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Notice of Representation

Members of the public can submit representations in objection to or in support of the premises licence applications, within the 28 day consultation period.

Please be aware that for any objections to be considered relevant, they should be submitted before the end of the consultation period and they should address the four licensing objectives in relation to the licensing activity.

The licensing objectives are the prevention of crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm.

Please be aware that where representations are considered relevant copies of the representation will be provided to the applicant and the Licensing Sub Committee.

Please note: Objections will only be considered where a name and address are supplied.

Name: *Michelle & Kevin Waugh*

Address: *1A Quay Walls, Berwick upon Tweed*

Licensing Objective: *The prevention of crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm*

Premises: *The Lookout, Berwick upon Tweed*

Reason for Representation:

(continue on separate sheet if necessary)

We have stated this objection for the application of the alcohol licence for The Lookout in BERWICK UPON TWEED. We live directly next to The Lookout and are applying this objection based on the licensing objectives of Prevention of crime and disorder and prevention of public nuisance. We live in the lane directly next to The Lookout, a narrow lane which is a public right of way is one of the only ways to reach The Lookout, We are situated on the Quay walls with 4 historical archways leading from the Quayside to Bridge street, which is a famous historical street which also houses most of the wine bars and eatery's. There are 4 arches, all lanes have residential properties, the 1st one nearest The Lookout is where we live, the second, which also leads you straight to bridge street and is directly at the bottom of the ramp, this is the lane that has now been closed off due to crime and nuisance, the third lane is Sallyport which also leads to Bridge Street, but is a much wider lane and more open. The fourth lane also leads you to Bridge Street but is the main lane taking you to the Granary and YMCA youth hostel.

The couple who own ROJO on bridge street, which is an antique and vintage shop, also live down that second lane and after many many months of battling, involving local councils, authorities and the police, have now had to reinstate the iron gate on the entrance to the lane from Bridge Street which is now going to be locked on evenings. The owners are more than happy for me to mention and discuss them in this objection as they have experienced crime and disorder and public nuisance in the form of constant urinating down the lane, human defecating and littering with cans and bottles etc, this has been found to be caused by the cafe/wine bar next door called Atelier, they serve food platters etc with wine and beer and the customers from Atelier are coming out of Atelier and causing this problem in this second historic lane. The owners of ROJO have specific rights that have allowed them to close and lock the gate from Bridge Street after 4pm and on weekends and since this happened the problem has now completely vanished. It was highlighted to me that one of the problems is that Atelier have only one toilet and can seat approx 28 people, The Lookout also only has one toilet and although they can only seat roughly 18 indoors they are using a number of outside tables probably adding another 20 seats, as stated there is also only 1 toilet at the Lookout.

You will see from the video supplied via email and images that we are a direct link from Bridge Street to the lookout and Quay Walls, however at present there is no reason for drinkers to come down the lane from Bridge Street to the Quay Walls, and public who currently use it are tourists walking and exploring the walls. Customers do have the option to walk down the ramp to get to The Lookout from Bridge Street however we know that customers take the quickest and easiest option and they will use this first lane where we live to get to The Lookout as it is faster and easier and brings you out directly at The Lookout door. If customers were to use an alternative route to get to and from The Lookout this would reduce the problem but that wouldn't be workable as customers will predominantly be coming from Bridge Street and they will undoubtedly use this first lane. The lane in itself is very very narrow and is the narrowest lane out of all 4 of the lanes measuring aprox only 5-6ft in width. The disabled elderly lady who lives next door to us also has to park her mobility scooter outside her front door and use this lane to head to the Quay Walls towards The Lookout as that is her only way in out.

We have had a problem, albeit a smallish problem to date, with littering of beer bottles and cans down the lane and I have had to clean vomit up twice at the top of the lane by the steps. This is not pleasant and we do not want the problem to get worse by the granting of an alcohol licence to The Lookout.

We have spoken directly to the owner at the lookout to state we would be putting in an objection and the reasons so she will not be surprised at this. As stated to Ruth, we want her business to do well but can't as a result tolerate urinating, vomiting, human defecating and littering as a result. We have already had an increase in litter in the lane and also customers using our wheelie bins to put their litter in from The Lookout. Although in hindsight I would rather customers put their litter in the bin that on the ground etc, our properties only get to have 2 small wheelie bins each that have a right to stand in the lane but with collections every fortnight and we can only get two bags per bin, 1 recycling and 1 general waste if others are filling the bins we don't have room for our own rubbish. The owner of The Lookout, Ruth did state she was not intending to be a bar but wanted to serve alcohol with sea/meat platters etc, which is very similar to Ateliers offering. Atelier does not attract a younger alcohol fuelled demographic, their main customer are more mature looking to have a few drinks with a platter of food, therefore the fact that Ruth states she is not planning on running it as a typical bar is irrelevant in this case. Ruth did also state that she applied for a licence until 9pm but had no intention of serving alcohol until then, if this is the case why ask for a licence until 9pm. Should alcohol only be served until say 4pm and as an accompaniment with afternoon tea or a sea platter in the afternoon then I think this would not cause the same problem as it is daytime hours and customers would not urinate, vomit or litter during these hours in the open and daylight.

These objectives are not intended to be obstructive and certainly not vexatious or frivolous and we believe we have fully demonstrated why we have had to put in the objectives to the alcohol licence and fully demonstrated the problems relating to the licensing objectives and given tangible evidence and information to state this.

We have included a video to show the lanes and the issues in question and also provided some photos including photos of rubbish already in the lane. Should you require additional information or explanation please don't hesitate to call or email and we shall be happy to provide.

Kind Regards

Mr and Mrs Waugh

Signed

Date



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