

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the application put forward. My name is Louise Clarke and I am on the equality focus group at AFC Bournemouth, founder of Proud Cherries and a trustee for Bourne Free (Bournemouth Pride). I have been a part of Bournemouth's LGBT+ community for 25 years and I'm very passionate about making sure it thrives.

I think we are crying out for more LGBT+ venues and that they are available in a similar fashion to other venues in other parts of the town. I have met up with William on several occasions to help assist where needed with the club. I have been very impressed with his attitude, professionalism and the want to improve the community within the area.

I believe it is a particularly safe environment with a large amount of CCTV and security staff. There is even a welfare room, which I personally haven't ever seen in another venue.

A lot of effort and thought has gone into this venue and it could be a massive asset to the LGBT+ community.

I also think opening later would be very beneficial to the community with a safe space to socialise within.

Kind Regards,

Louise Clarke