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**Fw: The Lookout, Berwick - Representation received**

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To: Heather Gebbie <Heather.Gebbie@northumberland.gov.uk>

**From:** Michelle Waugh

Hi Lyndsey,

Thankyou for your email.

We just wanted to highlight our objection was not solely related to the issues on Bridge street and the business mentioned. Our objection of course mentioned this but also clearly states that we as residents that live directly next to The Lookout object to a licence being granted for the hours requested. This lane is extremely narrow as mentioned and houses our rubbish bins and the neighbours mobility scooter as mentioned. Also as mentioned we have to date already had issues with vomit and rubbish which we have cleared up on weekends. As this is the quickest and easiest route to and from the lookout this will undoubtedly increase footfall and although its a public right of way using this lane on an evening where this lane is dark and unlit and which customers will be using after drinking has the potential to cause public nuisance and potential crime. The only reason for highlighting the issues in the second lane were to highlight that residents in that lane had issues that were apparently related to other businesses on the street.

Just for reference, we have spoken again to Jonathan and Roland from the antique business in question and they have confirmed to us that the local police are aware of the issue they have given me the name of Andrew the local officer who visited the area with his female colleague to discuss the problem but Jonathan and Roland were informed the police were unable to do anything due to part of the land being on private property and to liaise with the local town council.

Berwick Town council are aware of the problem Gareth the Town Clerk and Julian at the Town council have been involved in the challenges as highlighted and the sole reason for the gate to be reinstated to be closed was due to the urinating and littering down the lane and the town council have supported the preventions. We have also been informed that this information has now been passed onto Northumberland council. Therefore all we can do is highlight and share the information we have on this and how that relates to our separate concerns and objections.

We were very concerned about the granting of the alcohol licence prior to being given the information about the second lane so I am sure you can appreciate the reason why we would also mention this. However our concerns and objections to the potential increase in nuisance and crime, the increase in rubbish, increase of footfall in the narrow and unlit lane etc have been overruled, therefore all we can do is monitor this and report any and all issues immediately to the police and council. As this is a public right of way we have been advised by the town council this morning to report and document all issues. We shall also no longer clear up bottles/rubbish and vomit etc and just report this to northumberland county council to remove and clean.

Have a good day, kind regards  
Mr and Mrs Waugh

On Thu, 13 Apr 2023 at 15:32, Lyndsey Alderson <[Lyndsey.Alderson@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Lyndsey.Alderson@northumberland.gov.uk)> wrote:

Hi Michelle,

The Police have not substantiated the claims in relation to there being significant crime and disorder issues mentioned within your representation. The Neighbourhood Inspector has stated

'I am not aware of any issues relating to ATELIER in Berwick. It is well run and the majority of the customers are middle aged persons, certainly not the clientele who would cause crime and disorder.

I do not have any concerns and would not be objecting to a licence for THE LOOKOUT. With regards to crime and disorder in Bridge Street and that area, we do not have any problems.'

You are able to amend your representation to remove reference to Bridge Street and Atelier or you can allow the representation to remain as is but I must make you aware that the Senior Licensing Officer is required to advise Licensing Sub Committee of the Police's views on the area as well as your own.

Kind Regards

*Lyndsey*

Lyndsey Alderson  
Licensing Officer