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Dear Sir or Madam

Humble Grape, 1 St Brides Passage, London EC4Y 8EJ

I write in support of an application by the above premises to vary its licence to enable it to serve alcohol to patrons seated outside. As a corporate neighbour of the Humble Grape, we are very impressed by the quality of its clientele, especially in comparison to certain other local venues, and the ethos of its business.

It would be of great benefit for patrons to be able to sit outside on warm summer evenings and the area they propose seems to allow this without causing any obstructions to passing pedestrians or nuisance to adjacent companies. It is certainly more desirable than the situation which arose when the premises were previously occupied by the Press House, when patrons would gather in front of the entrance, which was both unsightly and obstructive. I have to say it would also be infinitely preferable to the current outdoor drinking arrangements for the Old Bell in Fleet Street, where patrons simply spill in to the narrow St Bride's Avenue and completely block it as a public thoroughfare.

I therefore wholeheartedly endorse the Humble Grape's plans and hope that you will be able to look favourably upon them.

Yours faithfully,
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