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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in reference to a notice displayed at our local shop KAPZ NEWS AND BOOZE, 286 Loughborough Road, Leicester, LE4 5PH. It appears that the licence for this shop is under review and the owner is alleged to be in possession of stolen goods and of selling stolen goods.

I would like to say a few words in support of Mr Vaghelia, as I am a regular customer of the shop and I feel that he and his family are part of the fabric of our local community.

I'm a disabled person, I find walking very difficult and for this reason I am a frequent visitor to the shop. I have been a regular customer since 2008.

I have never been offered any of the listed items on the notice. E.g. Handbags, perfume, aftershave, electrical goods etc.

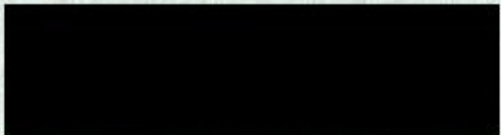
I have never witnessed Mr Vaghelia selling or offering any of the described items to others either.

I have always found Mr Vaghelia to be friendly, welcoming, community spirited and polite. I know that he works very long hours and that many people rely on his shop as a vital community resource, and all of my neighbours speak highly of him.

I also think Mr Vaghelia is a very generous man. I remember last year there was an unfortunate person sleeping rough for many weeks on a nearby park bench. The person in question was elderly and appeared very vulnerable. Various members of our community supported this individual in various ways, and after a period of several weeks he was re homed. I know that during this time Mr Vaghelia was supporting the gentleman by providing free cups of coffee and food to keep him going.

I do hope that you will look favourably on Mr Vaghelia when you review his licence. I feel that him and his shop are an asset to our neighbourhood.

Yours faithfully,



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