

Representation received from Chery and Harold Turner

Dear Kirsty,

The information provided regarding the conditions agreed with the applicant and Lisa Bainbridge of Environmental Health do not alleviate the concerns of myself and my husband regarding the application.

Please find below our objections relating to the licensing objectives outlined. Some of the issues raised previously that were advised to be outside the scope of the objectives have been restated with more context as we believe that they are clearly within scope.

Kind regards
Cheryl and Harold Turner

Crime and disorder

Patrons of the current licensed premises in proximity of my address frequently utilise the privacy of Church Chare, which is setback and hidden from the view of the Front Street, for illegal activities (drug dealing, drug consumption, public urination and defecation, public sexual activity, fighting, noise pollution). Adding another licensed premises will certainly further exacerbate these issues and diminish the living quality of the residents of Church Chare.

Public Safety

INCREASED TRAFFIC & OBSTRUCTION OF PAVEMENT

The presence of double yellow lines on the Front Street outside the proposed premises will inevitably create more vehicular traffic on Church Chare, a cul de sac with only one road of access or exit, as taxis and other cars drop off and pick up patrons.

This is directly related to the issue of parking: very often patrons of the nearby licensed premises park directly outside my front door despite the presence of double yellow lines here also (parking infringements here are more common than on the Front Street as it is less visible to enforcement officers). Due to the narrowness of the road here drivers commonly park partly on the pavement. This is a nuisance to myself and to the wider public, particularly disabled and elderly members, who require use of the pavement and are often obstructed.

DELIVERIES & WASTE REMOVAL CAUSING TRAFFIC CONGESTION

With no rear vehicular access, the proposed licensed premise will require large wagons to park on the road in front of the premises, only 20 metres away from a four road junction under traffic light management, causing traffic congestion and potentially increasing the risk of traffic and pedestrian accidents at one of the busiest parts of the Front Street.

Public Nuisance

NOISE & AIR POLLUTION

Recorded or live music will be heard outside if window and doors open. From our experience with the other nearby premises, music is loudly audible even when doors and windows are closed. This will be exacerbated as at present the government advise windows should be open due to Coronavirus.

If permission is granted for the utilisation of the external space to the rear of the premises, patrons loudly talking, shouting, singing, and moving tables and chairs will create considerable noise pollution. The external area is surrounded by walls on all sides, which will cause the noise to reverberate and be amplified further.

Noxious clouds of smoke and vapour will also intrude into my garden, further restricting my ability to enjoy my garden beyond the impositions of the current premises and potentially causing a public health issue (passive smoke inhalation).