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12 May 1999

MR. E. TAVERNA
Director
Trattoo Restaurant
2 Abingdon Road
London W8 6AF

Dear Mr. Taverna,

I readily support your application to extend the space on top of the Trattoo Restaurant.

I have always thought of how well you use the small space available to you to accommodate so many customers. I marvel at the number of local residents and visitors from abroad who come to Trattoo almost on a regular basis.

If I can be of any further help with this matter, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Proceed and prosper!

Yours sincerely,

THE VERY REV. CANON ADRIAN F. ARROWSMITH
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Dear Ermanno

TRATTOO RESTAURANT EXTENSION

Thank you for your letter of 10th May setting out in brief your proposals. As a near neighbour and customer I whole heartedly support your application for planning permission.

I wish you every success with this project.

Yours sincerely



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14 May 1999

Dear Mr Taverna

Thank you for your letter of 10 May referring to your planning difficulties with the local authority.

Let me assure you that you have both my personal sympathy and support, and that of my company, in your attempts to improve your property and the conditions for your staff.

Although I was not aware of your planning application, I am familiar with your restaurant and the building. The recessed mansard window you describe would seem to be wholly in keeping with the character of the building and would obviously allow you to make better use of your roofspace for the benefit of your staff accommodation.

As for the possibility of your success allowing others to do the same, I think you may be a little optimistic. My experience of planning authorities is that precedents count for nothing and "each case is decided on its merits" even in a terrace of (originally) identical buildings..

Best wishes and good luck

Yours sincerely,

Jo Underhill

Jo Underhill
Managing Director



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17 May 1999

Dear Mr Taverna

Thank you for your letter of the 10th May from which I was very sorry to learn of the difficulties which you are experiencing in obtaining Planning Permission to develop, albeit modestly, your Restaurant.

It is, indeed, unfortunate that you are, as a result, unable to develop your family Business and Restaurant, particularly as your excellent staff will also benefit from the development. As you are, no doubt, aware I have a high regard for your Restaurant, both in terms of quality of food and service and I hope the Borough Planning Department will be able to assist you with your plans which will benefit your customers also.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

A Milne
Manager

Our Ref. , L/AM/5505/TAVER/SP



Hotel Russell
In historic Bloomsbury

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18 May 1999

The Planning Officer
Kensington & Chelsea Town Hall
Horton Street
London W8

Dear Sirs,

RE: Planning Application - Trattoo Restaurant, 2 Abingdon Road

Having just moved from Kensington as the Chairman of the Kensington High Street Association. I would like to endorse my personal views in support of this planning application.

This very successful restaurant does require extra space primarily for the benefit of the staff and I do hope you will look favourably on this application.

I look forward to hearing the outcome of this application.

Yours faithfully

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From: Mrs Barbara Longford
P.A. to the Leader of the Council

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19th May, 1999

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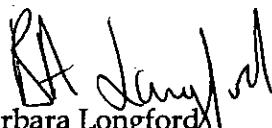
Mr E. Taverna,
Director,
Tratoo Restaurant,
2 Abingdon Road,
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Dear Mr Taverna,

I should like to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 10th May about planning permission to develop space on top of your restaurant.

Councillor Mrs Hanham is looking into this matter and will write to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,


Barbara Longford
P.A. to the Leader

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From Sir Glen Kerlie
36 Abingdon Rd. W8 6AS
19 May 99

Dear Mr. Tansman

Thank you for your letter of 13 May. Occasionally I cannot express a view about the architectural or other merits of your Planning Application relating to your Trotter Restaurant

However, I ~~am~~ gladly record that, as local residents, my wife and I use your restaurant fairly regularly. You provide us with a useful amenity

at reasonable prices. I should be very sorry if the Trotter Restaurant were to be forced out of business by planning regulations. Please feel free to use this letter in connection with your Planning Application: not for any other purpose.

Good luck

Yours sincerely
Glen Kerlie

To E. Tansman Esq
Trotter Restaurant

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DEAN MR TAUKANA,

I AM AWARE OF
YOUR PLANNING APPLICATION,
SO I AM WRITING TO OFFER
MY FULL SUPPORT.

Good Luck

SINCERELY

Michael Owens.

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Mr E Taverna
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19 May 1999

Dear Mr Taverna

MANSARD PLANNING APPLICATION AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS

Further to our conversation regarding the above I fully support your application "especially" as you do not intend to extend your Restaurant seating capacity in competition with us.

I understand that you would do this principally to improve your male and female facilities which I thing is a very commendable proposal as it will improve also your health and safety requirements.

Further as you are proposing to take advantage of the dept of your valley roof the recessed mansard will improve also the property and be hardly visible from our road.

I therefore wish you the best of luck with a planning department that is so reluctant to move with the requirements of our times

Yours Sincerely

HANI KHALIFE
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Mr E Taverna
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19 May 1999

Dear Mr. Taverna -

Thank you so much for your welcome letter of 18 May, describing your most imaginative and discreet plan to extend the space on top of your delightful Trattoo Restaurant, for the benefit of your staff.

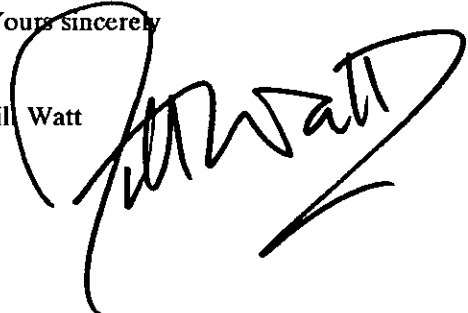
This sounds a wonderful proposal, adding to the amenities of the best, most hospitable restaurant in our area, and designed in a way which will not interfere at all with the attractive appearance of Abingdon Road.

I do hope your application for planning permission will be successful, and look forward to remaining an appreciative customer of my favourite local restaurant for many years to come!

With all very best good wishes -

Yours sincerely

Jill Watt





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21st May 1999

Dear Elimano,

Thank you for your letter dated 10th May 1999.

As a customer of the Trattoo Restaurant I would support your plans for expansion. From what you describe the changes will not be on a large scale and if done in good taste would add something to Abingdon Road.

I hope your planning is granted and I look forward to dining in the near future.

Yours Sincerely

Mr. Emyr Jones
General Manager

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Date: 24 May 1999

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Your letter of 10th May is only just to hand as I am no longer resident in London (address, etc above), so I hope this is not too late for you.

As a former Chairman of the RBKC Planning Committee I know it is pointless to speak or write in support of a project where I have not studied it on the ground in detail against the background of Planning practice and precedent.

That said, I am more than happy to say that TRATTOC is one of the best, and best run, restaurants in Kensington, with a devoted following; and that if it is possible to extend the premises through exploiting the concealed (from the street) valley and with a recessed mantard, then I think the proposal is a deserving one.

If you could keep me informed on your Planning Officers' view, I would also be happy to advise you on an informal personal basis of how best to present your case; or how far you might have to compromise to gain Planning consent. At present I have no idea of the Planning Departments' view. Let me know and I would try to look in when I am next in London.

With best regards

Desmond HARNEY

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25 May 1999

Dear Ermanno

Your plan to build a mansard extension has our unqualified support as your generous inclusion of our premises in the planning application amply demonstrates. Both our businesses would gain much needed space, and the appearance of the buildings would actually be improved.

I hope the Council will approve our application without further delay.

Yours sincerely

A J Macdonald

A J Macdonald

Mrs S Ferrand
45 Abingdon Road
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The Director
Trattoo Restaurant
2 Abingdon Road
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26th May 1999

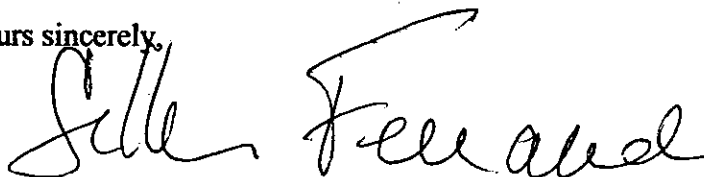
Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to support your Planning Application to increase the size of your property at 2 Abingdon Rd, W8, especially as you do not intend to extend the Restaurant, which would spoil its charm, but you spend money not for profit but as you say mostly to improve some office space and staff facilities which I find very commendable indeed.

I have been coming to Trattoo for over 25 years and I know that you need this extra space very badly especially, as you informed me, since you lost your staff facilities and half of your kitchen space in the basement.

I support your application without reservation and I wish you and your staff good luck always.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Ferrand.

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BROADWATER HOUSE, SHERBORNE,
CHELTENHAM, GL54 3DR

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27th May 1999

Dear Mr Taverna,

As a patron of Trattoria over several years, I rank it as my favourite restaurant in Kennington — for its pasta cooking, its service ... and its value for money.

I gather you now wish to make changes to the building so as to improve facilities for your staff as these have become very restricted since you lost the use of an adjoining premises. And I understand you wish to make use of the valley in your roof for this purpose — but not to increase the heating capacity of the

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restaurant itself.

I also understand from you that the proposed roof additions will scarcely be visible at street level and that there are precedents nearby for other roof additions on the same side of the street. And furthermore that you are as keen as anyone to preserve the original appearance of Abernighan Road, but do not believe that in fact your proposal will mar it, certainly not for the great majority of observers.

For these reasons I hope you succeed in your forthcoming application for Planning Permission.

Yours sincerely,

Desmond Harney

(DESMOND HARNEY)

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To the Chairman

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Dear Mr Taverner,

It was good to see you on Tuesday. When I got home I looked from my window & can see some of the roofs in Avington Road, & think your idea worst improve the view!

I have written a letter which might help, though worst than written better ones.

Please feel free to do anything you like with them after you read them. I wish you good luck

Yours sincerely

Robt. G. Siskel

Dear Sir or Madam,

I was surprised to hear from Mr Taverner of Trottos 2 Avington Road that he has still not heard from your department the answer to his application (first made in August 1997 and followed up this year) to improve his premises using the valley roof of his building.

My best regards pass of Avington Road, but not the roof of Trottos as it is obscured by the building opposite, in Avington Road.

I personally have no objection and it may even be an improvement, and certainly in keeping with the other buildings in Avington Road

Yours sincerely

Robt. G. Siskel

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POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

30 May 1999

Dear Mr Taverna,

Thank you for your letter. I have delayed answering it as it is a convention of the Royal Borough that the Mayor must not get involved in matters of ordinary council business. Now that I have left office, I have been appointed again to the planning committee. As such, I am not allowed to make any prejudgement of an application, in case I sit at the committee (on which I sit on a rota basis) that determines the application. You should know however, that I take the strongest notice of the views of my local residents and businesses in determining my own position on any application.

If you find that I am not on the committee, scheduled to hear this application, then ring me on 0171 937 2203 and I will give urgent written evidence to the committee then sitting.

Yours sincerely,

0207 834 6969
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Cllr Dr. Jonathan Munday

N.B. DR MUNDAY ^{WAS} ON BOTH PLANNING COMMITTEES AND VERBALLY SUPPORTED BOTH APPLICATION TO NO AVAIL ...

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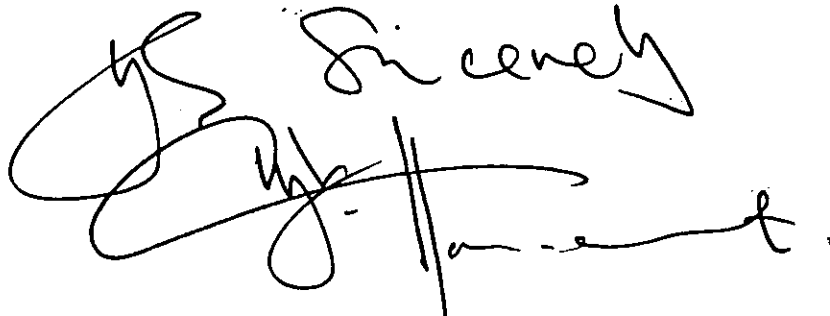
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3 June 1999

Dear Mr Taverna,

Thank you for your letter addressed to Felicity Swan regarding an extension to your restaurant.

As staff from Associated Newspapers regularly dine at various restaurants in the Kensington area, we are always happy to support businesses seeking to expand their amenities. If you were able to accommodate more clients in your restaurant, I am sure that would be most beneficial and I wish you every success.

Sincerely,




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Mr E Taverna
Director
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8 July 1999

Dear Mr Taverna

PLANNING APPLICATION

My apologies for the delay in responding to your letter of 10 May 1999 regarding your application for planning consent to extend the Trattoo Restaurant.

I am only too happy to support your application as a fellow High Street Association member. I am sure the extension will blend in with the individual character of many of the surrounding properties. The development of properties from original design, is a characteristic of the High Street and its immediate environs and in part adds to the distinctiveness of the area.

If as you say, you have the support of the business close by, it is to be hoped that the Royal Borough as the planning authority accepts that planning consent should be granted.

Yours sincerely

Paul Kennedy
Administrative & Commercial Director

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TRAILFINDERS

THE TRAVEL EXPERTS

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23 August 1999

Mr E Taverna
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Dear Mr Taverna

Thank you for your letter and plans regarding the proposed works you wish to undertake to improve your staff and office facilities at number 2 Abingdon Road.

We agree that it gets to a stage when developments have to take place in order to bring businesses into the 21st century. I have looked at the plans and also walked the perimeter of the building and can assure you that Trailfinders are in full agreement with your proposed works.

I hope this letter will assist with your application especially considering that Trailfinders now own 6 of the 12 freehold properties on the southside of Abingdon Road.

If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Lucy Powell

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11th May 2000

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Dear Mr Sargent

RE: PLANNING APPLICATION REF NO: /PP/99/02518
TRATTOO RESTAURANT, 2 ABINGDON ROAD, LONDON, W8 6AF

I refer to the planning meeting which took place on 9th May 2000. I am very sad indeed to inform you that after we waited all this time since we presented the first planning application for the above in August 1997. After we reduced the proposed mansard length by 1500mm and the height by 700mm overall on the original design as advised by the planners.

Prior to this I met with the planners who agreed that the construction would not be visible from the property's front and by taking advantage of 1500mm of the London Valley Roof, only little visible far away from the side. Mr Derek Taylor, Planning Officer, did NOT support us or keep impartial as promised during the hearing, he simply suggested refusal and it was REFUSED FOR THE SECOND TIME regardless on Tuesday 09/05/2000.

This in spite of no objections from anyone but with the support both verbal and written from our neighbours (see letters enclosed) and others including: local Councillors, ex Kensington Mayors (like Dr Munday) and even a chairman of the Planning Committee (Councillor Phelps) who unofficially said to me, (off the record of course) but in front of our Bank Managers that we have the right to improve our properties.

The planning committee agreed that ours is not a listed building, it is not on the High Street, and confirmed that it is a valued Family Business that needs the extra space very badly in order to compete with the large companies. I felt that at 11:00 p.m. members of the Planning Committee were too tired to argue with Councillor Stuart Shapro who started a virulent opposition on the grounds that the roof line of these terraced houses from No 2 to No 14 cannot be broken and our application was not given a fair enough consideration.

However roof lines have been broken and violated hundreds of times all over the borough, please see some of the pictures we have taken only within a quarter of a mile south from us and that I suggest you enclose in our appeal to the Inspector from the

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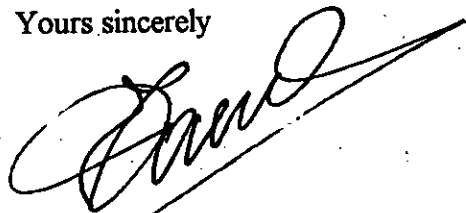
Department of the Environment for even Mr D Taylor said that if planning permission was refused we would get it on appeal.

During the same session an Iranian Group won the right to build twenty flats with a cultural centre in London which I believe is good for them and the community. However their application No 98/00374077 was virulently opposed by the same Councillor Stuart Shapro who said that as a Jewish person, he felt that the Iranians could not contribute to London and would not be welcome in South West Kensington.

This was a purely **RACIST** attack and on the face of all the evidence of hundreds of mansards within the borough, my family and I, therefore being Italian, cannot help feeling that our two refusals are also purely **RACIAL**.

PLEASE APPEAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE for we are desperate to reduce our staff turnover, keep and organise our staff and save our Family Business, it is not correct to put people first??? before ancient seemily amputated roof lines as many people around here have done already??? or are planners a law on to themselves as many people say???

Yours sincerely



E. Taverna (Director)

On Behalf of TRATTOO Restaurants customers and staff.

PS On a subsequent telephone conversation on Thursday 11th May 2000 with Mr Derek Taylor, the Planning Officer, concerned I expressed my sadness and polite disappointment with him about the planning refusal and I politely argued that at 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday 9th May 2000, the committee were too tired to grant our case a fair hearing and that it seems that policies are more important than peoples vital needs, Mr Taylor said that policies are made to serve the people and I again politely said that in our case these were NOT so.

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Councillor Barry Phelps Esq.
Chairman Planning Committee
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23rd August 1999

Dear Sir

As you may know I have, with the support of my nearest neighbours, including Canning School at No.4 & 6 Abingdon Rd, applied to the Planning Department for an extension of space on top of our Trattoo Restaurant at No.2 Abingdon Rd by way of a recessed mansard and by taking advantage of our valley roof, 6 foot deep, HARDLY VISIBLE FROM OUR ROAD.

I have explained to the planning officers concerned that we are desperately short of space and that we would like to improve our amenities NOT TO INCREASE THE COVERS AT THE RESTAURANT but mostly for the benefit of our male & female staff, also with an adequate rest room and showers as required by health and safety legislation. Bring our family business in to the 21st Century and add value to our property which if permitted everyone in the road may be able to do the same and thereby as suggested, by all concerned add beauty and uniformity in line with the higher properties at each end of our road.

Although my first application has been under consideration since I presented it in August 1997, the planning officers were not able at first to make recommendations but recently I learned that they will recommend refusal. Further to my last request, for a decision of Friday 7th of May 1999, the planners suggested that if I benefitted from letters of support from our customers and neighbours which I now enclose, planning permission might be granted.

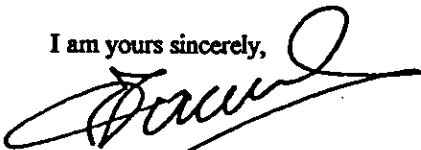
I apologise for imposing upon you this way and I would be extremely grateful if you would kindly consider that more space is VITAL for us to continue our family business and the employment of some 15 members of our loyal staff working split duties up to midnight and badly need somewhere to shower in summer and somewhere adequate to rest in winter during their afternoon breaks. This especially since we lost our staff facilities and 50% of our kitchen space which was situated in the basement of No 4 Abingdon Road and requested back by the Landlord.

The re-organisation of this new space would enable us to update our business in Kensington in line with the latest formidable competition (including the planned development at White City with 3000 car parking spaces on the way) and continue to provide a personal service to Tourism and the local community as we have honestly & professionally done for the last 30 years. **I REPEAT THERE IS NO INTENTION TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE RESTAURANT OR SEATING AREA ITSELF.**

Your kind consideration would be much appreciated

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am yours sincerely,



E TAVERNA
Director on behalf of Trattoo Restaurant, staff and customers.

NB: Please note that many mansards already exist nearby as follows:
Two at No.27 & 29 Abingdon Road, five in Cope Place, one at Scarsdale Villas and Allen Street corner, several in Stratford Road and several in Lexham Mews, (to mention but a few).

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Dear Ermanno

I was sorry to learn that the Council had refused permission to build a mansard extension on 2-6 Abingdon Road, and I very much hope your appeal will be successful. Both our businesses really need the space and there can be no question of spoiling the appearance of the building. In our opinion it would be improved. I can see no reason why your application should be refused.

All the best

Yours sincerely



A J Macdonald