

I would like to object to the application for a license for the Quarterdeck. I think the coffee shop is a lovely addition to the community, but it is not appropriate to serve alcohol or extend the opening hours (currently 35 per week) by **almost three times** (proposed hours are 91 per week).

I have concerns in the following areas:

1. **Public safety:** the café is situated in a working boatyard which is mainly unlit at night. (I would also oppose the introduction of lighting into this area as the AONB would suffer from any additional light pollution). The only public access to the café (i.e. not across the privately owned boatyard) is along a narrow, uneven public footpath. There is a clear risk to people arriving and leaving the café.
2. **Prevention of public nuisance:** the café is adjacent to a very quiet residential area. An additional six hours of opening every evening, and two additional full days, will create an unacceptable level of disruption to local residents. There is a minimal amount of space inside the premises (21m<sup>2</sup>) so it can be assumed that during summer months the majority of customers will be outside in the large external area (72m<sup>2</sup>) which is more than **three times** the size of the interior. The public footpath, mentioned above, passes through several gardens and customers will disturb residents. This area - part of the AONB - is a lovely, tranquil spot after working hours and the additional noise and light pollution is undesirable. Noise travels easily over water and this will be disruptive to residents/visitors in both Itchenor and Bosham (as well as those enjoying the peaceful anchorage of the harbour.)
3. **Protection of children from harm:** this area is frequently used by children, particularly in the summer months, and the sale of alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises will be difficult to control and will put children at risk. As the interior of the café is so small, the majority of customers will be outside and it is difficult to see how the boundaries of the café will be maintained.