

Mr Stephen Blanchard  
Spain

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Dear Sir,

REF: LICENCE REVIEW

I am writing this letter in support of the licence review which is currently in the process.

I understand that you have had some objections to the licence review. Namely from the owners of the Rubens Hotel, directly next door to the applicants.

I was the previous owner of the Mardi Gras Hotel, and my experience with the owners of Rubens, was a good one until as a business we became highly successful. When this happened, we became a target of harassment and victimisation, every department within the council that had power to inspect the premises was called for alleged discretions, which all were found to be invalid. A memorable moment was when the food standards agency was giving ratings for cleanliness. Our rating was 5 and next doors was a 4, we became a target again. I must add that the Rubens Hotel was one of the main reasons as to why we felt it necessary to leave our business, and I hope that they do not succeed with there actions to make another person feel this way.

I'm afraid you'll find that if this change is approved the Mardi Gras will only have more absurd claims of indiscretions.

I'm aware that I no longer live in Blackpool, but I felt it was necessary to place in writing my support and give you a background to my and the current owners issues.

Yours

Stephen Blanchard