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Alan

Further to our discussion, it is extremely unlikely that the external bar will result in an intensification of the use of the outdoor area and that it will draw additional customers to the premises. This is not Greene Kings experience from the various external bars that are already operating. Many of them were operating and were put in before the current pandemic.

The purpose of them is largely 'customer convenience'. Basically, instead of having to walk inside to get a second drink, customers can walk a shorter distance to an external bar. The structures also tend to serve snacks.

During the current Covid pandemic they have certainly served a second and extremely important function, which is enabling customers to purchase drinks and snack without having to go inside the pub where there is an increased Covid risk. It is also certainly the case that those premises that already had external bars have done better following the reopening of the hospitality sector than those that didn't and hence there is a drive to put them in wherever possible. The sector doesn't believe the pandemic is going to go away anytime soon or that customer behaviour (i.e

preference for out doors where possible) is going to change. Hence they have now become incredibly important to premises trying to survive the pandemic.

I understand the potential concerns about intensification, however it is not in my view a relevant consideration given the area is a lawful outside drinking area and can be covered in tables and chairs. However, I get it and it is on that basis that I do not think a 3 yr temporary consent is unreasonable. This gives comfort that if it causes serious issues (which I don't think it will) that it would not be in place permanently. It hopefully (fingers crossed) sees us through the pandemic. Finally, it puts the landlord and tenant under a certain amount of pressure to make sure the bar doesn't cause any issues. Knowing what I know about environmental health legislation, even with planning permission, if it were so bad and caused such a nuisance to residents then notwithstanding the temporary planning permission, environmental health could I am sure take action to control it under other legalisation.

Hope that assists.

Kind regards
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