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THE ANGEL, LAVENHAM

Dear Licencing Committee members,

I was very surprised to see the official challenge to the licensee of the Angel in Lavenham.

We have lived in Lavenham and a nearby village for more than 20 years and been regular customers at the Angel.

In the last couple of years, under the current licensee, it has been considerably improved and once again established itself as a friendly, safe and popular meeting place for locals.

It is particularly well-run, the staff are efficient and helpful and I have never witnessed any problems either between staff or between customers.

So suggestions that the Angel has become the scene of "serious crime and serious disorder" have come as rather a shock - I have never witnessed any trouble or anti-social behaviour of any kind.

There will be tears and laughter of course – it hosts pre-wedding parties and post-funeral wakes – but I find the suggestion that it has turned into a den of crime quite extraordinary.

I repeat that in two decades, I have never seen or experienced any kind of trouble and certainly nothing that suggests it has suddenly become the scene of "crime and disorder."

I have absolutely no hesitation about continuing using the Angel with my children - and very young grand-children.

The current landlord has transformed the pub from its former moribund state into a popular village venue - and "serious crime and serious disorder" are not descriptions I recognise in relation to Lavenham's Angel.

yours faithfully

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