

# MAGDALA TAVERN GRANTED A LICENCE TO RE-OPEN



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**South Hill Park's Magdala Tavern was granted a licence on Thursday to re-open: potentially bringing an end to the community's battle to re-open this beloved local community asset.**

Residents played a key role in providing feedback, including via **South Hillsiders**, on the application: backing the pub re-opening, while providing constructive criticism that the pub used to amend its application for the better. **As a result, the pub is now aiming to re-open before Christmas.**

Local councillor **Maria Higson** spoke on residents' behalf: detailing their concerns and requests, and expressing her gratitude for the applicant's extensive engagement.

The chair of the hearing called the applicant's engagement **'a breath of fresh air'** and said, "This is an **exemplary application**, where **the applicant has gone above and beyond** to come to an agreement with the neighbours."

Another member of the hearing noted, "This is a long-term community pub, and I note the **widespread support of local residents**, as expressed by **conscientious ward councillors.**"

The **South End Green Association** campaigned to get the pub granted status as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). Camden Council cited this as the main reason to reject an application in March to convert the pub's upper floor into flats: which could have made the pub unviable.

Fellow local councillor **Oliver Cooper** wrote a detailed letter backing the **Hampstead Forum's** request for his invaluable ACV status to be renewed. He wrote about this status in this week's Ham & High (read at <http://bit.ly/MagdalaHamHigh>)



Cllr Higson presenting to Thursday's licensing hearing on behalf of residents



Cllr Higson and Cllr Cooper welcoming the result as a victory for local people power

**We'd like to thank all local residents and groups for helping to make this happen. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please let us know by the email addresses above.**

**Cllr Oliver Cooper**

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