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Subject:The Boston Tea Party - Alcohol Licence Application 17/00717/LAPRE (LI) - OBJECTION

Dear Mr. Foord,

As you are aware, the go-ahead decision given to “The Boston Tea Party”, was extremely controversial and for the residents living close by in the areas of The Pallants, Newtown and St John’s extremely worrying.

There was very strong opposition not only from the residents but also from the CCC Planning Committee, The Chichester Society, CCAAC and many local CDC Councillors.

Strong criticism was expressed after the decision by Cllr Richard Plowman who commented that it was a disaster for the city. In the face of all this opposition the permission was granted.

In spite of the fact that there are at least 72 places for coffee in Chichester with one more having just very recently opened in North Street, this extremely large cafe will undoubtedly cause smaller businesses to close, the officers in their “wisdom” chose to allow “ market forces to decide”. I wonder where is there a fair playing field in all this?

The city is fast becoming just a clone of everywhere else with only ‘chains’ to visit thereby destroying the economic diversity of the city centre which was once upon a time a valued feature of this characterful and historic town and a magnet for visitor footfall.

In spite of the numerous objections with regard to :

- **noise**
- **odour**
- **impact of delivery traffic travelling to the cafe almost every single day of the year**
- **impact of daily refuse collection almost every day of the year**

(The Pallant area is already suffering physical damage on a daily basis due to the impact of unwelcome heavy goods lorries travelling through the narrow historic streets.)

the permission was granted with the condition that the premises must be closed by 7:30pm with the building being vacant of all customers and staff. The officer clarified this point entirely by stating that all employees were to have finished all their chores including cleaning by this time to prevent even more unwarranted noise during the clearing up period. I am sure that to clean a commercial kitchen and a very large cafe/restaurant takes longer than half an hour!

I think we would all be very naive to imagine that a big company such a "The Boston Tea Party” would not apply for an extension to their licence once a licence has been granted.

Therefore it is my understanding that the business should not be at liberty to allow staff to continue with their duties after this time particularly as the noise of the disposal of glass bottles would be intolerable for the residents nearby.

It appears therefore that the 'last orders' for alcohol should therefore allow for this activity and a 7:30pm cut off cannot be justified.

Apart from the issue of the Alcohol Licence being granted, I also have concerns over the possibility that "The Boston Tea Party" could make use of the pavement outside in Baffin's Lane to provide extra seating arrangements as is the case for all the restaurants and cafes along the length of South Street.

This would lead very likely to the use of the quiet paved area across the road on the corner of Friars Lane, where customers could easily drift across the road to ready made plaza, with their drinks and cigarettes.

Perhaps you haven't noticed the filthy area around the frontage of "Carluccio's", where the business does not take responsibility for keeping the area clear of debris, cigarette ends and litter, this is also of great concern.

I walk down South Street every morning and apart from the inevitable patch of silt, there are often glasses and bottles left on window sills of the shop fronts.

Therefore to prevent such public nuisances I feel most strongly that should the alcohol licence for "The Boston Tea Party" be given, alcohol should be served only ever with meals and to be consumed only within the building.

Yours sincerely,

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