

## Fw: App for alcohol and entertainment license

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It has been brought to my attention that the establishment known as Vice City, on NorthSeaton Road, Ashington, has submitted an application for an extension to their existing opening hours, which would pertain to week nights until 3am.

I would like to register my vehement opposition to this application.

This establishment has attracted more than it's fair share of altercations and public nuisance, this could be explained by the lack of door staff!!! Never more conspicuous by their absence than New Years Day, when there were several incidents of unruly and anti social behaviour!!! The door staff have been nonexistent for the majority of January, contrary to what the applicant would attempt to have you believe!!!!

The fallout from this establishment, in the form of litter, specifically plastic glasses, is clear for all to see!!! People are concerned about the turtles in the ocean, they will soon be concerned by the poor residents of Myrtle street being smothered under the weight of discarded single use plastic drinking vessels!!! The situation has become an eyesore and constant source of stress for nearby residents!!!

The number of people, and more specifically young men, spilling out of this establishment, brandishing aforementioned plastic vessels, utilising the side alley as a makeshift boxing ring, is staggering!!! This has a knock on effect, leaving people fearful and vulnerable, furthermore stacking pressure on an already overstretched police force.

Please also consider the noise pollution during unsociable hours, which residents in the surrounding area will be forced to endure. This problem is already forced upon us at weekends and extending this would be unacceptable and would have a detrimental impact on our day to day lives!!! The noise act 1996 defines night hours between 11pm and 7am, and states that noise levels above 34db are not permitted, I would suggest that officers from environmental health visit these premises and measure this. I, and my neighbours can hear this noise, specifically the elevated bass, as if it were being played in our own gardens!!!

I feel that these concerns that I have addressed should be carefully considered before making your decision, I am a disabled woman who's life and sleep are being disrupted by this establishment, I plead that you do not further affect this by granting this license.

Yours sincerely

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