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**Subject:** Re: 17/00717/LAPRE (LI)(P) - Determination Of Application By Hearing - Boston Tea Party, PO19 1BF

Dear Keith,

I wish you well with the hearing and very much hope minds are not already set, as has been suggested, within the licensing committee. Let's face it, it is really hard to buy a drink in Chichester!

Yes, it appears it will be the 'naughty step' for all those that put forward 'frivolous or vexatious' suggestions to try to maintain the dignity that this historic part of the city presently enjoys.

Sadly, as the residents suggest a compromise to preserve some kind of balance within the area, the authorities and members of various committees clearly have different objectives that do not directly impact on their daily lives. Is it that the more commercial premises that can be let through adhering to the wishes of large companies naturally seeking profit, the better? Certainly boxes can be ticked, the file is off the desk and shelved neatly away. Sad that high rents are clearly driving out small family owned businesses, changing the demographic of Chichester, and those that have the oversight and control do not appear to be fulfilling their responsibility to promoting a balanced city.

Overall, we know this application has been very carefully planned by the Boston Tea Party; 'let's get the planning through (promoted by the Chair of the Planning Committee), then we can go for the alcohol licence' and next I expect it will next be opening times to fit with the national image of the company.

I again wish you well Keith with the compromises that have been put forward by yourself and residents for the good of Chichester. I hope common sense will prevail and sensible restrictions enforced now and preserved in the future.

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