

Statement in Support of Retrospective Planning Permission

Application Reference: 2024/4822/P

Respondee: Rowlands, N8

I am writing in support of the application for retrospective planning permission for the covered seating and improved ventilation at the Albert Pub in Primrose Hill. The Albert has been an integral part of the community for decades, operating as a cherished social hub and historic venue. It has done so uninterrupted, including periods where its operating hours were far later than they are today. Notably, the pub's current hours are already more restricted compared to similar establishments in the wider area.

The Albert operates responsibly and is not unreasonably noisy. Its management has taken consistent steps to minimize disruption to nearby residents while maintaining a welcoming environment for patrons. Furthermore, the addition of covered seating and improved ventilation enhances the experience for customers and contributes to public health and comfort without materially increasing the pub's impact on the surrounding area.

At a time when many pubs across London are struggling to remain viable amidst rising costs, additional restrictions or financial burdens would be unacceptable. These challenges are especially pronounced in expensive neighborhoods like Primrose Hill, where closures of beloved establishments are already too common. It is vital to support the Albert so it can continue to operate as a valued community asset, preserving the social and cultural fabric of the area.

Rather than opposing the measures taken to sustain the pub, I urge neighbors to work collaboratively with the management. Creating financial

hurdles risks making the business unviable, which would be a significant loss to the community as a whole.

For these reasons, I strongly support granting retrospective planning permission for the Albert Pub.

Yours sincerely,

Rowlands (N8)