

# CAFFE NERO HOBO NO NO



**TRAVES-TEA** Man was outside the café

**EXCLUSIVE** BY **STEPHEN HAYWARD**  
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**A STUDENT who tried to buy a cup of tea for a homeless man says she was snubbed by Caffè Nero because it would encourage him to loiter.**

Emily Lowes, 19, revealed staff also didn't want the man using their toilet.

She said: "This guy outside asked me to get him a tea. One of the staff asked how much milk. I said, 'I don't know, it's for the guy outside'. He said

## Girl trying to buy homeless man a cuppa is told 'no, he'll use our loo'

he wouldn't serve me because the man used their toilet and they didn't want to encourage him to sit there.

"I said, 'Can't you just give it to me because you're going to throw it in the bin anyway, so just pretend it's for me'. He said he would rather throw it

away than condone him sitting outside their shop. He said, 'I know it seems harsh but it's store policy.'" Philosophy student Emma, of Fallowfield, Manchester, went to a

**KIND** Caring student Emily

nearby Costa and bought the tea there. She added: "I was really upset. To be told you can't buy a tea for a homeless man is ridiculous."

Caffè Nero said the tea ban is definitely not policy. Boss Glyn House said: "I've been to our Manchester shops and seen customers buying homeless people tea and coffee. We have also worked with homelessness charities."

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## Hirst work is £250k tip



**HAPPY EATER**  
Damien with  
Giovanni & pals

**EXCLUSIVE** BY **SHARON FEINSTEIN**

**DAMIEN** Hirst was so pleased with an Italian meal that he handed over a quick sketch as a tip - an artwork now valued at £250,000.

Giovanni Fracassi, boss of the Da Ivo restaurant in Venice, was stunned when the British artist, 51, asked for a pen and paper after his plate of duck pasta last week. He said: "A lot of celebrities come here and Damien has dined here before so I was not so surprised to see him.

"But most don't leave such an extravagant tip. Before he finished, he

sketched the design you can see on my wall today. Word travelled fast about what happened and in no time at all I was inundated with offers.

"The biggest was £250,000 from a Japanese collector, but I refused as it would not be right to sell a gift.

"But in the meantime the insurance bill for my restaurant has gone up."

Hirst's signed drawing shows a shark - like his world-famous £6.5million pickled tiger shark from the 1990s - swimming next to a sketch of Giovanni. He also happily posed for photos.

## New British cars sell for less in US

THE Range Rover Velar being produced in Britain this summer will sell for £44,830 here - £1,603 more than in the US.

A Land Rover Discovery, also built in Solihull, West Midlands, is £43,494 here

but £41,851 in America. A Range Rover Sport is £59,700 here and £54,698 in the US, despite import fees and sales tax.

Jaguar Land Rover said: "We follow a competitive price position on products."