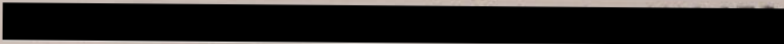


## DAVE MURPHY LTD



17<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Witness Statement of Mr Dave Murphy.

My name is Dave Murphy.

It is my company, Dave Murphy Ltd of which I am sole director that is the freeholder of The DUKES HEAD, 16 Highgate High St, London, N6 5JG.

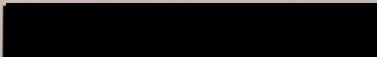
It has been my recent legal dispute with the previous tenant's, Martin Aberdeen and Tariq Nashnush of Dukes Head Highgate Ltd and their liquidation that has lead to this situation of a new premises licence application. I had granted a lease to DHHLtd in September 2013. I am regretful and apologetic for this.

The legal dispute has recently been resolved and settled in my favour and acceptance and granting of a new premises licence will finally put this incident behind me in terms of moving forward with the business and continued history of The Dukes Head, which historical records show as being an Inn/Pub since the mid to late 1800's.

My family have been custodian's of the building since 1983 on leasehold term's with myself purchasing the freehold in 2009. My father operated the bar during this period until his diagnosis of Vascular dementia in 2013. I have since cared for him in the flat above the pub more recently with 24/7 around the clock carer's in place. During this period and being the nearest flat to the pub, we have never had any issue with noise or disturbance except for the routine high street hustle and bustle of people and traffic, which is what you would expect living on a high street.

The Dukes Head has been a family run pub for it's entirety and continues to be, with Theo Hudson now the new leaseholder having re-opened the pub in July 2021 after it's closure due to lockdown in March 2020. Since his lease started, Theo, who is well known and respected has been a first class operator showing due diligence and understanding not only in the pub but the community as well.

The contents of this my statement are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.



DAVE MURPHY