

## WITNESS STATEMENT OF CHRISTOPHER MAIRS

I Christopher Mairs of WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS: -

- 1. I am employed by Rochdale Boroughwide Housing as Neighbourhoods Services Lead. I have been employed in this capacity since 16th November 2020. I am also a local resident to Café Bar Eight 46, 846 Chester Road, Stretford, M32 0QJ.
- 2. My main duties in my day to day role is to manage a team of Neighbourhood Housing Officers and I also have overall management of the Enforcement Team. Part of my duties include reviewing cases of Anti-social behaviour and assisting colleagues with complex cases of Neighbour Nuisance/Noise and Anti-social behaviour.
- 3. I make this statement in support of Café Bar Eight 46.
- 4. As a resident who lives in close proximity to Café Bar Eight 46 and with my background of dealing with noise and anti social behaviour for approximately 23 years I can categorically state that I do not get disturbed by noise from Café Bar Eight 46.
- 5. I am also of the opinion that any noise emanating from Café Bar Eight 46 is general noise mainly associated with football fans passing on their way to and from football games at Old Trafford. I do not get disturbed by any noise from football fans and in my opinion the general noise I describe is not excessive and not at times of the day or evening that would be deemed as a statutory nuisance or cause a nuisance to others.
- 6. I am also of the opinion that when Café Bar Eight 46 is open to the general public not on matchdays I have not been disturbed by anyone entering or leaving the premises and I have never

been disturbed by any music or other noise in the evening or weekends when Café Bar Eight 46 is open.

7. I believe the facts stated in this Witness Statement are true.				
Signed				
Dated				
Christopher Mairs				
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To OLicensing  Ucersing Act 2003 - Premises Applications/Queries  Follow up. Start by 29 November 2023. Due by 29 November 2023. You replied to this message on 27/11/2023 0829.			Sat 25/11/202	3 11:13
To whomever may read this,				
I am writing in support of the above mentioned licence application for 846 Chester road, also known as cafe bar 846.				
As a patron of the bar now for the past 3 years it's offered much more than just somewhere to go for a quiet drink but rather more a community within a corhard work from little or no bar experience be hampered rather than encouraged, as we should be encouraging small business who want to trade in our area.			ame to see Gare	th's
I note the application is for the licence to be extended, I don't see how this can be an issue given the other establishments in the local vicinity that also cater hill pub, the railway, the bishops Blaize and also some eateries in the area that are open until 4/5am in Peter pans.			not only; the go	rse
As a regular patron of the bar of the past 3 years i can confidently say that I am yet to see an instance in the bar of any trouble and I'm sure that if you were thave required police presence, this should surely prove that the bar is being ran in a professional manner.	o check there	have also been	no incidents tha	at
It would be great to see the local council get behind a small business who's are trying to improve our area, even offer guidance and advice if there are are	as they see ca	ın be improved.		
I hope you take all of the above into account when reviewing this application and if there are any hearings or meetings regarding this then I would love th against.	e chance to a	ttend and hear a	all arguments fo	or and
Many thanks,				
Joe McAuley				
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To Ucensing  Licensing Art 2003 - Premises Applications/Queries			Mon 27/11/202	3 09:45
Tollow up. Start by 28 November 2023. Due by 28 November 2023. You replied to this message on 27/11/2023 14:43.				
Subject: Support for Proposed Licensing Changes for Cafebar Eight46				
Dear whoever it may concern.				
I am reaching out to express my full support for the proposed licensing changes for Cafebar Eight46.				
Having relocated to Stretford about eighteen months ago, Cafebar Eight46 has played an integral role in building my sense of belong	aina within	the communit	tv. Within a sh	nort
time, I've created more friendships at the bar than in any other place I've lived. I'm not alone in this sentiment; many other feel the sa within its walls.	-			
For many individuals living on their own, this bar represents an escape—a place where they can enjoy a quiet drink and engage in frie people who rely on the bar for companionship, alleviating their feelings of isolation.	endly conve	rsations. I per	sonally know	
Cafebar eight46 is more than a place for food and drink; it consistently gives back to the community. Recently over £250 was raised beloved regular. Also a day trip to Chester races was organised by the bar which brought together residents of Gorse Hill, allowing remorable shared experiences.				
Extending the license would enable the bar to continue its significant role within the Gorse Hill community. Sustaining its profitabilit the surrounding community. Moreover, it would allow the organization of further social events like quiz nights and karaoke, unifying				n for

genuinely appreciate your time in considering my input, and I sincerely hope that the decision made reflects the positive impact Cafebar eight46 has on our community.

Thank you for your attention.

Warm regards, Emma O'Connell

I am writing to say, I am in support of the licence extention for Cafe Bar 486. As a single female who has lived in Gorse Hill since 2015 I have found the bar somewhere I can go on my own. I always get a very varm welcome which has led to a number of new friendships, with fellow Gorse Hill neighbours who don't live on my own street.

From my personal point of view i dont feel I have other options within a reasonable walking distance; The Gorse, always smells of weed and people hanging about the entrance, ! The Railway is a members club and on the few occasions I have been in hasn't felt welcoming.

With the bar providing food this has given me an option of eating out without feeling like a leaper or a billy-no-mates.

I understand some comments have been made about antisocial behaviour due to the bar, this is find unbelievable as in the last 2 years of frequenting the bar I have never seen anything of the sort.

Gareth, Jan and all of the team are a credit to the sprit of our community and I know they supported a number of activities at the Church when raffle prizes have been needed.

If anyone would lime to speak with me I can be contacted on

Sinéad Renold

### Dear Ursula,

Many thanks for advising of the extension and my invitation to the hearing. However, I will be out of the country.

So I would like to add the following which as I'm sure will see is very personal to me and again why I'm in support of the application.

In August 2022 my father passed away in Ireland after a short but very painful illness, he was my world. While I was away I received some lovely words of support from those in the bar. In September I had to return to Manchester due to work and leave all of my family back in Ireland.

I was able to go in to the bar, share a drink or two without feeling I was being a burden to anyone. I don't think I would have coped anywhere near as much as I did without those whom I've met through the bar.

Neighbours who I wouldn't have known if the bar wasn't there, who I now class as friends.

# Kind regards

Sinéad





Good afternoon.

I would like to put in a positive submission regarding the request for extended licensing of cafe Bar846 on Chester Road .

I have lived in the area for 24 years now and have felt this has been a great addition to the community. Being a young professional when I moved here I never felt comfortable to attend the Gorse Hill public house due to its reputation and clientele. The railway has always been members only and again felt they population was not in the same age range at the time.

Now as a 49 year old woman I can honestly say I have met more people who live around me in the last 3 years than the previous 21 years. This has become the heart of the community where everyone looks out for each other . I feel confident to visit the bar on my own and know I will always be greeted with a friendly welcome

The team and customers are proud of the venue and treat and respect it as they would their own homes. With more and more young professionals moving to the area to avoid the housing prices in Chorlton and media city , this bar is an attractive opportunity for them

I feel it would be unfair to discriminate against this venue when the other not so lovely bars in the area which are all surrounded by residential homes are afforded a licence till the times requested.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to voice my feelings .

Sue Hargreaves





With regards to the above license number, I wanted to write to you today with some positive feedback for you to consider.

I have lived in Gorse Hill since 2009. Before Café Bar Eight 46 became my local, there was no where else in the neighbourhood that was as welcoming as this bar. The staff are amazing and work very hard to ensure the bar is a safe and friendly place for everyone, they will do anything for anyone, which they should be immensely proud of. I would never go into a bar on my own, but I do here as Gareth and his team are very welcoming and make walking in a bar for a woman on her own no issue at all. The atmosphere is amazing, and I am proud of this little bar being part of our community for all to enjoy. I have met many of members of Gorse Hill that I would never have met if it wasn't for this bar.

Many thanks





Hi

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to share my thoughts about Cafe Bar Eight46 and their application to extend their opening hours. I believe this is a fantastic opportunity for the

Having frequented Cafe Bar Eight46 for some time now, I've always been impressed with the welcoming atmosphere and the friendly staff. It's not just a bar; it's a hub for locals to unwind, catch up, and enjoy quality time together. The management has done an exceptional job in maintaining a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone.

One thing that stands out about Cafe Bar Eight46 is its uniqueness in the area. As the only community bar within close proximity, it plays a significant role in bringing people together. It's evident that they prioritize creating a space where people feel comfortable, respected, and part of something special. I have a lot more friends now as a result of going to the bar. I held a summer BBQ that was attended by my friends from the bar. The bar has helped support the Manchester marathon runners where I was singing outside as they passed by. I know they have also supported the church next door by providing food for events. I know also that people love the bar so much that they have asked to hold birthday parties at the bar. They have regular people that come on match day from all over the country which I think reflects on the nature of the bar.

I used to work at the Little B in Sale for over 10 years. I have experience of good bars. This is a good community bar and from my personal experiences there, I've never encountered any issues or disturbances. The team at Cafe Bar Eight46 ensures that everyone abides by the rules and respects the peace of the neighbourhood. I genuinely believe extending their hours could only enhance the community's social fabric.

Considering the positive impact this extension could have on the area, I wholeheartedly support Cafe Bar Eight46's application. Their responsible approach to managing the bar and their commitment to fostering a sense of community make them more than deserving of this opportunity.

Thanks for considering my perspective on this matter. If you have any further questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Regards Josh Green





(i) Follow up. Start by 27 November 2023. Due by 27 November 2023.

Good after licensing I hope you are all well, I email this to your good selves as I am referring to a relatively new bar that is only a 5 minute walk from where I live.BAR 846 gorsehill, I must tell you this that it's the most friendly loving bar that I have ever been lucky enough to participate in the lovely company. They welcome people into the bar and the staff and the chap that runs the bar GARETH/JAN take great pride in keeping the bar and surroundings of the bar very clean and tidy, it's a fantastic place to meet and greet new customers it's now become a very family kind of atmosphere and also a very safe place to be. They take great care in looking after the residents and while I have been going into the bar there's never been any trouble never have we ever had any POLICE there in fact I was talking to the local police and he was actually saying that it's great to have the bar here coz it can only improve STRETFORD/GORSEHILL for the community, and it is definitely heading that way in a very positive direction, let's hope that you are very understanding with my email the license number that I am referring to is PLO74156 many thanks Mr Graham Wright

Sent from Outlook for iOS





To whomever it may concern

I would like to put forward my support for the proposed change in licencing for Cafebar eight46.

From the moment I started to frequently visit the bar I have has nothing but positive experiences. The clientele is made up of couples and friendship groups who are happy to have a welcoming bar on their doorstep where they can socialise and interact with others. The bar has been a great way for me to meet my neighbours and build strong lasting friendships.

A good example of the type of people who have benefited from the bar was a regular called Rob. He started coming into the bar after a tough time in his life which had left him without many people to rely on and living on his own. In just over a year, he had firm friends who he knew he could rely on from the bar. When Rob was unwell, it was the regulars of the bar that looked in on him making sure he had what he needed. Sadly, Rob passed away recently but the bar was a place he could go to for company and friendship, as it will continue to do so for others.

The change in hours will allow the bar to continue to thrive and be an important part of the Gorse Hill community.

Kind regards

Graham





Hi My name is Jackie Waghorn-Cosgrave and I am the Licensee of the LMRCA Stretford Rilway Club at 837 - 839 Chester Road Stretford M32 )RN. I have been licensee here for 27 years and am proud to say we run a great community club adding to the offerings of Gorse Hill and Stretford.

I am aware that Gareth Langmead has submitted an application for his establishment, Cafe Bar Eight46 and i would like to add my support to this. Gareth runs a good little community pub, we both work together as licensees and help each other where we can as communities should do. We share many of the same customers and its great that they have a variety of places to eat and drink outside of Stretford Strip. As you are aware match days are extremely bust periods for us, its our bread and butter and as much as we love having a busy bar we simply cannot cope with the sheer volume of supporters wanting a pre match drink, especially now that the Greatstone Hotel with its underground bar and the Chester Hotel have ceased trading their is a demand for places for people to go, so it was great news that Gareth is planning on having the Fans Zone to help alleviate the pressure on the few bars that are remaining, and most importantly stops supporters from drinking in the streets.

Cafe Eight46 is a quaint little bistro bar, something that Stretford has been crying out for. For too long we in Gorse Hill have been lacking behind Chorlton and Didsbury ( and Stretford Strip) for little cosy bars where frinds can meet for a quiet drink.

I really hope this helps in supporting Gareth, Licensees have been through enough during Covid lock down and need all the help that the licening officers can to assist us in providing social places for the community.

Regards Jackie Waghorn Cosgrave



Subject: Supporting Extended Hours for Cafe Bar 846

#### Good evening

We hope this email finds you well. We are writing to express our strong support for granting a later license to the Cafe Bar 846. As active members of our community, we believe extending the operating hours of this establishment would have numerous positive effects on our neighborhood.

The Cafe Bar 846 has been a cornerstone of our community, providing a welcoming environment for residents to socialise and connect. Granting a later license would not only enhance the overall experience for customers but also contribute to the vibrant and inclusive atmosphere that makes our community special.

Extended hours at The Cafe Bar 846 could further stimulate the local economy by attracting more outstoemers, fostering a thriving nightlife, and potentially creating job opportunities for residents. Moreover, it offers an additional venue for community events and gatherings, contributing to the overall sense of community cohesion.

We understand the importance of responsible alcohol consumption and trust that The Cafe Bar 846 will continue to uphold the necessary regulations and standards. The positive impact on community engagement and the potential economic benefits make the case for extending the pub's operating hours a compelling one.

Several neighboring pubs in the area currently operate with later opening times, and extending the hours at The Cafe Bar 846 would create a more level playing field, fostering healthy competition. This adjustment would not only meet the expectations of Customers seeking later-night options but also bring The Cafe Bar 846 in line with the evolving trends in our community's social scene. Furthermore, harmonising the licensing hours among local pubs can contribute to a more balanced and distributed flow of customers throughout the evening, reducing the likelihood of congestion during peak hours. This, in turn, promotes a safer and more enjoyable social environment for everyone.

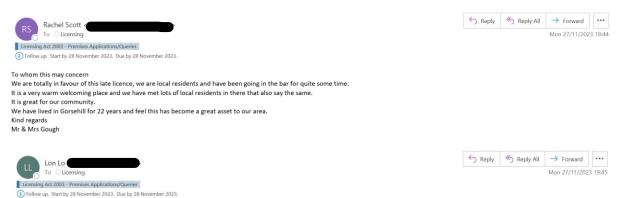
One of the standout features of this pub is its exceptionally friendly staff, and the welcoming atmosphere they cultivate contributes significantly to the sense of safety feel.

The staff at The Cafe Bar 846 consistently go above and beyond to create a warm and inclusive environment. Their friendliness and professionalism contribute greatly to the positive experiences of customers, making it a social hub where community members can greather comfortably. The dedication of the staff to customer satisfaction fosters a sense of community and camaraderie that is truly special.

We have always felt a strong sense of safety when visiting The Cafe Bar 846. The attentiveness of the staff, coupled with the establishment's commitment to maintaining a secure environment, has created a space where customers can relax and enjoy their time responsibly. This commitment to safety is a testament to the management's values and contributes to The cafe Bar 846 being a trusted venue in our community.

We sincerely hope you will consider this request favorably, as it aligns with the values and aspirations of our community. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Best regards,

Mr and Mrs Kavanagh



## To whom it may concern

I would like to submit my comments for consideration as part of the license application PL074156. I appreciate this is after the deadline, however I understand that late comments can be submitted for the sub committe meeting.

I have visited Cafe Bar 846 a number of times over the past 18 months. It is a friendly, welcoming and inclusive venue which is a credit to the community it serves. The owner and staff are friendly, happy to help and go that extra mile. This is demonstrated by their expanding customer based. It is venue where families feel welcomed and safe to visit. As somewhere which serves the community many people also go to the venue on their own knowing that it is somewhere where there will be someone to have a friendly chat to. The bar regulars come from all different backgrounds and occupations, yet when the bar is open it feels like a family gathering.

Extending the opening hours will only allow the business to thrive further. Whilst I appreciate concerns that residents in the immediate area may have concerns over late night noise I feel it should be noted that the venues visitors are usually respectful when leaving bar. I have been in the venue on "match days" when the bar is very busy. During this time I have witnessed the staff to be professional and diligent in ensuring the outdoor areas are kept clean and tidy. They also regularly remind customers to be respect of the local area. I have not witnessed any issue in the bar that I believe would cause concern for the authorities.





Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my support for Cafe Eight46's recent licensing application.

We are a family local to Gorse Hill and have lived here for 20 years. This bar has allowed us to meet a whole community of local people we never would have met before and not just myself and my husband but as a family, when we take out children in for an early mid-week dinner. The bar feels safe and community driven it allows us to socialise close to home in a reasonably priced establishment, meaning it is financially attractive in addition to spending time with other patrons. I would like to reiterate that I have never felt anything other than safe and welcomed there, it's small community look out for and take care of each other.

To confirm, please use this email as an account of my support for this application

Kind regard:

Karen Welsh



Hi.

My name is Rory Sullivan I am a regular to the cafe bar 846 and would like show support for a local business. It's a great place for everyone in the area to go socially and enjoy themselves. They deserve a chance here to thrive.

Kind regards

Rory



To whom it may concern,

I cannot believe I am actually writing this; it's come to my attention that you have received several anonymous emails with all sorts of complaints regarding the bar all of which I can 100% confirm are lies. I think it's unbelievable that a local resident was going to become a partner in bar and as soon as it fell through this vendetta started, I am not only a local resident but also I am admin for amazing Gorsehill alleys. I did enquire about 3 years ago if the residents who live on shared alley same one as bar wanted too join in our group but they would not because of problems with fans using their alley as a toilet, recently several residents have contacted me very impressed that Gareth had not only set up fan zone but also two urinals at side of pub which had stopped this and were so annoyed that Trafford Council had closed both and now they are back to same problem. Myself and my family have been going into bar for probably about two years I have never seen an argument or anyone taking drugs and was totally shocked that a weapon had been mentioned. I have worked on major trauma ward at MRI for nearly 30 years so like to relax in a nice family run bar which I can assure you is cafe bar 846 and there amazing staff. My Sister is a Mcmillian nurse and often will visit bar and meet some of her colleagues who were also shocked to hear what's been going on and cannot believe that any of the reports the council have received can be backed up, also If its such a rowdy bar why are the police never in attendance. Even the hairdressers next door thats been a part of our community for over 20 years feels council have caused more problems closing fan zone as now where are fans going to go??

I would appreciate a reply.

Kinds regards

Gillian Haworth