

## REPRESENTATIONS FOR APPLICATION

### **REPRESENTATION 11**

Dear Jemma Price

Just writing to you about this with very strong support for what Simon Wilsher is proposing at Waterhouse in terms of weekend licensing for non-residents.

I know that local townsfolk are always concerned about change of any kind in terms of activities associated with any building that serves the public. But Mr Wilsher has in my experience shown great sensitivity to the environment (in every sense) of Waterhouse and done much for the village of Monkton Combe; and what he is requesting is not at all excessive and would be fully in keeping with the spirit and character of this fine old estate.

The house has a great setting and it is cheering to see residents enjoying a quiet drink on the terrace in summer; but restricting admission of non-residents fancying drink at Waterhouse to those who also order a meal seems very unbalanced and unduly restrictive given the nature of Waterhouse. The out of town location and character of Waterhouse mean that it is never going to be a hugely subscribed weekend 'drinking den' for people focussed on extensive drinking. A limited number of walkers, cyclers and day-trippers are likely to benefit from being able to stop by for a drink or two at the weekend before heading on their way refreshed, and I see no logical reason for preventing Mr Wilsher and Waterhouse for offering this welcome and facility.

There is only one tavern in Monkton Combe, The Wheelright's Arms which is more of a mainstream gastropub. The provision of an alternative place and view across the valley would surely only enrich the options and facilities for local residents, once they have brooked the concept of any change!

Kind regards

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## REPRESENTATION 12

Dear Jemma Price,

I would just like to express my full support behind the proposal in changing the license in allowing non-residents accessing the facilities Waterhouse provide.

I believe that there are concerns among locals which I fail to comprehend. Waterhouse is set in an idillic location which I know the owner is keen to preserve and enhance.

Waterhouse at present caters for various functions and a sort after hotel destination. To my knowledge has never ever presented an antisocial issue to others or anyone cause for complaint. In fact the School within the valley on a weekend generates far more noise and disturbance than any other neighbouring property.

My understanding is the owner just wishes to give villagers and passing walkers, cyclists etc the option to enjoy the grounds of such a lovely premises with a meal and an accompanying drink. It would be nice to have an option within the area of where to have a meal. Currently there is just the one Public House, The Wheelright's Arms, which although pleasant is limited in space, a restricted outside area and on a occasion found to be closed without notice in hosting private events.

In allowing Waterhouse this alteration I can only see it enhancing the area, allowing more people to enjoy our beautiful valley and in doing so hopefully invigorating the respective councils to address the poorly kept and dilapidated paths and bridleways in the area.

Kind regards

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## REPRESENTATION 13

Dear Ms Price,

I have heard that Waterhouse are looking to extend their alcohol license.

I am a resident of Mount Pleasant in Monkton Combe and have full view of Waterhouse from our garden and house across the valley.

I am able to hear when events take place in Marquees in the Waterhouse garden. In my experience, however those occasions have been very rare and do not go on late.

I have been very impressed by what Waterhouse have managed to do with the property in the time since they took it on. They have created a really useful resource to the community of Monkton.

My wife and I are always keen to be able to go for a drink or eat locally without having to get in the car. Currently the only options available to us are The Wheelwrights and Combe Grove Manor, neither of which have we had consistently positive dining experiences at. Although we will continue to support those 2 local business we would value having another option to eat and drink at.

I wholeheartedly wish to support the application and thing it would improve Waterhouse as it's standing as a real asset to the community of Monkton.

Kind regards

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