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Cc: Laurence Foord; Tia Menecier
Subject: The Quarterdeck

Dear David,

Happy New year to you. I meant to write to you sooner but then Christmas happened...and now the hearing has been scheduled.

I understand that the reason that a hearing had to be arranged to consider my premises license application is mainly due to the number of objections received and the difficulty in mediating them all.

I feel it is important for me to point out that 19 of the objections received are from outside of the local area and as far away as London, Cambridge and Dorset. 13 of these objections are identical, word for word. I believe that this suggests an obvious and orchestrated attempt to try to prevent the licence application being granted, purely by the volume of objections. I hope this will be taken into consideration by the licensing authority and committee at the hearing.

I would like to take this opportunity, in advance of the hearing, to address the main points raised in the objections. I have attached a document with my comments and I have also attached a map of the immediately local area for your reference, which I hope will help when considering the points raised.

In addition to my attached comments, I would like to mention the following points:

- The Quarterdeck has been open since October 2015 and has proved to be very popular with locals and visitors to the area.
- Neither the business nor its location has resulted in any incidents or complaints in the whole time we have been open.
- We have held 2 Temporary Events over the Christmas and New Year period, which have been well attended, well received and have not resulted in any complaints or incidents.
- As an unlicensed coffee shop, the want/need for our existing menu halts at 5pm and the application for a license is to enable me to grow my small business, which will offer opportunities for local employment and further benefit tourists visiting the area, as well as clients of the shipyard itself and locals who are not members of the sailing club and welcome an alternative to the village pub.

Kind Regards,

Tim Sturton-Davies
The Quarterdeck