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Hi David, please find attached the reference from Cllr Jane Mudd.

Regards

Fran

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FAO - Chair and members, CCBC Licensing Committee

Good afternoon colleagues

I would like to share some information with you regarding the above application which may help you in your deliberations.

As you may be aware from the application this business is relocating to 6 Clive Street, Caerphilly from Charles Street in Newport. Whilst this is a loss to Newport I am delighted that Fran is now in a position to take her next steps in terms of establishing and growing her business in Caerphilly. Geshmak has been a very popular independent restaurant here in Newport and I am sure that the experience will be similar in Caerphilly.

I have followed Fran's culinary career with interest, for quite some time, from her appearance on Master Chef to her start up in Barnabas Arts House and on to her own business Geshmak. She is a talented and accomplished chef and her restaurant offer is outstanding. She has held a license in Newport and there were no issues with this.

Whilst Newport's loss is Caerphilly's gain, I certainly have no hesitation in recommending her application to you. Geshmak is a stable business and Fran is a very responsible owner.

Although I write to you in a personal capacity I would add that in my professional capacity, as Leader of Newport City Council, am delighted to see one of our independent businesses grow and flourish, albeit in a neighbouring local authority area. Geshmak will be a strong addition to the independent offer in Caerphilly. Should you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

Jane Mudd