

**Statement in support of planning application 19/01961/FUL – The
Vine PH, Vine Street, Great Bardfield, Essex CM7 4SR**

I would first of all like to thank the Committee for giving us the opportunity to provide comment in support of this application.

The application is regarding the retrospective permission for an outside bar to support the existing business and fully utilise the outside garden area, thus increasing the available selling space.

The applicant is my Uncle, and when he asked for my opinion, I offered my assistance and in the first instance liaised with the Designated Planning Officer.

I noted the objection from the Great Bardfield Parish Council and it is regrettable that my Uncle was unaware that engagement with the Parish Council would have likely been proactive, and any concerns that they had, could have been addressed at the time.

The rationale behind the introduction of an outside bar area was, that during the more clement months of the year, the garden area is well used by patrons and in order to effectively serve this additional area, thus essentially increasing the area of available selling space and provide the much needed income within a business sector that is under increasing pressure and it is now, with the current pandemic, that the outside area will encourage the recommended social distancing measures and would be considered a huge asset that warrants ongoing investment into a community asset.

The applicant is content with the imposition of a condition regarding time restrictions in association with the outside bar use as this is very much in line with their consideration of their neighbours.

I would like to thank the committee again for permitting this statement.

Teresa Walker