and Mrs Mcquillan

To whom it may concern

I would like to offer my full support for this wonderful pub in the heart of our Chinnor community. I am totally in favour of this establishment offering various food options using food vans. The area is kept spotless and is a fantastic amenity with negligible noise and smell being created. I live along the same road and have encountered zero issues being created by the food vans.

Yours faithfully

Julie Boyle

Good afternoon,

I've just been made aware of a post by the Red Lion regarding their consultation around street food vendors, and the fact that due to some objections it now requires to go to a hearing.

I will be writing my support in a personal capacity, but is there anything you believe would be helpful from the Parish Council with this? Obviously, I cannot guarantee anything as it would have to be discussed and approved by the Council as a whole, but I would like to think my fellow councillors would be keen to support a local business – and I know they were aware of the initial “issues” back in the Summer.

I assume you'll also be talking to SODC Councillor Ali Gordon-Creed – but if you want a liaison in that regard or just for us and her to join forces then let me know and we'll see what we can do.

Here to help.

Thanks,

David Cooke

Councillor

Chinnor Parish Council

Hi

I am writing in support of the food trader vans at the Red Lion in Chinnor. Although I am not a regular pub goer I support you for the following reasons:

The vans provide takeaways for anyone in Chinnor which is welcome as other takeaway provision is limited.

The Red Lion Pub was very rundown before being taken over by your company and, in my opinion, was in danger of becoming yet another closed pub in the village.

You have worked hard to build up the trade and the food vans have helped with this as your own kitchen facilities are small and very limited.

The pub is now a thriving social hub for the village.

In the thirty or so years that I have lived in Chinnor the number of pubs has reduced from 7 to just 3.

Once pubs have closed the chances of them ever reopening are almost non-existent.

In the current climate pubs rarely survive on drinks alone, so providing food, especially different options, will help to keep the business going.

On the occasions when I have bought food from a trader at the pub I have noticed that they are very conscientious in clearing up any litter.

I am surprised when people move into a home near to a pub and then complain about it. This pub has been in Chinnor for over 300 years so certainly pre-dates any of its neighbours.

I'm not sure on what grounds the complaints are made. I imagine litter is one, which can easily be addressed by vendors and pub staff, and possibly cooking smells. If the pub were able to run a restaurant and cook food, there would be cooking smells via extractor fans in any case.

The pub is supporting small businesses by having them on the premises.

I could go on

I hope that you are successful in securing licences for your food vendors.

Christine W

I am writing to offer my support for the food band which have been an excellent addition to the village. They support the local community, bringing business to both the pub and the local food van. I have not seen any increase in traffic, litter or noise since their operation and I'm close by at 19 Lower Icknield Way- yes cars park outside my house but never block me in and are only there at off-peak evening times thereby causing no inconvenience.

I would like to offer my unreserved support for the proposal. Regards, Sue Hinton
Sue Hinton

I am writing to congratulate Nicky and the staff at the Red Lion in Chinnor for the fabulous range of food that is provided by the street traders. Since Oak Taverns took over and refurbished the pub it has been a friendly, welcoming place with lots of entertainment. We have enjoyed the food provided by the traders, either inside or outside in the marquee. It is always well presented and there are excellent standards of food hygiene. People eating are responsible and ensure that all rubbish is recycled behind the bar.

It is disappointing to hear that there have been objections. The landlady and her staff work tirelessly

to ensure that the agreed regulations are met. Not only does this wonderful resource benefit the community it also helps to provide the food vans with much needed income to keep their business viable.

Long may the food vans continue.

Anne and Chris Gray

Hi

I wanted to say that as a Chinnor resident my husband and I are in complete support of the street food vendors at Chinnor's Red Lion. It is a welcome addition and vital to keep attracting visitors.

Caroline and Steve Maxfield

To whom it may concern

I am writing to express my support for food trucks at the Red Lion pub in Chinnor.

I live five minutes' walk from the Red Lion and visit regularly. I love the quality and variety of the food offered by the trucks. They are a brilliant local amenity. I'm afraid that, without them, we are likely to visit the pub less frequently.

I would like to add that whenever we visit the pub while a food truck is there, the area is always clean and the atmosphere is relaxed and friendly. I very much hope that the pub and vendors will be permitted to continue serving Chinnor in this way.

Yours faithfully

Emily Fernando

Hello,

This is an email to show my full support to our local pub – The Red Lion in Chinnor that has regular street food vendors.

These food vendors are not only great for us locals, they are polite, clean and the food they produce is delicious. The pub has my full support in continuing these street food vendors that provide jobs and business for the Red Lion.

Regards,

Sarah Milligan

Hi,

The ability for the Red Lion to have street food vendors is imperative to the village. Not only does it enhance a great community spot, it also gets people like myself out the house for local good food who otherwise wouldn't venture out. As a result of this, I have met other people in the village and really enjoy the variety of good quality food they offer.

If this were to stop, not only would it have a negative impact on myself, it would also have a negative impact on the community.

This is a great spot for local businesses to sell their food, get their name out and to serve the local community.

Things like this are part of progression within local communities and does so much more than just serve food, it's brings a community together.

Let's be sensible here and do the right thing by all parties, apart from the local Karrens who just love to main.

Thanks in advance

Matthew

Matthew Carvell

Dear sir or madam,

Just wanted to say how brilliant we think the street vendors are, great for our village to have a local food options. Brilliant pub in chinnor and I would be really disappointed if they could no longer continue with the street food.

Many thanks
Heather and Mike
Heather Jennings

Dear Sir/madam

With reference to the application for non permanent food stalls at red lion chinnor, the pub and its associated catering temporary visitors, in the car park behind pub, have been a very welcome addition to the growing village that is sadly lacking in amenities such as this, resulting in chinnor being a dormitory town where everyone had to travel by car to surrounding towns for interesting catering options such as this, prior to this being available at the red lion. If this

application is not supported aswell as being negative to the village it would therefore surely be contrary to the councils green policies. As such i fully support this application.

Kind regards

Richard Jenkins

Objecting to opposition of withdrawal

This is affecting the livelihood of the landlords for no good reason- it was the only thing that kept them going after covid - It encourages custom including families and boosts Profits

Gill and Peter Marsh

I was very disappointed the street food vendors were not allowed to trade at the Red Lion in Chinnor during the summer, and thought this had been resolved as they returned a couple of months ago. I understand this is still under debate and wish to add my support so they can remain. Small businesses need all the support they can get, and Chinnor cannot afford to lose this facility

Regards

Jon Veness
Chinnor resident

Hi

I would like to take this opportunity to say how much we support the Street Food events put on by the Red Lion and other pubs in Chinnor.

It's so nice to have such a variety of menus to try in such a small place as Chinnor and we as a family will be very disappointed if they are no longer continued.

Regards

Mark Wiltshire

Dear All,

I would like to write and offer my unwavering support for the street food offerings that The Red Lion, Chinnor use.

As a small business owner myself, I know all too well the difficult times we see ourselves currently in.

This local pub has supported food vans positively for some time now, offering a great food option for the local community.

I can see no objection for why this shouldn't continue on supporting local businesses and the community too.

All best,
Dido Reynolds

I totally support the street food vendors at The Red Lion in Chinnor. It enables my family to get together with the variety that they offer.

Regards

Teresa Davis

Chinnor resident

Hi

When I moved into Chinnor there were 7 pubs. Now only 3. Pubs are struggling to stay open selling only beer and drink. Having street food vendors enable a pub like the Red Lion with a lack of kitchen facilities to bring in customers as well as give independents a chance to have a successful business. Pubs are an essential community asset and should be encouraged to thrive.

Regards

Dennis Collett

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my family's support for having various 'street vendors' operating from Red Lion's car park in Chinnor. They provide much needed variety of food available in our village, and it is a huge asset.

Kind regards,

TKO Beacher
Tsuyako Beacher

I would like to add my full support for the street food vendors of Chinnor.

Russell Peart

Firstly I would like to thank Oak House taverns for this new and exciting business plan , its refreshing to see a company addressing the issue of pub closures by Pro actively involving numerous small businesses by involving them in supplying food that would be usually unavailable to small communities.

This obviously helps those food businesses that were hit hard by covid (many were in danger of closure over a year) enabling jobs and revenue to aforementioned businesses.

Secondly it is lovely to see a relatively small company turning pubs around , providing welcoming pubs with good atmosphere and social areas which otherwise may have been sold of for housing as unviable business, in some cases , leaving areas without pubs.

This has had the knock on effect of providing a comfortable safe environment for people to socialise and communicate with others , who would otherwise not feel safe to do so .

Thirdly , litter... everyone's favourite subject , as I am led to believe , bins are always provided , obviously the subject of litter being placed in the bin , this is not the pubs responsibility and is virtually impossible to police ... but if bins are provided and people don't use them , the pub staff can only clear up and moan at returning customers for not using the bin (glasses being returned to the bar has had to be addressed in a couple of pubs , people have become more understanding and this is , as i understand , is less of a problem)

Fourthly , licensing ... as I understand , many objections are from those with kitchens within their pubs , as many landlords would agree , the upkeep of a kitchen to a good , sanitary standard is expensive , as all the food vendors have a star rating , this cost is inferred to the vendors rather than the pub , as long as they have a street traders licence , this license has also been covered by the vendor.

5th, the use and availability of pub car parks for aforementioned vendors (which can be shut off to vehicles) makes it safer for foot traffic around the vendors , leading to less accidents and making it safer for the public to use such vendors .

6th , people using the vendors are encouraged to make a purchase from the pub itself , this invites them into the pub which they may not have done before , find a safe environment to socialise and

drink , then utilise the pub as a drinking establishment for them , and in many cases their friends, and encourages them to try other vendors in that establishment and indeed other pubs within the group .

Overall , the objections, licensing (and as I have now learned) planning application (for spraying lines on the floor?) seems to be the government trying to get their £s worth ... they already receive it from the vendors and the pubs , seems to be greed , or maybe that's just me

In short, I'm all for the arrangement between these vendors and the pubs and hope for a speedy solution, to what frankly appears to be an accumulation of red tape.

Yours

Martin pace

Good evening I am writing to say how much we enjoy the food trucks at The Red lion in Chinnor. This is a great service and would be sadly missed if this was to be taken away.

All too often these services are a benefit to the community, a local bar patrons, along with a small business that are trying to run a great business and service to that community.

I hope that this email will enable you to know the importance of this service to us.

Regards

Laura Axford

We fully support the food vans at The Red Lion in Chinnor as we think they are a wonderful asset to the village.

There's a fantastic variety of food and they have always been very clean & tidy, well-run by polite people, set up with plenty of room for friendly, orderly queues within the designated space, and with no more noise than would be expected from a pub & beer garden.

100% behind these vans and hope we can look forward to more of them.

Best wishes

Sophie & Rowland Lacey

Dear Oak Taverns

We are writing express our support for the great food van service that you deliver in a number of your public houses.

We frequent the Red Lion in Chinnor, as well as the Bird in Hand in Princes Risborough, and since the introduction of the food vans have seen fantastic support for them from many people who live in the surrounding areas.

In our eyes it is unbelievable that objections have been raised by a few (no doubt narrow minded individuals), as we have never seen any issues with either excess noise or litter at either of the pubs.

In these times of hardship/cost of living pressures these food vans provide a good value option for many who can't necessarily afford to take the whole family out to a restaurant, and enable many to still afford a valuable piece of down time/social life.

I am sure the additional income this service delivers for Oak Taverns enables the pubs to thrive as businesses, but more importantly they offer a great foundation as a community hub to village life in general

We whole heartedly support the service these food vans provide, and hope the council sees the benefit they bring to communities in their Boroughs.

Good luck

Andy and Jayne Webb

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to offer my whole hearted support for food vendors to be allowed to trade from the Red Lion, Chinnor. I am a resident in Chinnor and have used the food vendors frequently and find it is a brilliant offer for local residents. In my experience, having used multiple different vendors on many

occasions, the area is always kept clean and tidy (by both the vendors and the pub) with appropriate respect given to the neighbours and local community.

Having food vendors at the Red Lion offers numerous benefits to local residents and it would be a hugely disappointing for this to be discontinued.

Kind regards,

Rishi Patel

Hi,

I posted my support for you in the previous public consultation and am happy to give you my email and support you in future.

Best Regards,

John Bradon

Hi there

I saw on Instagram that it might help for lovers of your street food events to email in with their support.

I lived in Chinnor until last year with my husband and we loved coming down to have a few drinks and pick up some tasty food. In fact, we chose our food for our wedding (Chilidogs!) and came several times to meet their staff and have some hotdogs and drinks. We sampled several other street food trucks at the Red Lion during our time living in Chinnor and loved the relaxed atmosphere.

I was so saddened to hear there had become an issue with the licensing. I loved the fact that we could come and support a local pub and a (often family run) street food business and have a lovely evening. In a world with too many cookie cutter chain restaurants, evenings at the Red Lion with streetfood are a breath of fresh air.

Best of luck and I so hope you are able to continue.

Stephanie,

Stephanie de Courcy-Hughes

Dear Licensing Committee,

RE: OAK TAVERNS STREET FOOD LICENCE

I write in support of Oak Taverns application.

I live on Lower Road, a short way from the venue in Chinnor. The reasons I support the application:

- The food trucks are fantastic service for the community. It is a real asset to have such a variety of different food choices on offer. It has become a lovely hub for people to have a nice meal and a quiet drink;
- It poses no traffic issue. There is ample space in the carpark for the food trucks to park and for people to queue safely. There also remains ample space for disabled carparking spaces;
- The trucks are not noisy and leave well before the pub closes;
- The food truck owners are courteous and respectful of the community and clean up after themselves. I have never considered there to be an issue with litter from this service. In any event litter is usually as a consequence of irresponsible customers who do not dispose of their waste properly;
- It helps the responsible consumption of alcohol as it preferable for customers to eat whilst drinking;
- It encourages sustainable business as most people walk to the pub and eat there – it stops people travelling in cars to other villages to eat out, or order delivery;
- In a very uncertain time for the hospitality sector, food trucks enable small businesses to diversify their markets – it helps both pubs and food businesses – we should support this kind of entrepreneurship.

Yours faithfully,

Michelle Strauss

Hi

Ahead of the public hearing that Oak Taverns will be attending in early December, we wanted to say how much we enjoy using the street food vendors that attend your pubs - particularly our local The Red Lion in Chinnor.

So great to have the option to have a consistently high quality meal with our drinks when visiting the pub for a couple of hours, or to just pop down and pick up a takeaway meal when required. Plus you're supporting other local, small businesses which desperately need all the help they can get in these difficult times.

We hope common sense prevails and we can continue to enjoy excellent food from these street food vendors at your pubs.

Regards

Vanessa & Shaun Mahoney

We are writing to confirm our support for continuation of Street Food vendors at the Red Lion, Chinnor.

The presence of these vans enhances the choice available to residents in Chinnor to enjoy a wide choice of good quality and value food in a relaxed, well managed environment.

On the numerous times we have frequented the venue whilst food vendors have been operating we have not been aware of any disruption, noise, or litter.

Since the Red Lion reopened Nicola and her team have worked very hard to make the pub a social hub, welcoming to all, and has succeeded brilliantly.

Loosing the food vendors would be a serious loss to the village and residents.

We are very happy to be contacted, if required, to clarify our comments.

Tom and Sandie Hoyes

70, Lower Icknield Way

Tom Hoyes

Dear oak taverns.

I really hope you get consent for a food vendors licence.

I live in a village, where there is very little option for take away food and even the two closest towns, being small, don't have alot to offer. The food vans mean that me, my

Partner, family and friends can get a lovely dinner without having to drive. It makes spending time at home or even our local pub much more enjoyable and easy to plan for.

Our favourite van is friends and flavours. They are honestly the most delicious burgers I have had all from the comfort of my living room (after a short walk and pint)

The fact that most of the vans have queues and are busy even on weekdays, truly shows how much our villages need these options.

Best of luck.

And seriously hoping I can continue to get my favourite burgers from a pub near by.

Megan wicks

Chinnor, oxon.

megan wicks

Hiya

I'm writing in support of Oak Taverns and the amazing service they provide to our village.

We're really lucky, as a reasonably sized village to still have village pubs, considering so many have closed (1473 over the past 4 years in the UK - 332 this year so far).

The pub trade over the past few years has been extremely challenging, obviously due first to Covid, and now the cost of living crisis. Turning a profit in these times is a huge challenge for small businesses, and particularly those relying on discretionary spend.

I applaud the creativity of Oak Taverns, particularly the Red Lion in Chinnor for surviving the first few years owning the Red Lion in these conditions. Not only are they surviving, my observation is they are thriving as they continue to find ways to bring services to the village which we wouldn't have otherwise. In recent months we have attended comedy nights, quiz nights, and enjoyed a variety of different food from the food vans that visit.

The win win of the food vans is just brilliant business sense. In a pub without a fully scaled kitchen, bringing food on site at weekend days is a huge advantage. Most customers of the food vans buy a drink in the pub, and most customers of the pub partake of the food. I honestly believe this synergy is benefitting both businesses, and the residents of the village who get a variety of options, broadening our culinary horizons!

I'm saddened to hear of complaints associated with the food vans, as my experience has been they are extremely careful about waste, rubbish and noise. You can't account for the great British public and how they treat the environment around them, I don't think the pub or food vans should be penalised for a small minority of careless people. I'm also surprised by any complaints, as our village is fairly used to food vans visiting as we have a fish & chip van every Monday who have visited for over 10 years without issue. I don't really see the difference, except the slightly higher risk of Nimbyism from the location of the pub vs where the chip van parks.

I implore the licensing authorities to take common sense, support of small businesses, and support of smaller communities into account when listening to hearings on this topic. I suspect there is far more support than objection for this excellent service from Oak Taverns. If there isn't, they should try Luca's Schwarma on a Friday night - it's delicious, and incredibly good value!

I look forward to the outcome of the hearings, and will remain optimistic that we will all continue to benefit from visiting food vans.

Thanks

Anna

Anna Edwards

Good evening,

I would like to offer my full support to the Red Lion to ensure that the pub can continue with the street food vendors I regularly use. The combination of the best pub in the village with the ability to order food from the vendors is vital addition to the village and maximise use of the pub. If I can provide anything else then please let me know.

Kind regards,

P O'Grady

Morning,

I am writing in to express my support for The Red Lion and the street vendors that attend the pub.

The vendors create a sense of community and encourage people from the village to come down and use the pub.

I am fully supportive of the pub's position on bringing vendors to Chinnor.

Pubs have it hard enough as it is so hopefully common sense will prevail.

Regards,

Mike

Mike Devine

To whom it may concern.

I wish to express my support to the Red Lion in Chinnor and Oak Taverns' application for a licence to maintain the visits of the street food vendors to the pub.

The pub itself is a valuable local amenity at a time when the hospitality sector is under real pressure. The food vendors bring another valuable asset to not only supply a fantastic choice of different styles of food but also to bring people to the pub to enjoy a drink while they wait or eat.

Both the Red Lion and the hardworking small businesses who supply the food deserve support.

Chinnor once had a thriving pub industry and now our three remaining pubs are all under pressure to survive. I hope this application is successful.

Liz Lindars

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in relation to the recent news that there has been issues around the Red Lion Chinnor's weekly street food vendors. As far as I am aware, the issues are down to licencing and decisions may be out of residents hands, however I feel it important to stress the impact of the decision to terminate their powers to have these vendors attend.

I am a resident of Chinnor and I have been for many years, since I was 10 years old. Community is a big thing here, it is a large village but one where many of us want to support our local businesses and keep our village thriving. We have no access to Deliveroo / Uber eats services that larger towns enjoy. Our community are hard working, and look forward to our relaxation time of an evening, particularly at the weekend.

The Red Lion has been part of this community for as long as the residents can remember, but with Nicola and her team taking over the establishment a few years ago we have seen it turn into a much more integral part of our community. The pub has a small kitchen and before Nicola's arrival didn't provide food making it a lesser option compared to others in the village. Nicola has brought the pub back to life with her team and spirit, and hosts an amazing establishment to relax and enjoy a drink with friends and family, but not only that she's made it well rounded with the implementing of street food, somewhere to enjoy a meal as well as drinks.

The variety of vendors she brings is fantastic, there is something for everyone and residents look forward to who and what she will have each week. Many residents enjoy a couple of casual drinks whilst they wait for their dinner, and can enjoy food there or take it home. This not only supports her business and brings more people into the pub, but it also supports the small business owners running the street food vans. The removal of this would remove the ability to support these vendors as much as we do which is a crying shame, but not only that is extremely disappointing for our hard working residents whos' highlight of the week is there trip to the pub for dinner.

The other options in Chinnor are scarce, and far more expensive. Nicola has created an affordable solution in challenging times, and enforced the sense of community where people feel at home and relaxed in her establishment.

Legal reasons aside, it must be considered how detrimental this will be to the Red Lion business, one that has been completely transformed and improved with lots of hard work, creativity and perseverance from Nicola and her colleagues. Without the food van, residents will choose to not visit the pub and are likely to prepare their own meals at home as there is no equivalent option available for us.

If the pandemic has taught us anything it's that community, enjoying the small things, and supporting small businesses is so important, the removal of the street food vans goes against all of this and should be looked into with the upmost seriousness.

Please feel free to contact me for any further comments if necessary, we hope the right decision is made for our village that we're all so fond of.

Kind regards,

Phoebe Haywood

I support your initiative to provide street food on your premises. This will help a number of small businesses which can only be a good thing

Best wishes

M Towers

martin towers

I just wanted to take this time to write in support of the food vans at the Red Lion in Chinnor. I think they have been an amazing addition to the village since they have begun. Chinnor is notorious for limited offering of take away and delivery options so to have these van coming regularly should be encouraged. The range of offerings is also been such a good thing as we have been able to try such varied and different foods which would not be an offering to us normally. I also think it is a great way to support out local pubs that are still struggling post COVID and with the cost of living crisis so it is a great option to be able to go for a drink and get food in a warm friendly environment.

I honestly feel this would be such a big loss to the village if these food vans are not able to continue operation at the Red Lion and other Oak Tavern venues.

Thanks

Claire Walton

RED LION - CHINNOR

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS FOR STREET TRADING CONSENT

1. Between the hours of 12 and 9, the street trader shall only operate for a maximum of 5 hours.
2. The consent will only be used for a maximum of 4 days per week (save for Bank Holidays weeks which we will only be used for a maximum of 4 days).
3. The annual usage will not exceed 200 days per consent.
4. The trader will provide an additional bin for use by customers.
5. At the end of trading, the traders will undertake a litter sweep of the immediate vicinity of the street trading space.
6. All Traders are to operate at this site.





Good Morning

I had a great experience at the Cross keys in Wallingford of Friday night , Emma & Dave were very welcoming and have created a great atmosphere.

The food van was amazing "I'm Japanese" and added to a great evening , I would certainly recommend the Pub and the food Vans.

Alan

Alan Maule

Parts Office Supervisor and Parts Advisor 

Contact:

Address:

Online:



Hello

The Cross Keys is a great pub - run with care & character. The visiting Street Vendors are a great addition - good quality & price. I'm not sure why someone would object to them being there. There isn't an unpleasant smell, it isn't really busy or noisy - still room for cars in the car park.

Regards

Harriet Thomas

Hello, I am writing in to support the Cross Keys pub with its brilliant use of pop-up food vans offering a different type of food each night. I think this is a great use of their car park, which is set well away from nearly all the local houses, and which helps the pub to stay open in challenging times. I live just along from them in Croft Road and I think it's a great initiative. I understand some people are complaining about the vans, but it seems to me an ideal way of using the space and I am not aware of any anti-social effects from doing it!

yours

Helen King

Hi all,

I just wanted to let you know you have my full support in regards to being able to host pop up food vans at you public houses,

The clue is in the name "public house" which historically use to be a place of refuge, comfort, warmth and somewhere to buy food and drink as many either didn't have a home or the one they had did not have any cooking facilities

I feel that so long as the patrons respect the facilities and do not make a mess which as a patron myself know the cross keys have plenty of bins and there's never any rubbish,

With exception to the rubbish some may speak in opposition of this,

Good luck, we sincerely hope you triumph.

With kind regards

Rob Weston
BMS & ELECTRICAL MANAGER

To whom it may concern,

Regarding the food licensing for the Cross Keys in Wallingford, I strongly affirm that not only this would help in stimulating the local economy, but assist small.independent businesses at a time where community matters the most.

It is very common place for a public house to be able to provide food to its customers, and there is no reason for the Cross Keys to not be able to provide the same service. The variety of the food that would be provided is very much needed in Wallingford; there is a distinct lack of high quality diverse foods.

The Cross Keys itself is a hub for the community and one of the best public houses in Wallingford. Denying them a license for their street food vendors would not only do an injustice onto the hardworking local people, but would also impact the wider community.

Sincerely,

William Johnstone

I write to express my support for the Landlord and staff of the Cross Keys Wallingford which has been given a new lease of life and a fantastic rejuvenation over the last 2 years. Despite the Covid lockdown the Criss Keys has gone from strength to strength and it's fantastic new business model has drawn in custom from all Wallingford. The birthplace of Bunkfest and host of done fantastic groups over the years on this weekend it is a mainstay of the community. The loss of the vital income stream this brilliant idea generates may well be the difference between life and death for the vibrant and historic venue. Please do not allow misguided and unrealistic objections to cause the closure of this amazing facility in the heart of our community.

Good Evening,

I just wanted to show my support for the Cross Keys in Wallingford and their fight to keep the food vans.

I live very close to the pub and I have no objection to the vans at all- in fact I think they are a great addition to the pub. And I love the extra options for a takeaway. There is very little litter strewn around (far less than the chicken shop in town) and I have never been bothered by the smell or any noise coming from the pub that may be associated with it.

I think that they are a great idea too for families and friends to enjoy a drink and have a good food too (esp when the ice cream van is there for the kids)

Kind regards
Ali

Hi

I may not live in the village but my sister does, when I visit it is great to find a great local with an excellent way of providing a varied food option.

Pubs are closing everywhere so we should do everything possible to support one that has an ingenious way to attract customers and provide food.

As a village you should be giving them the support as they are providing a service for the villagers and their relatives.

Regards
Kevin Molony

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my unconditional support for food vendors to be allowed to operate from the Cross Keys, Wallingford car park premises. It's a great addition and option for residents and visitors alike. It brings more trade to the pub, which has become a focal point of the town for many individuals and groups, it allows social interaction, a safe environment for all its customers and has managed to continue operating at a time where social isolation is a huge problem since COVID-19 as is the cost of living crisis. It allows people who know each other and strangers to come together. It's a welcome "alternative" for many, many people.

I have, personally, used the food vendor vans and not only is their food superb, the measures the pub has put in place to facilitate them is fantastic. I have not once seen or heard of an issue regarding the vendors operating. There are extra bins for any rubbish, additional seating for people to sit. Dogs are allowed which for many is a vital part of taking a visit to a pub. There is a beer great garden for customers and children, something massively lacking in Wallingford. It increases trade, not only for this pub but for others who wish to go and explore other establishments or shops/places in town. It allows families an alternative, not only to eat on the premises but take food home with them.

The operational hours of the vendors are sensible, they don't operate late at night and are a pleasure to deal with. Should this option be taken away there is a strong chance the pub may not be able to continue trading which would be a huge loss to the town. I know it would to me and many, many people I know.

I sincerely hope the Council makes the right decision to allow the vendors to continue. The objections of a minority should not outweigh the considered supporting majority. That, would be a travesty.

Sincerely

Claire Elkin
Wallingford Resident

Hello,

I would like to show my support of the food pop ups at The Cross Keys Wallingford, and all other Oak Taverns pubs.

Having been to The Cross Keys many times since Dave & Emma took over, they have always had a food pop up there and you can see the amount of people these bring in to pubs where they can't/ don't sell food.

I think it's an amazing idea to have pop up food vans in a pub, this helps the pubs by bringing people in and buying drinks while they are there. This helps the food vendors as they are able to provide food for a different audience and this helps the surrounding areas by bringing people into the area who may not have visited before.

Just walking into The Cross Keys Wallingford, you can see the atmosphere that has been created by Dave & Emma and the Food pop up Vans contribute to this.

Pop up food vans are a great thing and I believe more pubs should be doing this. I wish more pubs near my home would provide Foods Vans like The Cross Keys.

Thank you

Hi Oak Taverns Team (Crosskeys Wallingford?)

I am writing to express my full support for your fantastic community initiative of hosting a variety of street food vendors. It not only adds vibrancy to our local area but also fosters a sense of community connection that is truly invaluable to so so many.

The diverse range of street food options not only delights our taste buds but also supports local entrepreneurs, showcasing the entrepreneurial spirit of the younger generation. This initiative contributes significantly to our local economy and is a credit to the positive impact your pub continues to have on the community.

I believe it's essential to voice support for initiatives that bring people together, especially when it involves something as universal as sharing a meal. The human connection formed while waiting for delicious food is something to be encouraged, communities need these connections, those who live alone welcome the ability to get food and chat too.

We support this outstanding work you do, despite potential challenges posed by unnecessary out of date red tape. It's clear that a majority of people in our community welcome and appreciate the variety and entrepreneurial spirit your initiative brings.

Thank you for enhancing our community through such initiatives, your refreshing! . I look forward to seeing it continue to thrive and contribute even more to the local community.

Warm regards

Jacqui Bradney

Hi,

We are relatively new to the area and I cannot put into words how refreshing it is to see the vendors at Cross Keys, giving us the opportunity to try different foods - all on specially chosen themed nights.

Life is for living, and we're grateful to Cross Keys for bringing the community together and serving delicious foods - giving the chance for local small catering businesses to thrive.

Keep fighting the good fight and doing what you're doing.

We fully support it!

Thanks,
Mia
Miamii Mansour

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to wholeheartedly support the Cross Keys pub with its applications for licences for the street vendors who provide food on their premises.

The Cross Keys pub has been transformed in recent years by the current management, making it a true hub in our community. The use of the various street vendors has only enhanced the experience for patrons and I have never experienced any problems at all.

I fully back the application for the licences.

Kind regards

Karen Johnstone

scott and karen johnstone

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Molly Edwards

good morning

id like to share my reviews/support on food pop-ups at The cross keys in Wallingford

I really think this is a great idea, and love the idea of having different foods to choose from most nights, which will then increase their target audience.

it helps bring in people, whether that be locals or people not from the area. when I visited I had friends from Aylesbury and Milton Keynes come with me, and they said they would definitely come again.

this also helps with foot traffic and drink orders in the pub/s as well.

and I think it's a really nice and thoughtful thing to do as it also helps support small businesses struggling in this difficult time.

and another bonus- it also helps to reduce stress of the pub staff.

I wish my local pubs had these!

and I'd like to say a big thankyou to the cross keys staff for being so friendly and welcoming. its such a nice atmosphere to be in.

kind regards
shania

Hi

Dropping you guys a quick line in support of the above.

Dave and co are just wonderful, so much so that if I fancy a pint, and especially one with food, then he's the only place I pretty much go to in town now (and I have to pass 4 other pubs to get to him).

Help him help support these small local food traders such as the wagons he has on-site. Not only that, it gives us the consumer a wonderful variety to choose from!

KR,
Chris Dallas

Dear Emma and Dave,

We love your street food events. It's an asset to Wallingford and helps bring the Wallingford community together with something to look forward to.

Regards,

Vanda
Vanda Murray

Hi

I just wanted to lend you my support for the Cross Keys (Wallingford) and any other local pub/Oak Taverns Pubs that offer a street food service.

In the summer (and all year round, but admittedly not enough in the winter months) I love coming down to the Cross Keys for some street food, a beer, and a catch up with friends and family.

Its amazing to see a local business thriving, and supporting other local businesses (i.e., the Keys supporting street vendors by giving them a platform to be successful).

It has bought something unique to Wallingford, each pub in town has its own unique selling point and this is the Keys' USP. It must not be taken away from them. Business is tough, life is tough, and we need to support each other, and each other's businesses as best we can.

Catching up with friends in the sun at the Cross Keys alongside a BBQ Sam's is also a great way of bringing family together and improving one's mental health.

All the best!
Mat
Mat Roberts

I would like to add my support to the street food vendors who attend at the Cross Keys in Wallingford. These vendors bring a welcome service to customers at the venue and in turn support

the venue itself. These days when the hospitality industry is trying to recover and continue to offer the community a place to meet and socialise this is so important. It is vital we continue to support the Cross Keys and the vendors who are small businesses and work very hard to offer a lovely service.

Thanks
Caroline Pierce

Dear Oak Taverns,
We're hoping that the hearing will give you a workable common sense solution to your initiatives in encouraging street food access - thereby promoting the local economy.

Roger & Sheila Lavis

Hello,

I completely support your innovative use of street food vendors. I often go to the Cross Keys in Wallingford with my family and we enjoy the ability to taste the different foods available while enjoying a couple of drinks. The food is great value compared to dining in at most other pubs, which really helps with the family budget! We enjoy the relaxed policy of bringing food into the pub and judging by how busy the pub is compared to the others I walk past to get there, the formula is a very popular one! I haven't noticed any negative effects, such as traffic, parking, noise or litter that could possibly be used to object against these wonderful street food vendors being on site. Thanks for providing great customer service and we will no doubt be back soon.

Regards
Andy Thomas

Hi

Can I add my support to your campaign to allow street vendors to supply food on your pubs without a necessary license.

Please use my name in the campaign

Regards

Rob Bridgeman

Sent from my iPhone

Good Evening,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the street food vendors at our beloved local pub the Cross Keys in Wallingford. Over the

last couple of years, I have witnessed the positive impact they have had on our community, turning our pub into a hub of activity and fostering a sense of camaraderie among locals

Firstly, I must commend Oak Taverns on your decision to introduce street food vendors to our pub. Their presence has not only enriched our dining options but has also breathed new life into the atmosphere. The tantalizing aromas wafting through the air and the sight of appetising dishes being prepared right before our eyes have created an inviting ambiance that draws people from all walks of life. Furthermore, these street food vendors have established themselves as more than just culinary purveyors. They have become an integral part of the social fabric of our town. Whether it's families gathering for a leisurely meal, friends catching up over a pint, or even solo diners seeking a delicious bite paired with some friendly conversation, the street food vendors have brought people together in a warm and welcoming environment

Additionally, the presence of the street food vendors has contributed significantly to the economy of our town. By offering diverse and delectable food options, they attract visitors from neighbouring areas, boosting footfall in our streets and benefiting local businesses. This influx of people creates a ripple effect, generating revenue and increasing prosperity for everyone involved.

Moreover, the street food vendors have helped in creating opportunities for local entrepreneurs to showcase their culinary talents. By providing a platform for aspiring chefs and food enthusiasts, our pub has nurtured a vibrant culinary scene that adds to the richness of our town's cultural tapestry. I firmly believe that supporting local talent is key to fostering a thriving community, and the street food vendors have exemplified this brilliantly.

In conclusion, the street food vendors at our local pub have undeniably transformed it into a central meeting place and an epicentre of wonderful gastronomic experiences. Their presence has not only enhanced our sense of community but has also had a positive impact on our local economy. I kindly request that you continue, and perhaps even expand, your partnership with these talented individuals, as their contribution to our town cannot be overstated. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for continuously striving to create a warm and inviting space for all of us.

Yours sincerely,

Stewy Fryatt

Wallingford Local resident and supporter of the Cross Keys 🍷

Wet pubs are a dying breed and a part of our history. I fully support the promotion and use of food trucks alongside pubs such as the ones run by Oak Taverns. They provide a necessary food for customers at pubs which can't or choose not to serve food. The pub industry is under threat with many closing each month, councils should be supporting ways that pubs are helping themselves to stay open and also supporting local food businesses at the same time.

I hope the council approves all of the licence applications it's currently reviewing and finds a way to simplify the process in future.

Best wishes,
Rebecca Pringle

I just wanted to voice my support for the street food vendors at Crosskeys especially with the hearing coming up this December.

As a family we have very much enjoyed the street food and I think it works perfectly with enjoying a drink at our local pub.

I feel this combination has helped us feel part of the local community.

It would therefore be very disappointing if the street food vendors weren't allowed to operate from Crosskeys.

All the best for the hearing and please feel free to share this email as evidence of support.

Regards

Jonathan Lawson-Brown

Local resident of Wallingford

Hi I would like to send my support for all the lovely street food vendors that have been to the Crosskeys. We are a local couple who love coming to this great community pub and trying out all the different food options available on different days of the week. The food offered is always sold by professional vendors who are super hygienic and they are selling food that is not an option to buy elsewhere in other establishments in the town.

There is no increase in noise or rubbish from the vendors and there is no problem with cars parking near as there are carparks near to the pub.

Please allow the vendors to come back as it increases people coming out into the town and spending money locally instead of going into Didcot or elsewhere to get the same variety.

Yours sincerely

Karen and Neale Triggle

Hi,

I am writing to show my support for the Cross keys pub in Wallingford and their fantastic hosting of various food vendors.

This is a great initiative which is for the benefit of the whole community and everyone I know loves the pub and having a choice of food.

Regards,

Darren Grant

I just wanted to support the CrossKeys and it's amazing Street food vans .

We have enjoyed a number of different foods while drinking in the outside area of the pub . I would also like to express my support for the pub generally as it's a place I would never have chosen to go to in the past . The turn around has been amazing and it is now a welcoming environment to which the food vans add a hugely positive impact .

Thank you and good luck with this appeal process Maggie Bucknell

To Whom this may concern

I am writing to support the Food pop up vendors at the above pub.

Having visited this warm and friendly pub, I saw what a benefit to all these pop up vendors are.

Great idea for pubs that do not have space or funding for a full kitchen and to give local small businesses with amazing food the chance to grow.

Kind regards
Vikki

CROSS KEYS - WALLINGFORD

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS FOR STREET TRADING CONSENT

1. Between the hours of 12 and 9, the street trader shall only operate for a maximum of 5 hours.
2. The consent will only be used for a maximum of 4 days per week (save for Bank Holidays weeks which we will only be used for a maximum of 4 days).
3. The annual usage will not exceed 200 days per consent.
4. The trader will provide an additional bin for use by customers.
5. At the end of trading, the traders will undertake a litter sweep of the immediate vicinity of the street trading space.
6. All Traders are to operate at this site.

Oak Taverns Ltd

STREET FOOD OPERATORS – Operating Policy

Executive Summary

This document layouts what happens when street food operators set up at our pubs. It is intended to ensure we manage the risks, it will include EHO, noise and parking issues that may arise. It will also demonstrate that we are aware of the risks to the members of the public and the staff at the pub, including identifying what measures we will put in place.

1. Booking in Street food operators

- a. Only operators off our approved list will be used
- b. If not on the list then please let head Office be aware and they can be added after the Scores on the doors have been confirmed
- c. This policy will be emailed to all street food operators who trade from Oak Taverns pubs.
- d. No money will be taken by Oak Taverns or their operators for the privilege of trading. Although there might be a contribution requested if traders use excessive utilities
- e. Serving times should be agreed in advance and not exceed 9.30pm. It is illegal without a licence to sell food after 11pm.

2. Entrance and Egress

- a. The set up will ensure that no entrances are blocked for emergency vehicles
- b. The truck/horsebox or gazebo will endeavour not take up more than one car parking space

3. What services are being used

- a. Only electric hooks ups will be allowed to our pubs. This should be restricted to lights/fans etc.
- b. All electrical leads will be kept out of public areas or made sure they are not a trip hazard
- c. If bottle gas being used them ensure they kept away from patio heaters and not a trip hazard. Also a visual inspection should be made each time they visit to confirm they are in good condition
- d. All rubbish will be disposed of in our bins using the correct bin, e.g. recycling .

- 4. What the pubs should do while Street food traders operating**
- a. They should be only booked in by the managers and adequate management arranged while trading
 - b. Records of who is trading and what times should be kept on the daily diary as part of the pubs Safer Food Better Business Retailers Pack
 - c. Extra bins need to be provided while street food is being served, signs will be displayed asking customers to dispose of any packaging in our bins.
 - d. It is our responsibility to ensure no litter emanating from the street food is littering the area immediately outside the pub.
 - e. The street food vendors will be given access to toilet facilities

Cleaning Procedures

- a. Before the traders arrive the area must be clean and tidy and free from hazards.
- b. While trading it will be the responsibility of the trader to keep the trading area tidy.
- c. We will work with the trader to ensure the pub, garden and immediate vicinity is kept tidy and free from litter.
- d. At the end of trading it will be the traders responsibility to leave the site in the same condition cleanliness etc as they found it.

Fink Street Food operates as a social enterprise, dedicating 50% of our profits to mental health initiatives while actively fostering improved mental health support within our communities. We prioritize delivering essential support where it is critically needed and in a timely manner, recognizing the challenges associated with extensive waiting lists for alternatives, often leading to situations that are too late to address effectively.

To achieve our mission, the revenue generated from our presence at venues, such as Oak Taverns pubs, is indispensable. This trading income is pivotal in ensuring both profitability and the ability to extend support to where it is most needed.

Regrettably, without this crucial revenue stream, FINK Street Food, like many other small independent businesses, faces the risk of closure. This income represents a substantial portion of our revenue, particularly on key trading days like Friday and Saturday evenings. Its absence would severely limit the opportunities to generate the necessary revenue to sustain our business operations and uphold our commitments to charitable initiatives.

By focusing on small independent businesses like ours, which contribute not only to the local economy but also provide joy and support to communities, there is a risk of undermining their existence. These businesses play a vital role in drawing people to pubs, a cornerstone of the British economy already grappling with unprecedented challenges. Disrupting this delicate ecosystem by making these establishments less appealing could jeopardize the survival of numerous enterprises and put the final nails into the coffins of many hospitality businesses that have been to hell and back in recent years and fought so valiantly to stay afloat.



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Dylan Shankland
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Tuesday 21st November, 2023

To whom it may concern,

My name is Dylan, I'm the founder and director of Dyllie's Pizza - a street food business operating in the Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire area.

I'm writing to you to express my feelings on the council's decision to put a stop to food traders at Oak Tavern's pubs and to implore you to support and accept our applications for street trading licensing.

I started my company at the age of 23 whilst coming out of the second covid lockdown. Having always loved cooking and hospitality I set out to bring really good Neapolitan pizza to my local area and due to the rush back into pub gardens, this seemed like a great place to start.

We had a very modest set up to start with (consisting of a borrowed gazebo and some folding tables) but the kind managers at the Oak Taverns pubs were keen to get us in and have the mutual benefit of sales for us, more footfall for them and a great food option for the customers.

Fast forward 2.5 years and we've gone from strength to strength. We now have two vintage food trucks as well as a pop-up kitchen which is far superior to the one we started with. We're turning over 6 figures and currently employ 9-10 amazing young people from the area.

Off the back of our time at Oak Tavern's pubs we've catered for many happy couples on their wedding days, parties, work do's, festivals and even created relationships with national trust sites like Waddesdon Manor. We're also brand ambassadors for Gozney, a global pizza brand and have represented them at some huge events.

I'm so proud of how far we've come on our journey over the past few years. The experience has been invaluable and it's mostly due to our amazing relationship with Oak Taverns and their managers.

Having to cease our pitches at their sites would be a huge blow to the business and a really sad end to what's been a very fruitful and rewarding couple of years.

Our weekly pitches at these pubs contribute to around 75% of our revenue and during the winter period when there's a lot less work to capitalise on, losing this could be fatal to the company.

Not only could this put me out of business but our talented team would also have to look for new jobs in what is currently a very competitive market.

It seems there are so many more positives than negatives to come from having our food options at these pubs and having had thousands of happy customers over the years, I truly believe that it's a huge benefit to the local community and economy.

It's also worth mentioning that we're a level 5 hygiene rated company, we have a flawless due diligence system and are fully certified when it comes to training, gas/electrical safety and insurance. We're also very respectful when it comes to traffic, sound and waste disposal.

I hope I have made it clear how much this business relationship means to me and how any reasonable person would no doubt support having us pitch at their local pub.

Yours Sincerely,

Dylan Shankland
Dyllie's Pizza Ltd

Dear Simon

I trust this mail finds you well. My name is Jonathan Stephens from the food van called "Friends and Flavours"

I am writing to express our sincere gratitude for the valuable relationship we have built with Oak Taverns Pubs. We have been working with you since we started our business early last year and as a small

business, the opportunity to trade at your establishments has been instrumental in not only generating essential income for us but has also created job opportunities within our community.

The support and collaboration we have experienced at Oak Taverns have been crucial to our success, and we deeply appreciate the positive impact it has had on our business. Working at the Oak Tavern pubs has helped us grow our business and we now have two vans and are able to hire staff who also benefit from our continued partnership. It is helping us move towards our goal of opening a small restaurant in the future and then hopefully expanding from there.

We really hope that the issues can be resolved and that we can continue our trading arrangement with you. If for any reason we can't, the financial implications on our small business would be significant, affecting not only our revenue but also our ability to sustain and employ local individuals.

We value the partnership we have cultivated and are open to any terms or adjustments that would allow us to continue our mutually beneficial collaboration.

Your understanding and consideration are highly valued, and we look forward to finding a solution that is beneficial for all parties involved.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan and Vas from Friends and Flavours

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Kind regards,



Jon & Vas
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From: [REDACTED]@chinnorpc.org <[REDACTED]@chinnorpc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 4:40:51 PM
To: Simon Collinson <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Red Lion Consultation Support

Hi Simon,

My apologies – I've only just caught up with my council email due to work.

Unfortunately, the turnaround is too quick for us to get anything official from the council on this.

However, if it's at all helpful, I can confirm the council is continuously looking at the parking issues in Chinnor – which have existed since well before the Red Lion started food vans, and we have had no complaints to the council (as far as I'm aware) about parking due to the food vans, or relating to the Red Lion at all.

On a personal level, I would've thought the fact that the Red Lion is a "local" pub, with most people walking, makes this a bit of a moot issue. That and the fact there is still space in the car park when the food vans are there (added to the fact that generally people who use the pub don't really use the car park from experience!).

If there is to be a hearing, could you please let us know the date so we can potentially send somebody along to speak on the council's behalf?

Naturally SODC have not engaged with us at all on this.

Thanks,

David Cooke

Councillor

Chinnor Parish Council

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OAK TAVERNS and Pop Up Catering

I have known Oak Taverns as a business since the early 1990s they have gradually grown into a Pub Company with a clear wet lead strategy

A By following a wet lead model Oak are able to reinvent outlets that have ceased trading or failing badly

B These outlets major on Cask Ale usually from local breweries, so the pub adds jobs and supports more by stocking beers from local breweries'

C Many of their outlets have no comical kitchens one of the reasons why there are failing

D By granting and reinstating the right for the outlets to have Pop-Up food outlets, on their forecourts, food which in many cases is consumed on the Pub premises, and helping the Pub generate wet sales, the council is giving local employment again, and helping ensure a vital part of the community the local pub survives.

E Many small Town or Village pubs tend to prioritize diners above drinkers, so the community lose out, charity nights, Quiz nights, beer festivals all go and the local move on or drink at home. Oaks model helps them rejuvenate the local and therefore the community

In Summary I support reinstating the Pop-ups for the reasons above.

Roger Clayson

Chair Stoke Row PC

My Background

Great Grandfather, Grandfather and Father where publicans. Grandfathers best pub had Rooms, provided Lunch and Dinner to travelers, and was the pub for Villagers, but this was before WW1 and it was a coaching Inn. Most pubs today need Rooms Food And Drink

I started working in the business in 1963 in Fathers Pub and doing outside Bars. Then did 21 years for Coke ended running the regional brewer sector. From 1987 I was sales director for Adnams in Suffolk

Pubs have been my life and I know a thing or two about them. Oak are on the Good side of pub operators please support them

To the licensing officers,

The Aylesbury Vale and Wycombe branch of CAMRA covers a part of South Oxfordshire east of the M40, including Chinnor and Thame.

We support and promote pubs, which are acknowledged as community assets in national and local planning policies and guidance. Pubs are also the only outlets at which the public can buy genuine real ale, often sourced from local breweries. The unique status of pubs in this regard has been recognised by recent government taxation changes.

Many pubs enhance their commercial viability by serving food in addition to drinks. CAMRA supports the availability of food in pubs as this enhances many customers' enjoyment of a visit to a pub and can play a part in promoting responsible drinking of alcohol.

The history and operational constraints of certain pubs, often those with particular character, prevent these pubs from being able to offer food cooked on the premises. In these circumstances, the provision of food from mobile "street food" vendors temporarily located on or close to the pub premises offers an entrepreneurial and practical alternative for pub customers who wish to consume a meal during their visit. In addition to providing business to the food vendors, this arrangement greatly benefits the viability of such pubs, encouraging customers to visit these pubs more often and spend longer there. If availability of street food is no longer possible then these pubs would be put at a serious competitive disadvantage. Aylesbury Vale and Wycombe CAMRA supports Oak Taverns pubs in their arrangement with third party vendors in providing a food service for their customers, notably the Red Lion in Chinnor which is in our branch area.

Regards,

Mike Clarke

Chair, Aylesbury Vale and Wycombe CAMRA

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Real Ale

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils,

The current issue surrounding street trading on Oak Taverns Limited's premises is deeply concerning for all involved.

Oak Taverns have purchased 6 pubs in the Oxfordshire area in the last 4 years that often were either failing or had closed completely, making them targets for property developers.

Oak Taverns have transformed them into successful, thriving pubs that are vital to the communities they serve. Oak Taverns have also received numerous CAMRA awards including Pub of the Season and both Pub and Cider Pub of the year across various venues in Oxfordshire and in Buckinghamshire.

Many of their establishments are in the Good Beer Guide, in which CAMRA members vote on which pubs are entered for the following year.

Part of the reason for Oak Taverns' continued success is the ability to offer food in the form of 'pop up' vendors on site various days of the week (mainly weekends).

Oak Taverns do not charge the vendors a fee to be on site instead solely benefiting on the increased drink sales, whilst the vendors benefit on increased food sales. Customers also benefit from having a food option available, which in some rural areas are hard to come by.

It also promotes responsible drinking as it slows people's drinking down and thus while people may drink the same or similar quantity they'll likely do so over a longer period, resulting in less antisocial behaviour and provides an atmosphere where people can go on a Friday or Saturday evening with some friends and have an enjoyable evening out while supporting local small businesses.

The vendors play a huge role in Oak Taverns pubs and in turn the local communities of which some of them without Oak Taverns wouldn't have a pub for miles.

Yours Faithfully,

Jon Beddoes
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing as Chair of the South Oxfordshire Branch of CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale), the national consumer group that campaigns for, supports and promotes everything that is cherished and valued about British pubs, breweries and beer, to offer our unequivocal support for the street food traders licence applications that have been submitted to South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils, to enable street food vendors to operate at Oak Taverns Ltd pubs in these council areas.

Oak Taverns has acquired a small number of pubs in the two council areas in recent years, and has turned them around from failing and unsuccessful pubs, in some cases threatened with closure, to busy, vibrant and popular community-focussed pubs. This is certainly the case with the three pubs in the South Oxfordshire CAMRA Branch area – the Greyhound, Whitchurch Hill; Cross Keys, Wallingford and the George, Sutton Courtenay, which are all now bustling and far more popular than they were under previous ownerships.

The pubs are often small and cannot easily operate a full kitchen service, and as such they have started to rely on third party pop-up street food vendors to provide food at busy times. This service is proving very popular and is of great benefit, not just to the pub and the pub customers, but also to the vendors themselves, who are often young start-ups who need a low-cost route to start their catering careers. Furthermore, the wider community surrounding the pubs also benefits greatly, by now having a take-away food provider, the provision of which is often otherwise very limited in their area.

Thus, the model being adopted by Oak Taverns provides a “win-win-win-win” situation for the pub, their customers, the food vendors and the wider community, which CAMRA believes far outweighs any minor downsides to these operations.

Pubs are becoming increasingly recognised as playing a pivotal role in the mental well-being of the people in the communities they serve and provide great spaces for people from all backgrounds to meet up for social interaction and conversation. This is undoubtedly the case with the Oak Taverns pubs in our CAMRA Branch area. There would be significant negative impacts on the local communities if the viability of Oak Taverns



pubs are threatened as a result of it being unable to continue operating their pubs with street food vendors. As such, CAMRA South Oxfordshire re-iterates its full support that the street food licence applications submitted to SODC and VoWH District Councils are granted.

Yours faithfully,



Graham Hards

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

As the spokesman for the Oxford branch of the Campaign for Real Ale and as editor of the *Oxford Drinker* magazine and website covering much of the county, I have a good understanding of the issues facing pubs and would like to offer Oak Taverns my wholehearted support in resolving the food vans issue.

The problems facing pubs are well-known and include rocketing energy costs, inflation impacting nearly everything they use and sell, reduced spending power by customers, a shortage of staff, an unfair tax burden, permanent changes to many people's socialising habits following the pandemic, and more.

We have made a point of visiting all of Oak Taverns' pubs in Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire, and we very much admire them for coming up with a sustainable business model in these difficult times, and rescuing pubs from long-term closure which might well have been lost to re-development.

Villages in particular are at risk of losing their pubs – sometimes their only pub – and these shared spaces play an important role in social cohesion and alleviating the effects of loneliness that people of all ages, especially the elderly, suffer from more and more. Even people who seldom visit pubs miss them when they are gone, and throughout the county there are examples of villages, or parts of larger conurbations, where there is no longer a pub or anywhere sociable to meet.

Oak Taverns have re-opened several pubs and re-invigorated many others, without the high costs of employing hard-to-find catering staff and funding the energy needed to run kitchens. By inviting independent food traders to their pubs on a few days a week, mainly at the weekends, they are giving customers the option to buy food and supporting independent private enterprise.

We hope the food vans licensing issue can be resolved as soon as possible as this would be a situation where everyone wins, and no-one really loses.

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