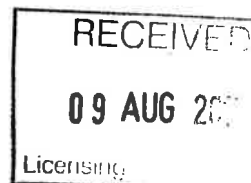


Mrs Jennifer Palmer

150 Godfrey Way

Great Dunmow

CM6 2SQ



Uttlesford District Council -Licensing

To Whom it May Concern

Mr Zia Chaudhry: Charactor Reference, Proprietor of the Queen Victoria Pub and Indian Restaurant ( The Jalsa Char).

Myself and my Family have been acquainted with Mr Chaudhry for over seventeen years as a friend and in a professional capacity.

He is a very active member of the local community, which involves working with the schools in the area, of which his children attend, helping with outdoor activities and events. Volunteering at the local Fire Station for a considerable number of years . In my opinion Mr Chaudhry is a very upstanding member of the local community.

On a perfessional note he has on many occasions help members of my family, friends, customers and staff members, showing compassion for their well-being to listening and helping where possible in a very perfessional manor.

Mr Chaudhry is a passionate family man and a conscientious member of the local and business community in and around Great Dunmow.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Jennifer Palmer





Mary and Mike Regan  
20 High Meadow  
Great Dunmow  
CM6 1UG  
2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018

Dear Sirs,

Re: Application to review a premises licence in respect of Queen Victoria, 79  
Stortford Road, CM6 1DL

I and my husband are writing to provide an insight in to the characters and behaviour of the two gentlemen, Mr. Z. Chowdhury and Mr. O. Shorif, who run this business; in the hope of highlighting to you their integrity and community minded spirit, which undoubtedly contributes in no small part both to the success of the business and their popularity among their varied and loyal clientele.

We have been patronising the business for the last 20 years at least once and sometimes twice a week. Our son and daughter were welcomed there and felt valued as children and are now happy to visit as adults with their own friends. Family from Western Australia who have attended on a few occasions have felt special and remembered by Mr. Chowdhury and his staff.

Mr. Chowdhury is a warm, caring, hardworking individual and very popular in Dunmow. During the last 20 years he has become a respected and valued part of our community through his many acts of kindness and support/sponsorship of local groups and charities. A few examples are: the under 11s football team, school fetes and fundays, hosting free sessions in the kitchens of the Jalsa Ghar to teach primary school children about Indian cooking, golf days, participation in the Dunmow Carnival.

Mr. Chowdhury was a retained firefighter in Dunmow for many years and has always evidenced his desire to be part of this community in a positive and selfless way. Mr. Chowdhury allows his car park to be used for school runs and this definitely contributes to the safety of the pupils being dropped off and collected.

I taught both Mr. Chowdhury and Mr. Shorif's children at Great Dunmow Primary School. They were all a fine example of the family values of their parents and their parents were always fully supportive of their children's education and the school itself.

We live very close to the premises and have never witnessed or heard of any aggravation or problems related to the business during trading hours in over 20

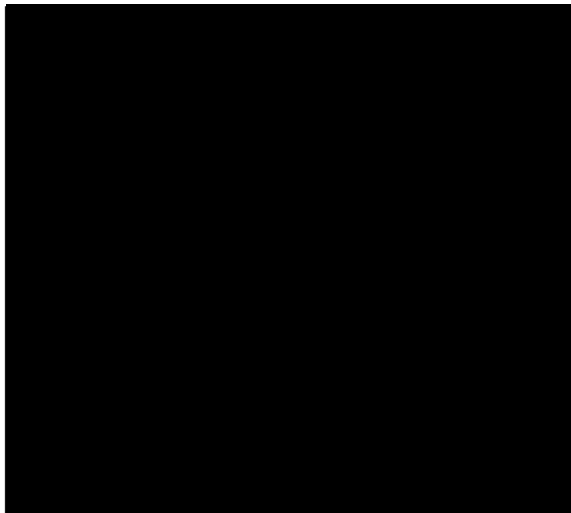
years of trade. Mr. Chowdhury and Mr. Shorif run an exemplary, family friendly business, which contributes to the local economy by virtue of not only loyal customers and repeated business, but also many visitors to the area and travellers passing through Stansted Airport on overnight stays due to its many recommendations and award winning status.

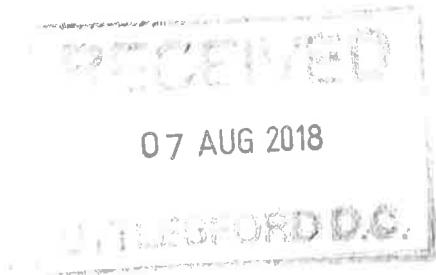
My husband and I recently chose to ask Mr. Chowdhury to cater for a family celebration of in excess of 70 people at our local town hall, the Folkes Hall, on what was a busy Saturday night for his restaurant. We chose him because of his reliability and integrity, we knew he wouldn't let us down.

We hope that you will take our comments in to consideration when assessing this review of the licence of the premises and are happy to vouch for the good character of both Mr. Chowdhury and Mr. Shorif.

Yours faithfully,

Mary and Michael Regan





3, The Cottages  
Church End  
Great Canfield  
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CM6 1JT

RE Application to review a premises licence  
In respect of the Queen VICTORIA, 79, Stortford Rd  
CM6 1D

To whom it may concern,

My wife and myself have known Mr Chowdhury and Mr Sharif for many years and treat them both  
As a great asset to Great Dunmow, and the surrounding area and have become good friends with  
Them both.

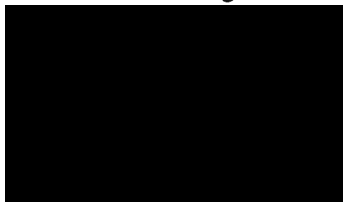
It is a well known fact that they have supported many events, for both children and adults  
Alike with Mr Chowdhury being involved as a fire fighter, we have personal experience of this whilst  
Attending our chimney fire in Great Canfield.

We both feel that Mr Chowdhury and Mr Sharif run their business to a very high standard, making  
Their customers feel very special and are always very accommodating.

These are thoughts for you on the forthcoming review of Mr Chowdhury and Mr Sharif.

Your faithfully,

Mark and Julie Knight.

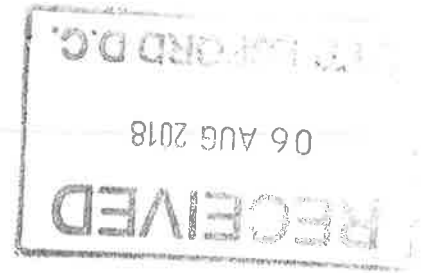


From: Joanne Bird [REDACTED]

Subject: Licence Review of Queen Vitoria, Dunmow.

Date: 1 Aug 2018 at 13:05:02

To: [REDACTED]



To Whom it May Concern

After hearing about the licence review for the Queen Victoria (Jalsa Ghar), Great Dunmow, CM6 1DL. I am writing to strongly support its reissue.

Even though I don't live in Dunmow, I have family that do and we frequently meet up in the Queen Vic for dinner and drinks. I know this establishment to be very popular with the local community as the food is excellent and so is the service.

I also have spoken with Mr Choudhury on many occasions and find this man to be polite, hospitable and conscientious about his business.

It would be a crying shame for the the local community and the Choudhury family if his licence were not reissued.

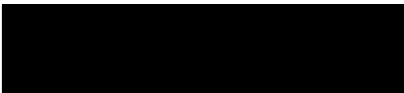
I also believe that Mr Choudhury is a great contributor to the local community and beyond; actually saving lives as voluntary retained fire fighter.

Small Towns like Dunmow need traditional pubs like the Queen Vic to keep the community together. They also need members of the community like Mr Choudhury.

I do hope you reissue his licence.

Yours sincerely,

Joanne Bird



Sent from my iPhone

From: Jenny Bakker [REDACTED]  
Subject: Review of Premises Licence Queen Victoria,  
Great Dunmow, CM6 1DL  
Date: 1 Aug 2018 at 12:31:53  
To: [REDACTED]

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Dear Sir/Madam

My family and I are writing to support the reissue of the licence for the Queen Victoria (Jalsa Ghar), Great Dunmow, CM6 1DL.

We have been customers of the Queen Victoria for the last 20 years. We visit every Sunday for dinner and use the pub aspect to socialise several times a week.

If the Town were to lose this lovely restaurant/pub it would have a devastating effect on the local community. This is one of the very few pubs remaining in Dunmow and a place for locals to meet and socialise.

Not only this, but Mr Choudhry is a pillar of the community, loved and well respected. He has sponsored the local football teams, is a voluntary retained fire-fighter when needed and has saved many lives. He is a hard working man, honest and of good character; an asset to our community.

My family and I would be truly heartbroken and concerned for Mr Choudhry's well-being if he were to lose his business.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like anymore information.

Kind regards,

Jeanette Bakker & Family



15 Emblems

Dunmow

CM6 2AG



41 Almond Road  
Great Dunmow  
Essex CM6 1XU

31<sup>st</sup> July 2018

Dear Sir

Re-Application to review a premises licence for  
Queen Victoria, 79 Stortford Road Great Dunmow CM6 1DL

I am writing concerning the above application and feel I would like to comment on behalf of Messrs Ziaul Chowdhury and Omar Sharif on the establishment they run.

I have known both Mr Chowdhury and Mr Sharif since moving to the area in 2002 though I do know Mr Chowdhury better than Mr Sharif. The Queen Vic has been my 'local' ever since. Mr Chowdhury is a kind and supportive member of the local community and is always willing to help in any way he can.

I have recently been widowed and both Mr Chowdhury and members of his staff attended my husband's funeral. During the time my husband was ill Mr Chowdhury personally delivered him several meals, without charge, especially prepared to try to encourage him to eat.

Both the public house and the restaurant are places that I feel safe and able to visit on my own and should it be dark or poor weather conditions he always makes sure that either he or a member of his staff ensures I get home safely.

The premises are family friendly. They hold a 5 for the food hygiene serve excellent food and nothing is ever too much trouble. The restaurant has won many awards for its food and has an excellent reputation people come from far and wide to eat there. People staying locally that are travelling from the airport frequent the restaurant many returning on a regular basis. The business is an asset to both the community and the prosperity of Great Dunmow.

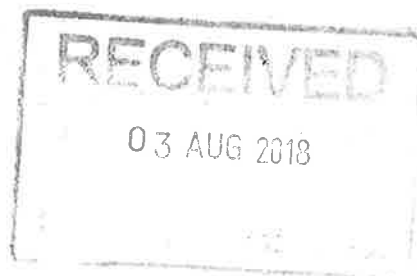
In Summary The Queen Victoria and Mr Chowdhury are part of the local community and the establishment is a safe environment for all customers to enjoy a pleasant evening I have never know there to be any disorder at the premises and have certainly never seen an instance where the police have been called because of a disorder.

I would be grateful if you could take into account my observations when dealing with this application.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Linda Crowther FCMI





Green View  
Stebbing Green  
Stebbing  
Dunmow  
Essex  
CM6 3TE

Application to review a premises licence  
Queen Victoria, 79 Stortford Road, Dunmow CM6 1DL

Dear Sir

I am writing in respect of the above application and wish to make some testimony as to the character of the persons concerned, Messrs Ziaul Chowdhury and Omar Shoriff and their business.

I do not wish to comment, nor would it be right to speak of any evidence in this case but feel it absolutely necessary to provide testimonial to the character in particular of Mr Ziaul Chowdhury to whom I am better acquainted, although I would describe them both as honourable men.

My family moved to the area in 1997, before the business was formed. Creating a Bangladeshi restaurant and public house in a thatched listed premises has to be quite a unique achievement. However, create this concept they did with much and continuing success.

Ziaul Chowdhury is an extremely charismatic individual, well respected by his peers and clientele and in addition to managing this restaurant has played a significant part in the local community.

He served as a retained fireman at our local station for 15 years. All of our retained fire personnel have my utmost respect, having had the misfortune to require their services some years ago, and I know many of them are regular diners and drinkers at The Queen Victoria.

For many years he has supported our local carnival, entering a float one year and serving food at the event many times.

He allows his car park to be used by parents at two of our local schools after considerable uproar at the expansion of one of the schools based on the grounds of the added congestion and lack of drop off and pick up points surrounding said school.

The Queen Victoria has cultivated a good community spirit, in recent years the locals have organised golf days, rounding off these excursions with a celebration in the pub with food provided without charge for those involved.

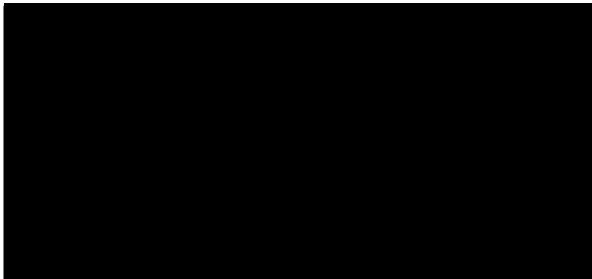
Never forgetting his roots, in 2013 following the Bangladesh Dhaka building collapse, Mr. Chowdhury held a charity evening at the restaurant raising almost £4000 which he personally delivered to help the victims of this tragic disaster.

In fact this year Mr Chowdhury invited one of the regulars' son's, who was on a gap year and travelling around India and the region, to visit and stay at his house in Bangladesh. The young man accepted the offer and was made to feel very welcome in Mr Chowdhury's family home.

Ziaul Chowdhury successfully operates a family friendly establishment, testament to this, our son, who is now 23 has grown up dining at The Queen Victoria, he now works at sea but the last place he wants to go before he goes away and the first place he wants to visit on his return is The Queen Victoria. It is a pleasure to witness families being able to relax over a meal and a drink knowing that their children are as welcome as they are. I have never witnessed any crime or disorder within these premises, as a parent I would not have exposed my child to any such disturbance and many, many families still consider it to be a safe haven as is proof by our weekly visits. Therefore if this application is based on crime and that crime being the employment of an illegal worker, then I believe that civil proceedings are dealing with this as laid out by Home Office guidelines. To which end the only losers if this application was to be successful would be the local community which Ziaul Chowdhury has served in many ways for these past 20 years.

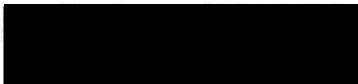
I would implore you to take this testimony into consideration and if I can be of any further assistance or you would like me to deliver the above in person then please do not hesitate to be in contact.

Yours faithfully




Wendy M. Haynes (Mrs)

Email:  
Tel:



*'Town View',  
Rosemary Lane,  
Dunmow,  
Essex. CM6 1DW*



Licensing Authority  
Uttlesford District Council  
London Road  
Saffron Walden  
Essex  
CB11 4ER

25<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a Councillor for Great Dunmow Town Council and was the Town Mayor in 2013/14. I was also a Police Officer in the Metropolitan Police for 30 years having retired over 25 years ago.

I am concerned to hear there are problems about the Jalsa Ghar Restaurant in Stortford Road, Great Dunmow.

It is an extremely popular restaurant and I have always enjoyed some lovely meals there. Zia, the owner, is conscientious, confident and always concerned about the welfare of his customers.

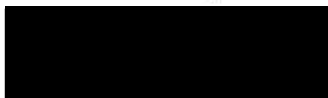
He is a good team leader, and the Staff I have met have been helpful and polite.

His business is an essential part of the town, and he is willing and active in helping various events in the community.

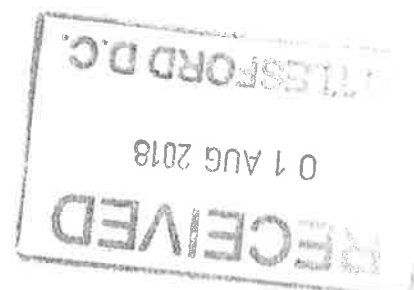
Zia apparently has been gullible and naive, which has been a problem, but I trust the Licensing Authority will allow him to continue trading.

I would be willing to attend a hearing.

Yours faithfully



Philip Milne



**DR. SMITA PRICE**

Roycefield House, Clapton Hall Lane • Great Dunmow, Essex CM6 1JE  
Phone: [REDACTED] • E-Mail: [REDACTED]



Date: 27 July 2018

The Licensing Authority  
Uttlesford District Council  
London Road  
Saffron Walden  
Essex CB1 4ER

Dear Sir/Madam,

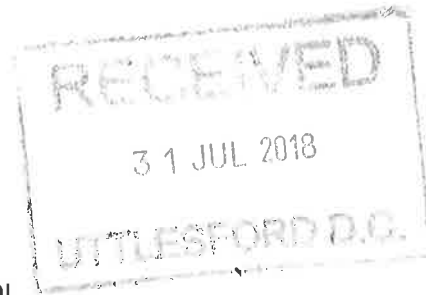
Re: Queen Victoria (Jalsa Ghar), 79 Stortford Rd, Great Dunmow, Essex CM6 1DL; Grounds for Application Review are: The Prevention of Crime & Disorder

I would like to submit a letter of support for Mr. Zia Chowdhury who owns the Jalsa Ghar in Great Dunmow. I have lived in Great Dunmow since 1990 and I am a keen supporter of Dunmow local businesses and voluntary organisations. I was a first responder for the East of England Ambulance Service for over 5 years and I currently provide volunteer services to the Great Dunmow Stroke Group, the Great Dunmow Museum and Essex Police Dog Unit. My late husband and I, together with many friends and family have dined in this delightful Indian restaurant since its opening in the late 1990's. We have known Zia since the opening and continue to dine at the Queen Victoria (Jalsa Ghar) on a regular basis. Zia is passionate about his business and has worked hard to establish his Indian restaurant in Dunmow, which has won many accolades for its high quality of service, food and ambience. Zia has also integrated himself within the heart of the community in Dunmow, enthusiastically contributing to local charities and fundraising events, as well as volunteering with the Essex Fire Service at Great Dunmow.

I truly believe, that having worked so hard to build his business, as well as his excellent reputation in Great Dunmow over the last 20 years, Zia would not risk all this by intentionally employing staff that were not legally allowed to work in the UK. It would be very harsh for Zia to lose his livelihood over this matter. I hope this letter demonstrates what a generous, hard working and upstanding member of the community Zia has become since coming to this area in 1998.

Yours sincerely,

Smita Price BSc., PhD., FBPhS  
Neuropharmacology and Drug Development Consultant



6, High Stile  
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Essex  
CM6 1EB

Application to review a premises licence  
Queen Victoria, 79 Stortford Road, Dunmow CM6 1DL

Dear Sir

I am writing in respect of the above application and wish to make some representations on behalf of the persons concerned, Messrs Ziaul Chowdhury and Omar Shorif and their business.

I cannot comment on the evidence in this matter nor would it be right to do so, but I feel it necessary to comment on the individuals and the business they run.

I am probably more familiar with Mr Chowdhury but have known Mr Shorif for equally as long. I moved to Dunmow in 1999 which was almost the same time as the business was formed, and I live some 3 or 4 minutes walk from the premises, it has therefore become my 'local' as it has for many people in the immediate vicinity. It is of course a restaurant and take away as well as a public house, which in itself is unusual and I believe unique in Dunmow.

Mr Chowdhury is a very likeable and personable individual who is very much part of the Dunmow community. I remember in my early days in Dunmow he entered a float in the Dunmow carnival and people who were part of that float entry are still regulars in the pub.

Some years ago he became a retain fireman and said to me he felt he had spare time on his hands and wanted to do something for the community, I am not sure how long he held that position but it was for some considerable length of time.

He has allowed his car park to be used by parents parking their cars to take their children to 2 nearby schools when many, me included, objected against one school's expansion on the grounds there was insufficient access for vehicles to drop off and collect children, by allowing parents to park and walk he effectively reduced the considerable congestion and subsequent inconvenience caused to local residents.

In recent years the Queen Vic regulars have held at least 2 golf day competitions per year finishing with an evening in the premises and the premises providing some form of free food.

This year Mr Chowdhury invited one of the regulars' son's, who was on a gap year and travelling around India and the region, to visit and stay at his house in Bangladesh. The young man accepted the offer and was made to feel very welcome in Mr Chowdhury's family home.

The premises are family friendly with many local people bringing their children to eat and more recently to watch the World Cup in an atmosphere of wave flagging and cheering England on.

In summary The Queen Vic and Mr Chowdhury are very much part of the local community in Dunmow.

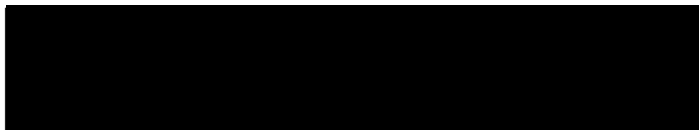
The premises/business attract many visitors on a one off basis particularly to the restaurant which has an excellent reputation and has won numerous awards for its food, people come from far and wide to eat there, and inevitably people travelling through Stansted airport who stay overnight

locally, gravitate to the restaurant. The business therefore attracts business and prosperity to Dunmow and the community.

In relation to the application to review on the grounds of crime and disorder, I have never known any disorder at the premises and I don't believe police have ever been called because of disorder. I therefore assume the application is based on crime, namely an employer 'knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that you are' employing an illegal worker. Home Office guidelines suggest these matters will be dealt with by civil proceedings save in the most serious cases when prosecution may be considered. It is my understanding this matter is being dealt with under the civil remedy. In 38 years of law enforcement I have dealt with some very serious cases involving illegal immigrants, obtaining work with forged paperwork and obtaining housing with forged paperwork, I would respectfully suggest therefore that this incident does not fall into the more serious case bracket and certainly not worthy of an application to review under crime and disorder, whereby if successful the small local community will be the ultimate real sufferers.

I would be grateful if my observations are taken into account when dealing with this application.

Yours

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Antony Puddick BTech (Hons)

**Venn House, Tenterfields, Great Dunmow, Essex CM6 1HH**

**25<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**Licensing Authority  
Uttlesford District Council  
London Road  
Saffron Walden  
Essex  
CB11 4ER**

**Dear Sir,**

**We are Pat and Steve Schorah.**

**We are concerned that the Jalsa Ghar Restaurant in Dunmow is under threat of having its licence reviewed or revoked.**

**In 1998 I (Pat) was the Vice Chairman of Great Dunmow Town Council, and when the Jalsa Ghar Restaurant opened, Zia invited me and my husband to the opening. It was a very successful evening, and we have attended on a regular basis ever since, as so do many other customers.**

**Zia has always been of an exemplary character, and has taken a full and active role in our community.**

**He has sponsored football kits for local teams, and supports local Charities, such as the Flich Custom, Great Dunmow Museum, and many others.**

**For four years Zia organised a full Restaurant and entertainment for the Alexia Wilson Trust. The meals were provided, and all the guests contributed a donation for the benefit of the Charity. Each year £1200 -**



£1400 was raised for the Trust, which supports needy, hardship cases in the local district.

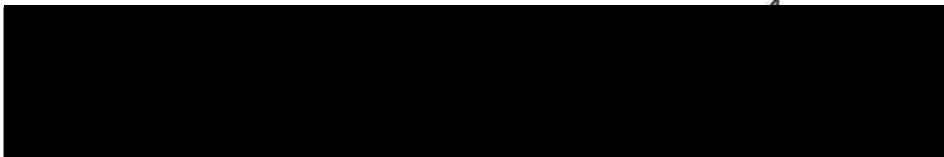
Zia was a Retained Fireman for a number of years, keeping the local community safe.

In the Restaurant the Staff are always smart, courteous, polite and attentive to customers, so much so, it is the best restaurant in the town, having won many British Curry Awards. Zia has now remedied the employment situation by going through an Agency who will check the documentation of all his future employees.

Zia has an excellent reputation, and it would be appalling to deprive him of his livelihood.

We trust the Licensing Authority will allow him to continue trading as he has for the last twenty years, and we would both be willing to attend a hearing to give you our opinion, and him support.

Yours faithfully,

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Pat & Steve Schorah



Bryan G Haines  
6 Highfields  
Great Dunmow  
Essex CM6 1ED  
Thursday, 09 August 2018

Dear Sirs,

## To Uttlesford District Council Licencing.

Reference Mr Soheli Zia Chowdhury and Mr Omar Sharif

My name is Bryan Haines and have been a resident of Great Dunmow since I married in 1988. I moved from London with my wife from Yorkshire to live and work in Great Dunmow. I currently serve on the St. Mary's Parochial Church Council and was formerly a Parent Governor of Dunmow St. Mary's School.

I have been a customer of the Queen Victoria public house since that time. When we first arrived in Dunmow the Queen Victoria public house was quite run down and could then have been regarded as a failing business. At that time, it was then run by Mr and Mrs Reginald Cast as tenants of the freeholder Mr. Ferhat Cevik (who remains the freeholder) After the late Mr Cast was declared bankrupt, Mr Cevik ran the business a short period before reaching a commercial agreement with Mr Soheli Zia Chowdhury and Mr Omar Sharif to operate and run a business that was renamed the Queen Victoria and Jalsa Ghar in October 1998. I first met Zia a few days after he started operating that business.

Since 1998 through hard work and commercial acumen Zia has built his business into one of the most popular and profitable restaurants and public houses in the vicinity, including being very successful in the National Best Curry Awards competition, over many consecutive years, which sees people travelling from outside the town to sample the highly recommended food. I regard it as a safe and welcoming business. It is certainly part of the community. To the best of my knowledge it is fully compliant with all the legislation applicable to a business of this nature. Food preparation, hygiene and storage is first class in the circumstances of the premises (note that applications for building improvements to kitchen and storage have on occasions (in my opinion unreasonably) been declined by local planning). The premises are old, with a thatched roof, and Mr Chowdhury has maintained and repaired so that the building remains clean and in good order.

I have rarely seen any problems at the pub with drunken or rowdy behaviour, and on the odd occasion, a couple of times over a 20-year period), he has calmly and respectfully declined to serve someone encouraging them to leave when they were clearly too inebriated to continue.

I note from the Uttlesford Statement of Licensing Policy 2017-2022 The Licensing Objectives 1.5 that The Act requires the Licensing Authority to carry out its various licensing functions to promote the four licensing objectives that are:

1. The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
2. Public Safety
3. The Prevention of Public Nuisance
4. The Protection of Children from Harm

I believe that Mr Chowdhury complies with all the above and that he is diligent in each respect and that I have not witnessed contravention of any of those objectives in the last 20 years.

Mr Chowdhury also participates in many local activities that support the community.

- Through his business Mr Chowdhury sponsors a local youth football team.
- He is a was a local 'on-call' fireman for thirteen years.

- He allows parents of Great Dunmow Primary School to park in his restaurant carpark when delivering and collecting their children to school.
- He has made presentations on Bangladeshi culture and cookery to pupils of Dunmow St Mary's Primary School.
- Under his direction the pub runs regular golf days and other charity events, which are well attended by the local community.
- He recently hosted my youngest son, Eli Haines, for a few days in his own family home in Sylhet, Bangladesh whilst he was backpacking in the far east during his 'Gap-year'.

Most importantly he has ensured that the Queen Victoria has prospered as a community public house. During the last thirty years I have witnessed the closure of many local pubs that include:

1. The Dunmow Inn (formerly the White Hart), High Street Dunmow
2. The King's Head, North Street Dunmow
3. The Cricketer's, Beaumont Hill, Dunmow
4. The Royal Oak, Stortford Road, Dunmow
5. Lennon's, High Street, Dunmow

I have witnessed trading in illegal drugs and been threatened with and witnessed violence in three other pubs in Dunmow. Yet in the Queen Victoria, none of those circumstances have arisen during the last twenty years because Zia runs a safe and compliant business.

Again, in my humble opinion, Zia Chowdhury is the last publican in Dunmow from whom to withdraw a licence to sell alcohol. He is a man of faith and an elder at his local Mosque. As a PCC member we frequently discuss our faith in God and I believe him to be an honest and decent man. His expertise is that of a businessman and restaurateur. He is not a default border-control operative and I believe that he takes all possible reasonable measures to operate a legal business. Removing his licence to sell alcohol will destroy his business overnight and I consider that it would be a spiteful and counter productive measure to do so. The Queen Victoria is a genuine local hub and is frequented by many local people on a regular basis. To put that at risk damages the whole fabric of the Great Dunmow Community. Further, I think that it would highlight the failings of the British Government to adequately control immigration and make him a scapegoat for those failings. From what I have surmised, this recent event smacks of a 'Sting-operation' and seems like a 'cheap shot' and a way for UK Border Force to pick 'low-hanging fruit'.

Please, when considering this matter, also consider the prevalence of illegal drugs and gang culture in other licenced premises in Great Dunmow, (particularly the Boars Head) and ask why other licences haven't been revoked for more serious infractions of licencing laws and try to view the picture as a whole.

I am sure that Zia Chowdhury bitterly regrets recent events (I don't know the whole circumstances) In my opinion he is the last person from whom his licence to sell alcohol should be removed and the local community would be devastated to lose such a great facility.

Yours Sincerely,

*Bryan Haines*

Bryan Haines





25 Brocks Mead  
Great Easton  
Dunmow  
Essex  
CM6 2HR

6<sup>TH</sup> August 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

**Re: The Jalsa Ghar & The Queen Victoria, 79 Stortford Road CM6 1DL**

I write in respect of the forthcoming application (premises licence) for the above establishment and to voice my support for the applicants, Mr Z Choudary and Mr O Shorif, who I have known since August 2009.

My family and I are regular customers at the restaurant and also utilise the Queen Victoria for pre-dinner drinks. We find the premises a delightful retreat and it is a firm favourite with visiting friends and relatives, who like us, see it as a welcoming, well run establishment, supported by the community who ensures that it is always busy! The management of the premises, with the support of the delightful staff, is of the highest order and part of its charm and attraction.

My daughter worked part-time at the Queen Victoria from 2012 to 2014 and she has said it was the best run premises she had ever worked in. She was treated very well by both Mr Choudary and Mr Shorif and is always given a very warm welcome when she returns to dine with my wife and I. She has confirmed that there was never an instance of anti-social behaviour or generation of noise or nuisance in the two years she worked there, which are my sentiments exactly.

Whilst I am very partial to the Jalsa Ghar, I am also very observant having served on the Licensing Committee in North East London until responsibility for administration and regulation was handed to local authorities in November 2005. I would most certainly never send any kind of endorsement of an establishment unless I felt it was run in a proper and professional manner – both Mr Choudary and Mr Shorif are very aware of the licensing laws and their wider social responsibilities when selling alcohol for consumption on their premises. I can personally vouch for that.

Lastly, a little known fact, but the Jalsa Ghar offers parents of children attending the local school, free use of their premises car park to avoid the type of traffic issues seen outside most schools – a wonderful gesture and an indication of the good character and community spirit within the management team.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further assistance or clarification.

Yours faithfully

  
Tristan Martens

To whom it may concern...



I am a local resident to Great Dunmow & have a small building company. I strongly believe that in order to have a close community, people that live in a town / village should have a bond & have a unity. This is achieved in many ways but a big factor is by using local businesses & the business I'm referring to in this instance is the Queen Vic & in particular Ziaul Chowdhury.

I can hand on my heart say that this man Ziaul Chowdhury has done and continues to do lots of good work & service for our community & he sets an excellent example of someone who offers more than just a fine dining & drinking premises.

His work in the community from fund raising to work in the fire service to having a hub for local residents, family's & friends to get together talk about their lives, laugh & joke & have a strong bond.

There is also the obvious fact that having this place with its staff that come from a different culture who can share their experience & knowledge I strongly believe is a healthy way to integrate cultures & share experiences, respect & love.

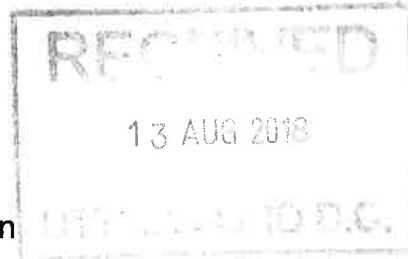
If any further assistance in this matter is needed then please do not hesitate to contact me by email as above or telephone [REDACTED]

Kindest regards,

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9th August 2018



To Whom it may concern

RE: The Jalsa Ghar & The Queen Victoria, 79 Stortford Road, CM6 1DL

I write to you in respect of the forthcoming application/premises licence at the above address and to show my support for Mr Z Choudary and Mr O Shorif.

After dining at this restaurant for many years, my family and I take pleasure in frequenting this establishment as this restaurant has won many awards for the quality and presentation of its food.

Mr Choudary is a very charitable man and he has supported our daughters charity on many occasions and at present we are in discussion of organising a joint fundraiser to raise much needed funds for Olivia who has Multiple Disabilities and Autism. Whilst we are on the subject of our daughter we have taken her here on numerous occasions where Mr Choudary and all the staff present are really kind and really understand her needs, It is never over noisy and we have never encountered any problems whilst we have been dining, as this would upset Olivia, she is always so happy there and we all find it a calm and relaxing place for her to go.

Lastly I would like to say that Mr Z Choudary and Mr O Shorif are an asset and a Pillar to the community and provide a much needed business to Dunmow town.

Yours Faithfully

Mrs D Bowyer

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Re: Application for license.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I would like to take this opportunity to provide a character reference for Mr Z Chowdhury, licensee of the Queen Victoria & Jalsa Ghar restaurant.

I have known Mr Chowdhury for nearly 20 years now and in that time and in my experience, he has demonstrated his ability to remain a trustworthy character.

As a businessman, to date he has been both sympathetic and often generous in helping the youth of the community in a variety of schemes such as sports etc.

Mr Chowdhury has proactively managed a public house, not too distant from my home, and in the time that he has been there I cannot recall ever having problems with patrons in the streets outside or around my house.

In the times that I have frequented the premises, I do not recall any issues with younger guests or behaviour which has required the intervention of the police.

On the basis of the Queen Victoria & Jalsa Ghar restaurant has fitted in to our community without causing any issues of note that I recall in the last 20 years, I would be very supportive of Mr Chowdhury being licensed to continue to manage the pub restaurant in to the future.

Yours faithfully,

Gary Wain

