

Comments for Licensing Application 16/01901/LAPRE

Application Summary

Application Number: 16/01901/LAPRE

Address: The Quarterdeck Cafe The Street Itchenor Chichester West Sussex PO20 7AE

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Tia Menecier

Customer Details

Name: Dr Richard Austin

Address: Chichester Harbour Conservancy, Harbour Office The Street, Itchenor Chichester, West Sussex PO20 7AW

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Consultee

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: 3:56 PM on 15 Dec 2016 Dear Sir / Madam,

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Further to the Conservancy's previous comment about planning permission (which has yet to be verified), in particular, we wish to draw one of the special qualities of the Chichester Harbour AONB Management Plan (2014-2019) to your attention:

"The Harbour offers a very special sense of peace and tranquillity, largely engendered by the gentle way it is used and the closeness to nature that is experienced. People pressure, inappropriate development and pollution, particularly light and noise, can easily destroy this fragile value as can inappropriate activities" (page 12).

Aside from whether or not the premises has planning permission, the application is inconsistent with this special quality.

Furthermore, please note that in February 2017 the Conservancy will be consulting on a new Dark Sky Discovery Site where the John Q. Davis footpath meets the foreshore, since this is one of the few remaining areas of the AONB with dark skies. The candidate site is approximately 75 metres from the Quarterdeck café. The site has a darkness rating of 2 stars out of 2 and a Sky Quality Meter reading of 20.47, which indicates it is a good place for astronomy. If this rating is compromised by additional light pollution, it may jeopardise the designation process when the assessment is made.

For these reasons, the Conservancy objects to this application.

Dr. Richard Austin
AONB Manager