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Subject: Santa Clara Public House

To Whom it may concern,

We are aware of the review of the license for the Santa Clara Pub in St Clears after what appears to be a massive error of judgement by the landlord in the early days of lockdown. Although we don't in any way condone what apparently happened, we feel that taking away the central hub of the Lower St Clears community would be detrimental to many many lives.

We have lived in Lower St Clears for the last 8 years, and the Santa has become the perfect hub for the residents here. A place where the young and old alike have the opportunity to meet and interact and the only source of companionship for many single and more vulnerable members of this community. We have no other shops or meeting places at this end of St Clears, and many people rely on this as a much needed lifeline. Lower St Clears has a much quieter and more sedate pace of life than Upper St Clears and we enjoy the sense of community that we have here and we fear that this could be lost forever if the Santa Clara were to be taken away.

Richard Pearce has always been a pillar of the community, involved and indeed instigating many fundraising and community based activities and we are obviously surprised by his error of judgment in this instance, but don't believe that this should epitomise or define his standing in this very tight knit community. We hope that you

will show leniency and understand how much that all of us in Lower St  
Clears either rely on or appreciate what the Santa Clara and indeed  
Richard Pearce bring to our collective lives.

We hope that as upstanding members of this hard working community you  
take into consideration our views in this matter.

Kind regards

Yours faithfully

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