

I am writing to object to the license application at the Quarterdeck, Northshore Shipyard, Itchenor no: 16/01901/LAPRE. I have concerns in three areas; public safety, the prevention of nuisance and the protection of children. I would also like you to note that the café is currently operating on a temporary change of use permission and you should discuss this matter with your planning application colleagues.

I also note that the applicant confirmed to the police that he was not able to move the outside furniture at night. Does that mean that the outside space is required to be included in the premises plan submitted with the application? And are there other any other permissions required for a predominantly outside drinking area?

I would also like to correct the impression given in the application that our house has been demolished; it is being sensitively rebuilt to provide more space for our young family. It is also definitely not a 'temporary' home.

My concerns are

Public Safety:

- The premises are in the middle of a working boatyard that is generally unlit at night. The advertised approach to the premises is via a narrow, uneven, unlit footpath also unsuitable for use by night.

Prevention of a public nuisance:

- The site is adjacent to a residential neighbourhood and is only a few metres from our house. The requested licencing hours of 10am to 11.00pm (as set out in the confirmation provided to the police) would cause a significant nuisance to our young family and other nearby residents. Currently we experience noise and disturbance from the site during working hours – but granting of the licence would expose my young family to noise for 13.5 hours a day, seven days a week. I note that some of the supporting comments appear to not be aware that the intention is to remain open at night as well as during the day. The main access route to the premises (by which I mean the route which is signposted) is via a public footpath that runs through our garden. The opportunity for noise and disturbance is therefore very significant.
- Furthermore, the premises has very limited inside space, resulting in the patrons drinking outside, where there is a large amount of outside seating. As a result, there will be a significant increase in noise and disturbance for the local residents, particularly between the hours of 17.00 and 23.30. In this regard, I would ask you to take into account my rights under article 1, protocol 1 and article 8 of the Human Rights Act 1998.
- This AONB, which is much enjoyed for its peace, tranquillity and wildlife, will be disturbed particularly at dusk, when it is very quiet and when sound carries well over the water. This will be accentuated by the request for off-premises sales.
- I would also ask you to consider the noise restrictions placed on the Northshore site in its applications referenced 03/02814 and 07/00188. Three restrictions were placed on the site in order to "avoid noise pollution and a consequent loss of amenity, to safeguard the amenities of neighbouring properties and to protect residential amenity".

Protection of children:

- Itchenor has a high population of children during the summer months. As a result, during busy holiday weeks, other licenced premises in the area use wristbands to properly control the sale of alcohol. Children make frequent use of the footpath running past the premises. The outdoor nature of the premises and the lack of any barriers therefore expose children in an uncontrolled way. The request for the sale of alcohol off the premises is likely to accentuate this problem.

In consideration of the above, I would like to object to the licence application reference 16/01901/LAPRE.

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