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To whom it may concern

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As an older local resident, I would like to strongly support Trailhead trading in their enclosed grounds on Traquair Road.

I think Trailhead's main advantage is the amount of comfortable outdoor space they can offer. With their location being near a large car park, where cyclists start and finish from, it would be ideal for groups of cyclists. It would also be a safe environment for family groups, where there is also provision for outdoor play, particularly with the ongoing concerns of close social contact indoors.

I am one of the residents who find pavement cafes hard to negotiate and therefore I think Trailhead could help restore balance to the town, by helping to accommodate people blocking our High Street and give the locals a chance move more freely. Quite frequently the High Street cafes are busy with cyclists, which limits locals from finding anywhere to meet up and also visitors passing through are denied the opportunity to find anywhere for refreshments.

Since Innerleithen is successfully attracting people with outdoor interests, an outdoor cafe would be an ideal addition. I do not consider much of Trailhead's trade would be from people passing in cars, as they are more likely to be passing through the town High Street. Therefore road parking is not likely to be an issue.

I do hope you will pass the above application and help Innerleithen to expand its facilities to locals and visitors alike with this very exciting enterprise.

Yours faithfully

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