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Address of Development: DMD Design, Lower Lane, Longridge

Comments: My name [REDACTED] I am [REDACTED] I [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] throughout the UK and Europe.

I very much enjoyed [REDACTED] DMD Design through the winter months, especially around Christmas time, where shoppers enjoyed browsing the shop and having a festive drink. With the cost of living crisis [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I became [REDACTED] Diane Despard at DMD.

DMD Design is a lovely place for the community to come together. The fire is always lit, and the kettle is always on, with a kind ear close by to listen to your worries over a coffee. DMD has brought people together from different walks of life in the town, an important factor in a world affected by division and hate. DMD has been the canvas that allowed great ideas to be shared between business owners, musicians, entrepreneurs, builders, teachers... people of all walks of life. It's been a place that has allowed our town to grow.

DMD Design was wonderful for [REDACTED] It was the starting point [REDACTED] who [REDACTED] and now [REDACTED] throughout the UK. [REDACTED] in that pleasant, quiet, relaxed, cosy little shop, [REDACTED] shoppers as they walk around browsing a selection of beautiful artworks and decorations, many of which are supplied by local people in our town.

DMD was incredibly strict about the closing times as to adhere by planning rules. I find it absolutely disgusting that a hardworking woman can have her business destroyed when the rules have been stuck to so stringently. The staff at DMD would regularly carry out a volume check, normally every 30 minutes or so. This would involve a member of staff checking that the music was not being turned up, including walking outside the building and standing across the road to ensure there was no noise that would disturb their neighbours.

The closure of DMD has had a negative impact on the lives of many local people. Suppliers have now lost orders, staff have lost jobs and locals have lost their peaceful hub where everyone was welcomed and nobody was judged. The granting of a license would benefit our local community hugely. All the positive things mentioned above are absent. I trust that you appreciate the benefit the granting of a licence will have for local commerce/trade and bringing people into Longridge from out of town and beyond the Ribble Valley.