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Northumberland County Council Mail - Fwd: Application for Liquor Licence at 3 High Street, Belford in the name of Jane Hearne- 0800-2400 Monday-Sunday

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From: **Robert Mayhew**

Date: Wed, 10 Jun 2020 at 15:47

Subject: Application for Liquor Licence at 3 High Street, Belford in the name of Jane Hearne- 0800-2400 Monday-Sunday

To: <licensing@northumberland.gov.uk>

For the attention of the Licensing Section - Public Protection

Dear Sir/Madam

With regard to the above application, I am writing to object to the granting of the above Liquor Licence.

I and my husband are tenants of No 1 High Street, Belford, which is next door to the premises in question. If this licence is granted, we believe that it will make it impossible for us to continue to live here, due to noise and other nuisances.

Our primary concern is the noise which will, doubtless, emanate from next door, both from inside and outside the building. Two of our bedrooms are directly above the proposed premises and the outdoor areas, at the front and back are both overlooked by us. We are concerned that, if customers stand or sit outside to smoke and drink, this will impact significantly on our use and enjoyment of the property, particularly as No 1 High Street has single glazed windows.

We have seen no application on the Northumberland County Council planning portal and wonder why a liquor licence has been applied for, when no change of use has yet been granted, or even registered.

Another licensed premises in this part of the village is unnecessary, (especially in the current business climate) as there is already one pub, The Black Swan, which we believe is owned or managed by the applicant's husband. There is also a hotel, The Blue Bell, diagonally opposite, across Market Square and a pub further along High Street to the south, The Salmon.

We fail to understand why a licence covering the hours of 0800-2400, seven days a week is necessary and consider it would be highly anti-social and detrimental to the lives of local residents and holidaymakers (many of the surrounding properties are holiday rentals, which, in normal times, contribute significantly to the village economy.

No acoustic tests have been carried out from inside our property and, even though we have been assured that the insulation that has been fitted will be adequate to prevent noise leakage, we do not believe that this will be the case, especially if music is playing.

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We ask you to reject this application in total and we will also be objecting to the change of use planning application when it appears on the Council's website.

Yours faithfully

Sharon + Robert Mayhew

David Grenfell <david.grenfell@northumberland.gov.uk>
To: I

11 June 2020 at 09:41

Good morning,

Thank you for your representation to the recent premises licence application.

As part of the process your representation will be forwarded to the applicant who may wish to contact you to discuss the application and what measures they will implement to alleviate your fears. If not we will notify you in due course with the time, date and venue of the licensing hearing, where the application will be determined.

I would like to clarify the point raised about planning. Both departments are separate and as such a person may be able to apply for a licence before planning consent is sought or granted; however they would not be able to operate the premises.

Secondly, the licensing section is unable to reject the application as it is duly made. It would be up to the licensing committee to grant/refuse or grant a licence with conditions/amended timings.

regards

David
[Quoted text hidden]

David Grenfell

Licensing Officer (Processing)

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Application by Jane Hearne 3 High Street Belford

1 message

sue oxley

1 July 2020 at 09:50

To: licensing@northumberland.gov.uk

Dear Sirs

I am writing to you with regard to the application by Jane Hearne 3 High Street Belford .
I consider the application to be unacceptable & inappropriate for the following reasons.

I do not object to a cafe deli bar & think that would be an asset to the village , however outdoor seating on the pavement outside the premises just wouldn't work the pavement is not wide enough & invariably customers would spread out & use areas nearby (the market place & maybe steps of nearby properties) outdoor drinking on the street could lead to excessive noise, debris & anti social behaviour.

The provision of live music outdoors in that area would spoil the quality of life for residents & there are also holiday homes one of which I operate & frequently have young families. How would numbers be controlled Belford can be extremely busy during the summer months I see the market place being used & people spilling out onto the street & with the best will in the world it's hard to control people drinking & loud music especially till that time. A lot of properties are single glazed as they are listed buildings therefore not offering the noise protection double glazing affords you.

The provision of live music indoors again until those very late times would be awful & have a massive impact on nearby properties & as I've already pointed out they do not have the benefit of modern soundproofing .

With regard to making sure customers leave quietly, as some of them will already be outside I feel that will be hard to police but the applicant obviously recognises that there will be a need therefore acknowledging there will be noise. The supply of alcohol till 2am at certain times of the year would be a massive impact on the residents of High Street & has the potential to ruin their holiday periods in their own homes.

I support the application for a licenced deli but not in it's current form. I think it could be an asset to Belford which is after all a very popular holiday area but it is also home to a lot of people.

Sue Oxley
(Proprietor of 5a/7 High Street Belford)
[16 Alexandra Rd](#)
[Morpeth](#)
[NE61 1UJ](#)

Application for 3 High St. Belford .

1 message

Kathleen Reay ·

1 July 2020 at 10:27

To: licensing@northumberland.gov.uk

I wish to object to the application for a late night music and alcohol license for 3 High St. Being the owner of a property next door to these premises which is run by my niece (Susan Oxley) I feel it would be inappropriate to have drinking and music on the pavement outside of residents houses that can not be double glazed because they are in a conservation area . This would I consider to be unsafe , as it is on the corner of the main road through the village and customers could spill out onto the road . Where a Bistro would be very welcome in the village by residents and holidaymakers I think the outside part of the application unacceptable because of the disruption to residents on High St .

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Name: Fiona Renner-Thompson..... Address:
Market House Market Place, Belford, NE70 7NE.....

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Premises:3 High Street, Belford.
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Reason for Representation:
(continue on separate sheet if necessary)

I consider that the application made by Jane Hearne in respect of 3 High Street, Belford to be unacceptable and inappropriate for the following reasons.

A licensed cafe/deli bar (page 4)

Outside seating to the front of premises for consumption off premises

With the provision of regulated entertainment namely live and recorded music

I have no objection to a licensed cafe/deli however a bar is not needed as there are already 4 licensed premises in the village, 2 within 100 meters of 3 High Street; one of which, The Black Swan, is run by the applicant.

There is not sufficient room on the pavement for outside seating without encroachment onto the frontage of adjacent houses. It is not safe to have seating on the pavement as the road narrows considerably at this point. Very large agricultural vehicles with trailers and Lorries struggle to navigate that particular stretch of the High Street.

Outside seating would have a detrimental effect on neighbouring properties as there would be considerable noise from those seated outside, especially if late at night. Given the limited space for outside seating there is no practical provision for the "consumption off premises" and I can foresee customers making use of the Market Place with attendant noise, litter problems and unsociable behaviour.

Live Music indoors and outdoors (page 10)

7 days a week 1200 hours to 2400 hours

On bank holidays/Christmas/New Year until 0100 hours

This would destroy the quiet enjoyment of the adjoining and neighbouring properties. There are 12 residential properties, an hotel and church which would be affected. All aforementioned properties are listed and in a conservation area and as such there are no measures, such as double glazing, that property owners can take to mitigate the noise nuisance. The topography of the Market Place is such that sound reverberates round the space and is amplified. I experience this with live music from the Black Swan.

If live music were to be allowed outside there is nowhere for an audience to listen to the music safely without going onto the Market Place. This would cause nuisance in the form of noise, litter, broken glass, unsociable behaviour and unacceptable language.

Recorded music indoors (page 11) - 7 days a week – 0800 – 2400 hours

This would have a catastrophic effect on the adjoining properties especially number 1 High Street which has bedrooms directly over No 3.

Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives (page 17)

d) I will ensure that all our customers will be asked to leave quietly in respect of neighbours.

This indicates that the applicant anticipates that there will be a problem with noise disturbance. In my experience, living, as I do, close to two licensed premises, there is no way the applicant can expect or ensure that customers will “leave quietly in respect of neighbours”.

Supply of alcohol (page15) - 7 days a week, 0800 – 2400 hours

On bank holidays/Christmas eve/Christmas day/Boxing Day/New Year extended hours to 0200

This again would disrupt the quiet enjoyment of surrounding properties especially if there were to be live bands playing outside on Christmas Eve until 2am. This has the potential to totally ruin the Christmas period for the neighbours of No 3

I support the idea of a new business utilising No 3 High Street and I would support the application if music was to be played for reduced times, for example 1100 hrs to 1900 hrs; and alcohol to be supplied within the same timeframe.

Should the applicant be successful the business will be able to operate without let or hindrance.

In view all the points raised above I object to the application in the current form.

Signed ...Fiona Renner-Thompson (Mrs)..... Date 30.06.2020

Market House,
Market Place,
Belford,
NE70 7NE

Email:

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Name: Alison Turnbull.....

Address: 1 High Street, Belford, Northumberland NE707NG.....

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Licensing Objective: Alcohol & Live Music License... consumption off
premise.....

Premises 3 High Street, Belford, Northumberland NE70 7NG
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Reason for Representation:

A licensed Café/Deli Bar (Page 4) – Outside seating to the front of premises for consumption off premises

With the provision of regulated entertainment namely Live and recorded music.

As it stands, I am objecting to the Alcohol and Music Licences applied for by Jane Hearne for 3 High Street, Belford, Northumberland, NE70 7NG . Business hrs applied for 08.00 am – 24.00 pm Monday – Sunday - with the request for extended hours on occasion to 1 or 2 am. I am also objecting to “outdoor seating to the front of premises for consumption off premises”

I am keen for this new enterprise and would welcome the proposed “Licenced Cold Delhi / Cafeteria”, but only up until 6 pm in the evening. A licensed bar with live/recorded music and a licence to consume alcohol outside the premises would severely affect the living in my property inside and out. The description for the license reads very different to the description in the planning application for change of use. There is very little room for seating

outside. This could be hazardous for customers and the passing of the general public. Seating outside the premises would encroach on my front door entrance and with present day 'covid' Self distancing – almost impossible.

I am the owner of 1 High Street, Belford, which is built over, above and adjacent to 3 High Street, Belford (My two bedrooms lie directly above the whole premises applying for the licence – I have a flying freehold). This is a residential area in the centre of the village of Belford. I am most concerned about nuisance in the way of noise and behaviour coming from the intended premises inside and outside if granted an alcohol licence and music licence for the applied hours. Undoubtedly interference in the form of noise and behavioural problems will occur especially later in the evening when there is music and alcohol being consumed. Not to mentioned people standing directly outside, under the front bedroom smoking and chatting.

All the above will disrupt the enjoyment of my house – Inside and out. A 16hr + daily alcohol licence seems very extreme for a proposed "Licenced Cold Delhi / Cafeteria" in a small village. We already have four other bars in this small village within a very close proximity to 3 High Street.

Nuisance – Noise and Behaviour: Both bedrooms lie directly above the said premises and both my living room and lounge are on the front face of my building. All these areas of my home will be affected by the noise coming from people drinking inside and outside on the paving area outside the front of my home. And Live music being played directly below two bedrooms and part of the upstairs sitting room

Noise coming from outdoor areas will be a major problem for both front and back bedrooms. As my house is grade II listed I have single paned glass windows. People sitting/standing, eating/drinking, talking and smoking in areas directly outside these areas of my house (Front and back) will create noise which will affect the process of sleep for both children and adults. The continuous opening and closing of the front door and rear door of the premises which are also directly under both bedrooms, will cause further nuisance. Both sitting room and lounge will also be affected by noise coming from the front of the building

Noise nuisance - In the planning application it is mentioned that the rubbish from the proposed Licensed café/Deli bar will be taken to bins at the back of the Black Swan pub in Belford (there is no exit from the back yard of 3 High Street) This would have to happen every night at the close of business. Additional noise at closing time. Vermin are a problem in this area. NCC have been contacted and called out several times recently, so it would be absolutely necessary to have this rubbish removed daily unless the correct Rubbish bins can be installed in their back yard.

Fire Exits – the front door is the only way out of 3 High Street. No exit from back yard unless you go through another household and then exit that property by their only door which leads onto a shared access passage shared with myself (1 High Street). There is then a secure door onto street which is permantely locked.

Live Music indoors and outdoors, 7 days a week 12 noon to 2400 hrs
On bank holidays/Christmas/New Years Eve until 01.00hrs

As mentioned in all the above, nuisance in the form of noise would affect every aspect of my property, totally destroying the enjoyment of anyone living there. Both 1 and 3 High Street Belford are listed buildings and in a conservation area, so do not have double glazing. Approved Appropriate Sound insulation would be required.

This is a small village which already has three pubs who provide live music. Other residents in the centre of this village would be affected by noise and behaviour as well as myself. Sound travels!

Location: 3 High Street is situated on the main road (Just after a bend) passing through the village of Belford and is directly opposite the busy junction of West Street and faces the Market Cross area of the village. If people are going to be allowed to sit eat/ drink outside of the premises and have live music on the pavement, this could then become hazardous for pedestrians walking by in a restrictive area between the road and customers of the premises. Heavy agricultural traffic as well as normal traffic come through the village on these roads. Another fear is that customers may spill over onto the Market cross area with their drinks as seating is already available there for the public. More nuisance escalating through noise, behaviour and rubbish. People could be gathered directly outside my front door, causing an obstacle.



I am attaching photographs of the two premises involved here (1 High Street, my property - Blue door, 3 upstairs window, one ground floor window; and 3 High Street, the property applying for the licence) Shop window ground floor applying for licence.



This photo shows my bedroom window directly above the premises applying for the alcohol and music licenses As well as the windows to both of my upstairs and downstairs sitting rooms.



This picture shows how close the outdoor seating area would be to my front door

Recorded music indoors – 7 day per week 8 am – 2400 hrs

Again this will infringe on my property (1 high Street) in the form of nuisance due to noise, especially as two bedrooms and part of my upstairs sitting room are directly above the premises known as 3 High street.

Supply of alcohol - 7 days a week 8 am – 2400 hrs On bank holidays, Christmas Eve/Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year extended hours to 0200 hrs

Again, as my property is adjacent, over and above 3 High Street, this would be a huge nuisance in the way of noise and loud behaviour in a residential setting. It would inflict complete misery and interruption of living and sleep during the entire Christmas period and would prevent the entitled enjoyment of ones own home.

I will ensure that all our customers will be asked to leave quietly and in respect of neighbours

It is almost impossible to control a person once intoxicated with alcohol. Most disturbances from licensed premises are at kicking out time (having been a licensee myself I am very ofay with this). There is no guarantee that customers will leave orderly. Nuisance can be expected in the form of noise and occasional bad behaviour late at night. Again, disturbing the household in 1 High Street

SignedAlison
02/07/2020.....

Turnbull.....

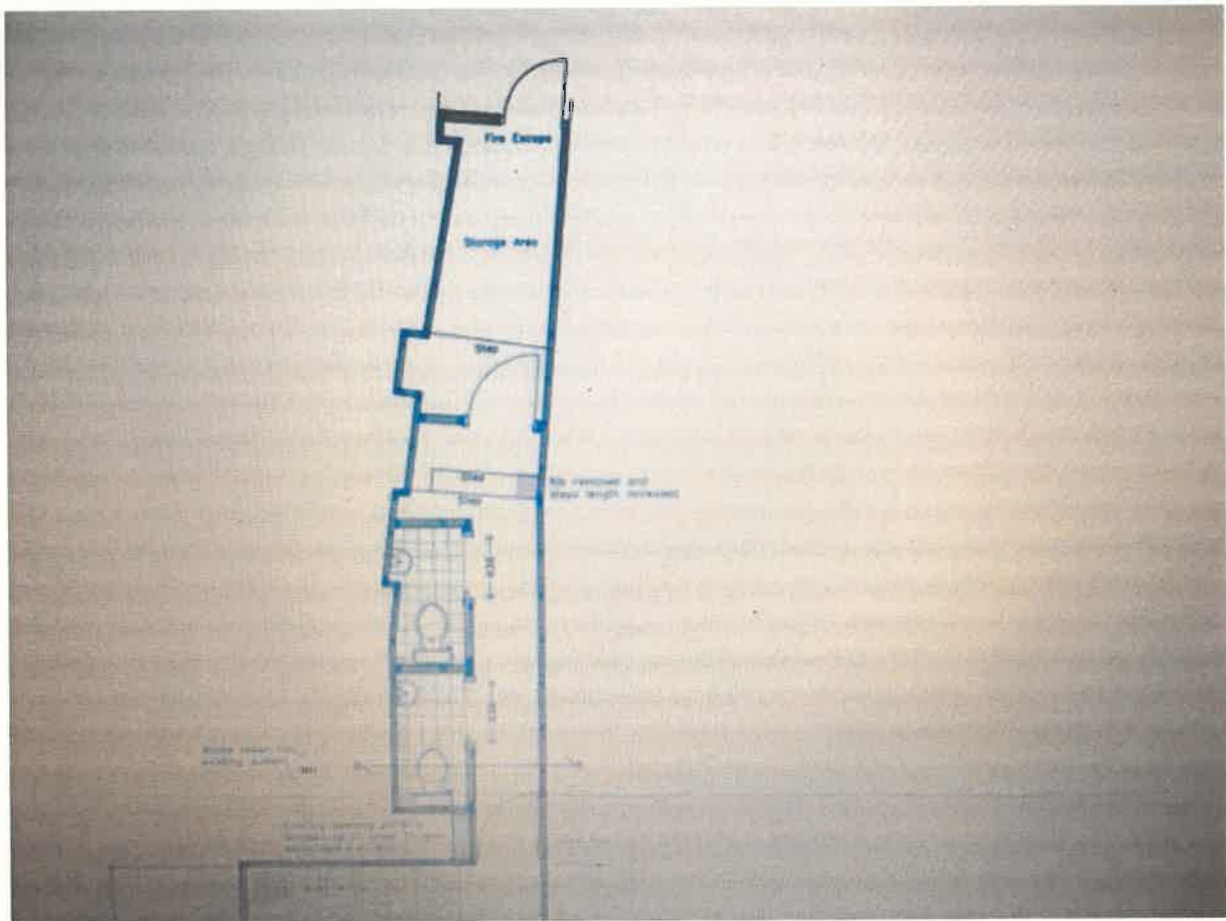
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Name: Kristen McCluskie

Address: 5 High Street, Belford, NE70 7NG

Premises: 3 High Street, Belford,

Reason for Representation:

(continue on separate sheet if necessary)

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As many other neighbours, I hold no objection to a licensed cafe in this location, however the suggested operating hours with music / associated noise etc should not be allowed on the basis that there are adjoining residential properties directly above and adjacent to the proposed premises (all terraced), and believe resultant / associated noise pollution would have a detrimental impact on all living around and above the premises.

There is also not sufficient room on the pavement for outside seating without encroachment onto the frontage of adjacent houses. It is not safe to have seating on the pavement as the road narrows considerably at this point. Very large agricultural vehicles with trailers and Lorries struggle to navigate that particular stretch of the High Street.

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As above, this would have a detrimental impact on the enjoyment of all adjoining and neighbouring properties. There are numerous properties which would be affected, a number of these listed (including our property) and in a conservation area and are thus limited in measures to mitigate the noise nuisance. I have not noted any specification or acknowledgement within the proposal that noise pollution would be addressed.

If live music were to be allowed outside there is nowhere for an audience to listen to the music safely without going onto the Market Place. This would cause nuisance in the form of noise, litter, broken glass, bad behaviour and unacceptable language.

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This would have a substantial effect on the adjoining properties, especially number 1 High Street which has bedrooms directly over No 3, and both sides of No 3 (including us at No 5).

Describe the steps you intend to take to? The four licensing objectives (page 17

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This again would disrupt the quiet enjoyment of surrounding properties for the reasons aforementioned.

Summary

As many other neighbours, I am pro new businesses starting up within the village, but cannot support this proposal as it stands at the time of application.

If the operating times were reduced, ie opening hours and time allowed for recorded / live music, along with specific conditions to guarantee installation of sound insulation etc, I would look much more favourably on this application. If the applicant needed a later licence for a specific event or two throughout the year, I believe they could be applied for separately as and when they are deemed necessary, and reviewed on the merits of each application at the time by the appropriate department.

In view all the points raised above, I confirm I object to the application as it currently stands.

Signed

Date 03 / 07 / 2020

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