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LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL

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Dear sir or madam,

I have read the notice outside this shop that I have been using for around 5 years now and would like to put forward my objection with the Leicestershire police's views. I am extremely unhappy with the police for the way they have decided to take action against Mr Vaghelia.

The notice states what their findings are, but the Leicestershire police write they believe the licensing objectives are best promoted by removing this shop licence. I have been using this shop for so long now that I have seen with my own eyes how Mr Vaghelia enforces some rules at this shop.

By that I mean that I have personally seen him refusing to sell tobacco/alcohol and lottery tickets to teenagers without ID or refusing to serve people who are already under the influence, I have seen him come outside the shop and encourage people not drink outside or loiter outside the shop, I have seen him help old people every day in the mornings, I see him talk to a large number of people in the community helping them promote current events/fund raising etc, and for me personally he has provided me with CCTV footage when I have needed it for trouble outside my house across the road.

Mr Vaghelia has been an asset to this community and the reason I am extremely unhappy with the police in particular is that this shows how they would rather punish his whole family and everything they have worked for instead of pursuing Mr Vaghelia individually.

I do not have any faith that the police are acting with the licensing objectives in mind but instead want to show that they can throw their weight around and bully a family out of business, and that being a small shop at the heart of the Belgrave community that Mr Vaghelia is very much a part of. Police should put their resources/time/money into better things and the officers who are asking to revoke the licence should be ashamed of themselves. This is something petty and revoking the licence is excessive force in my opinion.

I have taken time out to write this letter completely because I find this unfair on their family and I am disgusted by the police's revocation request of the shops licence.

I hope you will consider this letter as this family deserves better, they were victims of gun crime a few years ago and that person was never caught. Maybe the police should chase that up for them instead of trying to destroy this small shop.

I thank you for reading this lengthy letter,

