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Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing in support of MAP Cafe's application for a music licence. I am one of the organisers of Folk in the Cellar, a community folk club in the borough of Camden which originally started in 2005. We moved to MAP Cafe after losing our previous venue in 2021 and meet twice a month on Monday evenings from September through to July. It took us a long time to find a new venue after losing the old one (the pub closed down for refurbishment). MAP Cafe has been a wonderful place to be based. Our night is entirely unplugged, and runs along the traditional folk club format where half the night is devoted to floor spots from emerging talent and local singers and the other half to a featured act, often someone that has impressed us with a floorspot. We encourage and nurture new voices in the folk scene and have launched the careers of some now very successful artists and bands. I would be very surprised if any of our nights would cause a nuisance to others. There is no amplification and we are a quiet and respectful bunch who always ensure we finish on time, take down our glasses and leave quietly. I urge the council to recognise what a unique asset both the cafe and our folk club are to the community at large and to support the application for a music licence. I am sure that if we could not continue at MAP then Camden would lose a valuable community and cultural asset. Lou Crisfield

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