

27th August 2025

Licensing - Torrington District Council

Dear Licensing Officer,

I am writing in support of the premises licence made for the Silk Lounge, 6 Cooper Street, by Mr C Barnes.

I am a regular customer to the Silk lounge, in fact it's the only venue in town that I can visit comfortably.

I am disabled with limited mobility, so the Silk lounge is perfect for me, it is all one level.

This means I can access the toilets and the garden safely without fear of having an accident.

As part of the LGBTQIA+ community, it also provides a safe space for me to be myself, something not guaranteed by any other venue in Bideford.

In fact, The Silk lounge, was holding a Inclusive LGBTQ+ evening once a month. To have this taken away, would be devastating for the community.

Since Mr Barnes has taken over, I've not been aware of any noise complaints, in fact the music has been lower than the previous licence.

I guess what I'm trying to say, is I feel that the whole town would suffer from The Silk lounge

no longer being able to trade under
Mr Barnes' guidance.

I know that I will have no where else in
town where I would be accepted and feel
safe.

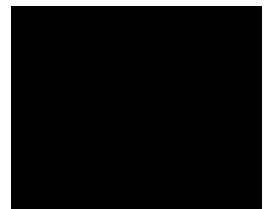
I am happy to be contacted if you have
any queries.

Yours,

Alasdair Graham

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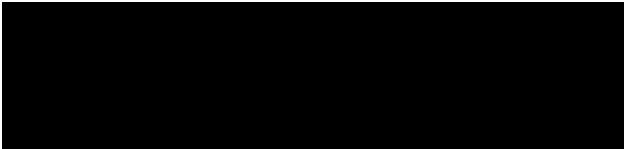
I am both a regular customer and a near neighbour, as can be seen from my address.

The applicant provides a venue which is welcoming and safe for all members of the community. I wish I could say the same for all night time venues in Bideford.

As I neighbour I can also say that noise nuisance and issues of anti-social behaviour do not arise from this venue.

I'm happy to be contacted if you have any queries.

Yours,



Philip Brocklehurst



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