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Southsea
Hants

The Licensing Manager
Licensing section
Portsmouth City Council
Civic Offices
Guildhall Square
Portsmouth
PO1 2AL



18th April 2017

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Your reference 17/ 02385/ LAPREM

We are writing to express our grave concerns regarding the proposed licensing timings regarding the above.

We reside in St. Helens Parade and we have decided to write to you this joint letter expressing our concerns which are as follows :-

The proposed timings are totally inconsiderate and if granted it will affect our livelihood, due to reasons below

- The noise that will be operated from cars and taxis' in the early hours of the morning all week and weekends.
- The noise and nuisance caused by loud drunken people passing by in the early hours of the morning.

We are also worried that as the pier completes the restaurant/ events hall/ possibly nightclub will obviously have access to the outside of the pier area where smokers and drinkers will congregate and these groups of people will affect the surrounding buildings and the residents that reside here. In the summer the potential noise until 2.00am/ 3.00am will again be very disruptive.

We hope that the City Council will not grant an alcohol licence to this premise to maintain the quality of the area and protect the residents from nuisance and noise.

Signed by:-



Flat 8, 10 St Helens Parade, Southsea
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Flat 102, 10, St Helens Parade, Southsea

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From: Andrew Adamson [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 April 2017 15:45
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: Southsea Pier Proposed Licensing Hours

Dear Debra

We are happy to see the pier resurrected, but are concerned at the possibility of a return to the late night drunken behaviour that existed before the sea-front bars and night clubs were shut down.

During the 'noughties', it seemed like we were woken most weekends between midnight and 3am by inebriated, selfish and inconsiderate, empty vessels shouting and screaming through the streets around the Canoe Lake, as they made their way home. In a built-up residential area like this, that sort of disruption to the sleep of the majority is unforgivable.

When the council considers the licensing application, we would appreciate it if our view that the sale of alcohol on the pier, after say 11pm, was wholly incompatible with the area.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely

Andrew and Angela Adamson
1 Bembridge Crescent, Southsea, PO4 0QT
[REDACTED]

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From: ROGER AINSLEY <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 20 April 2017 10:08
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: Re: RE: SPP LICENSING HOURS

Dear Debbie,

2 Bembridge Crescent, Southsea, PO4 0QU.

Yours,
Roger Ainsley

-----Original message-----

From : Debra.R [REDACTED]
Date : 20/04/2017 - 09:38 (GMTDT)
To : [REDACTED]
Subject : RE: SPP LICENSING HOURS

Dear Mr Ainsley

Can I have your address including postcode.

Thanks.

Debbie Robson
Licensing

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 19 April 2017 09:52
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: SPP LICENSING HOURS

From: ROGER AINSLEY [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 April 2017 08:22
To: Licensing Shared Email
Cc: Symes, Linda (Cllr)
Subject: Fwd: SPP LICENSING HOURS

-----Original message-----

From : [REDACTED]
Date : 19/04/2017 - 08:08 (GMTDT)
To : [REDACTED]
Cc : [REDACTED]
Subject : SPP LICENSING HOURS

Dear Debra,

I am a resident of Bembridge Crescent, one of the thoroughfares traditionally used by noisy revellers returning to their homes after nights out at SPP [and historically from the former seafront night clubs]. I accept that this is inevitable but would prefer it if this did not happen regularly in the dead of night.

I fully acknowledge that the venue needs to be commercially viable but, looking at the proposals for the use and licensing of SPP, I believe that it is not unreasonable to suggest that usage and licensing hours should not extend beyond 2359 in order to minimise disruption to local residents. Depending on the nature of events there will also be the question of policing, given that resources already appear to be very stretched particularly at the weekend across a number of venues in the city.

I trust that you can take forward a balanced approach.

Yours,
Roger Ainsley

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From: Tim Anderson [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 April 2017 19:22
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: Re: Pier licensing

Debra,

My address is 50 Craneswater Ave PO4 0PB

Tim Anderson

Sent from my iPhone

On 21 Apr 2017, at 15:53, Robson, Debra [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Mr Anderson

Can I have your address.

Thanks.

Debbie Robson
Senior Licensing Officer
Directorate of Culture and City Development
Licensing Service
Portsmouth City Council
Civic Offices
Guildhall Square
Portsmouth
PO1 2AL

[REDACTED]

From: tim [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 April 2017 14:50
To: Robson, Debra
Cc: jennie [REDACTED]
Subject: Pier licensing

Dear Debra,

I have lived in the Craneswater area of Southsea for over 25 years and have in that time seen the seafront change in many ways. I can well remember the vandalism, drunken singing and shouting and trails of litter and vomit that could be followed through the residential streets leading from the seafront night clubs back into the city. When the clubs moved to Guildhall Square the lives of the

residents of our area dramatically improved and regular replacement of car wing mirrors and windscreen wipers became redundant. However, the redevelopment of the pier and the surrounding area should be applauded and credit given to the new owners of the pier in the restoration project so far. I fully appreciate that an alcohol license is essential to the business plan of the pier and that it had such a license in previous years but 2am seems excessive for the sale of alcohol and I cannot see what events need to be open until 3am! By the time customers have finished their drinks and left the pier we will be back to the early hours nightmare of the past and possibly worse as I cannot recall any of the clubs being open until 3am. Surely an earlier cut off time would be more appropriate and give some consideration to the local residents. I think if the owners of the pier had put the 2am alcohol license and 3am event permission in their early press releases and publicity when canvassing for local approval, they may have had less support. I wish them luck with the venture, I am happy that the pier is alive again, I understand that they will need to serve alcohol and hold events but 2am/3am is just too late. Surely midnight on weekdays and 1am Friday and Saturday would be perfectly reasonable.

Yours

T Anderson
Craneswater Avenue

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Application Number: 17/02385/LAPREM

Address: South Parade Southsea Hants PO4 0RN

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Ms Debra Robson

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Janine Arnold

Address: 13 St Helens Close, Southsea PO4 0NN

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Call in request from Cllrs

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: 12:18 PM on 25 Apr 2017 As there is no designated parking for users of SPP the residential areas will be used. This indicates that cars and their occupants will be walking around, slamming car doors, and starting car engines until approximately 4am. Craneswater and Eastern Parade and the roads leading off are entirely residential. A licence offering alcohol until 3am is quite unacceptable in this area. Residents are already prey to people searching for parking spaces every day in the summer months and every weekend of the year. That this should now extend to all night will blight the lives of the residents whose council tax presumably reflects the atmosphere which should be enjoyed in the area.

A licence until midnight would prove less disruptive to the area

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Address: South Parade Southsea Hants PO4 0RN
Proposal: Premises Licence
Case Officer: Ms Debra Robson

Customer Details

Name: Mr Michael Arnold
Address: 13 St Helens Close, Eastney And Craneswater, Southsea, Portsmouth City Council PO4 0NN

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Contributor (Other)
Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Comment Reasons:

Comment: 12:20 PM on 25 Apr 2017 There are very limited parking facilities in the area. Individuals going to the Pier will be parking in the adjoining streets where they can, and departing in the not-so-early hours next morning to the irritation of the people living there. No doubt there will be a return to petty vandalism which we enjoyed when the Clubs opposite were open. I expect the response of the PCC will be to attempt to meet this problem by introducing further parking restrictions, to the further irritation of residents. Finally, the availability of a late night alcohol licence will encourage people to go there late, some already in a state of intoxication. In summary, the alcohol license hours should be severely restricted.

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From: David Barber <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 20 April 2017 12:36
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: Pier

Dear Debra

I am so pleased that the pier is now open, but I am very concerned about the licensing application 2 am and 3 am is very unfair for the many residents who live so close to the pier. I have lived here for 4 yrs and enjoy the peace.

I do understand if the hours were 12 to 1 am but disturbance in the middle of the night would be so inconsiderate. I thought that nightclubs were moved from the seafront were moved to Gunwharf to centralise them and better for the police to manage.

Yours sincerely

Mrs P. Barber

7 St Helens Court Po4 ORR

20.4.17

Sent from my iPad

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From: Ellen Barrable [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 April 2017 15:12
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: Re: South Parade Pier opening proposals

Of course.
It's Dell Court, 24 Eastern Villas Road, Southsea PO4 3DE

From: Robson, Debra [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 April 2017 14:07
To: Ellen Barrable
Subject: RE: South Parade Pier opening proposals

Hi Ellen

Can you let me have your address.

Thanks.

Debbie Robson
Licensing

From: Ellen Barrable [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 April 2017 15:06
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: South Parade Pier opening proposals

Dear Debra Robson

As someone who lives very near and in full view of the Pier and has experienced what occurred a few years ago when there were a number of establishments that were open into the early hours of the morn with drink and entertainment (Bar Blue, Time & Envy, Tangerine Suite and Lush Bliss for example) I object strongly to the end time of 02.00 and 00.30 for alcohol consumption. A drink licence until 12 midnight in restaurants and eating establishments is absolutely fine (the fish restaurant sounds wonderful).

The noise, damage and anti-social behaviour of the seafront nightclub era should not be repeated. And who will be paying the extra costs for policing the area again?

Thank you for your attention and hopefully the proposed licensing hours will be adjusted sensibly so that all may enjoy our beautiful seafront.

Kind regards

Ellen Barrable

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Application Number: 17/02385/LAPREM

Address: South Parade Southsea Hants PO4 0RN

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Ms Debra Robson

Customer Details

Name: Miss Ruth Batson

Address: 19 Henderson Road, Southsea PO4 9JD

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Contributor (Other)

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: 10:07 PM on 26 Apr 2017 We have waited so long for the Pier to be made safe, restored and redeveloped. My feeling is that it should be given the opportunity to offer a range of entertainment to make it financially viable. Of course concerns regarding antisocial behaviour need to be addressed and the licensee should be supported by the Council in how to manage this. Responsible management and forward thinking will help ensure a bright future for the Pier.

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From: Margaret Bell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 22 April 2017 10:39
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: Re: South Parade Pier - application for premises licence

I wish to object to the licensing hours proposed by the owners of South Parade Pier on the grounds of:

Prevention of Public Nuisance.

I say this as there are a lot of elderly people in the vicinity and I consider 2am and 3am to be too late to be hearing - loud talking - cars revving - and taxis picking up visitors.

*Margaret Bell
Flat 6 St. Helen's Ct.
Southsea PO4 0RR*

-----Original message-----

From : Debra [REDACTED]
Date : 20/04/2017 - 9:16 am (GMTDT)
To : [REDACTED]
Subject : South Parade Pier - application for premises licence

Dear Ms Bell

Thank you for your email and I understand your objection to this application.

However, in order for the Local Authority to accept this as a formal representation against the application it needs to be in regard to one or more of the licensing objectives.

The four licensing objectives are

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public Safety
- Prevention of public nuisance
- Protection of children from harm

Can I ask you to be a little more specific as to how the granting of this licence may impact upon any or all of the above four licensing objectives.

I will also need your address in order to accept this as a formal representation.

Regards.

Debbie Robson
Senior Licensing Officer
Directorate of Culture and City Development
Licensing Service
Portsmouth City Council
Civic Offices
Guildhall Square
Portsmouth
PO1 2AL



From: Margaret Bell 

Sent: 19 April 2017 17:48

To: Robson, Debra; Symes, Linda (Clr); jennie.brent@portsmouth.gov.uk 

Subject: Pier licencing times.

Re: pier licencing.

I think MIDNIGHT is late enough for PIER to close.
We have a lot of elderly residents and young families in the near vicinity.

Margaret Bell

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**Mrs Sheila Besant
19 St Helens Court
St Helens Parade
Southsea
PO4 0RR**

**Attn. of Ms Debra Robson
Licensing Department**

Dear Councillors

I am writing to register my objection to the application for a premises licence, no 17 /02385, for south parade pier.

The basis of my objection is that this area is now an expensive residential area where there are no nightclubs or late night drinking facilities, in accordance with current council planning.

If this application is agreed then general public safety will be compromised, firstly by the complete absence of parking facilities, and secondly by an increase in crime and criminal acts.

The application has no details of whether amplifiers will be used but I assume that the music, live and DJ'd, will be. This is a quiet area, the most noise at night comes from the pedestrian crossing outside of the Pier, and not from any of the other premises in the area. We would not be objecting to a licence that finished by 23.30 but anything later would without doubt cause a public nuisance in this residential area. This is not a club area!

Do you not consider that there are plenty of clubs and bars in areas where it is not residential and policing is easier. South Parade Pier late night facilities would overstretch our local police force causing under manning problems elsewhere.

We believed that the Pier would be a family orientated facility and attract holiday makers, not be a night club on stilts, causing misery and havoc to the surrounding peaceful area(at the moment).

I do hope that you will understand my disappointment as the Pier has been renovated to such a high standard externally and is now an asset to the area, yet the owners would with this application cause so many social problems should this licence application be approved.

Sheila Besant



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Flat 1
8-10, St Helens Parade,
Southsea
Hants
PO4 0RW

The Licensing Manager
Licensing section
Portsmouth City Council
Civic Offices
Guildhall Square
Portsmouth
PO1 2AL

18th April 2017

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Your reference 17/ 02385/ LAPREM

I have just heard that South Parade Pier have applied for a license to serve alcohol until 2.00am/ 3.00am in the morning.

I strongly object to this as this will create noise throughout the night and there are a lot of people who need to get up for work including myself.

I have taken the trouble to go over to the pier and the amusement section seems very small at the front. I am worried that all the areas at the back, presumably a large restaurant and bars, which begs the question of all the outside areas being used by smokers and drinks in the early hours. This will cause nuisance to all the residents who live locally.

The sea front is a residential area now and to allow these licensing hours seems to imply a total neglect for surrounding residents who need their sleep. It was a nightmare before so why are we having to go through this again.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Paul Betts

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Application Number: 17/02385/LAPREM

Address: South Parade Southsea Hants PO4 0RN

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Ms Debra Robson

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Liz Birch

Address: 22 Nettlecombe Avenue, Southsea PO4 0QN

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: 1:37 PM on 26 Apr 2017 As a family with 3 young children, we moved to this area because it is a quiet, family orientated neighbourhood. We are delighted that the pier has been restored & we genuinely hope it will be a success. But a licence to such late times will not attract the families the pier claims to appeal to. In fact, it would totally put me off taking my children there in the day or early evening. With the recently approved lap dancing club on Albert Road, drinking establishments open beyond midnight will certainly attract undesirables to this family, residential area. We love living in Southsea, we love the Craneswater area & we love building a community by organising street parties etc to help neighbours get to know each other. We do NOT want to be woken in the small hours by drunken behaviour, people returning to their cars, damaging residents cars & vomiting in our gardens. I hope to support the pier, but let's keep it reasonable and not annoy & consequently isolate the local community.

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From: Geoff Bishop [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 April 2017 19:00
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: Re: Pier Alcohol licence

Dear Debbie

9 Charminster, 46 Craneswater Park, Southsea, PO40NU

Geoff Bishop

On 21/04/2017 08:38, Robson, Debra wrote:

> Dear Mr Bishop

>

> Can I have your address.

>

> Thanks.

>

> Debbie Robson

> Licensing

>

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Geoff Bishop [REDACTED]

> Sent: 20 April 2017 20:00

> To: Robson, Debra; jennie.brent [REDACTED]

> Subject: Pier Alcohol licence

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> Dera Debra and Jennie

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> I live in the Craneswater area and I was surprised when I saw detail of the owners application for an Alcohol and Entertainment licence.

>

> I am very much against the application for Alcohol to such a late time.

> I cannot see the need for customers being allowed to purchase drinks at such a late hour. This will only encourage binge drinking with the subsequent associated problems with hooligism when some customers emerge on completion of the entertainment. I cannot possibly see the need for entertainment to continue to 3am on Saturday and Sunday mornings. My view is that the drinking hours allowed should be to 11pm on all days except Friday and Saturday when an extension to 12oc be allowed.

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> Those of us who live in the Craneswater area do not wish to return to the bad old days when the clubs were open in the Savoy area and we were consatantly disturbed my loud mouthed youths making there way home damaging parked cars, injuring the swans on the lake and generally causing mayhem.

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> Regards

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> Geoff Bishop

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From: Stone, Derek
Sent: 21 April 2017 13:35
To: 'blair Breton'
Cc: Robson, Debra
Subject: RE: FW: South Parade Pier

Blair

All noted and it will go in as being in support of the application.

Many thanks

Regards

Derek

-----Original Message-----

From: blair Breton [REDACTED]
 Sent: 21 April 2017 13:30
 To: Stone, Derek
 Subject: Re: FW: South Parade Pier

Please submit to the Committee and I am somewhat embarrassed the spell check has picked the wrong word for sort. Not picking but seeking.

On 21/04/2017 13:23, Stone, Derek wrote:

- > Dear Blair
- >
- > Thank you for your below e mail.
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- > We have had representations against this application and therefore it will go before a licensing sub-committee in due course to determine if the licence should be granted or not or indeed if certain restrictions should be placed on the licence to make sure that the licensing objectives are upheld.
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- > It will not be possible to grant a licence as you have suggested for a three year period but should problems occur as a result of the licence being granted the licence can be reviewed at any stage if the licensing objectives are being undermined.
- >
- > Would you like your e mail to be submitted to the licensing panel as being in support of the application ?
- >
- > Regards
- >
- > Derek
- >
- > Derek Stone
- > Principal Licensing Officer
- > Directorate of Culture and City Development Licensing Service
- > Portsmouth City Council Civic Offices Guildhall Square Portsmouth
- > Hants
- > PO1 2AL
- >

> -----Original Message-----

> From: blair Breton [REDACTED]

> Sent: 21 April 2017 09:55

> To: Licensing Shared Email

> Subject: South Parade Pier

>
> Dear Licensing, I am a long term resident of Southsea and remember the pier in its hey day. It had shows, music, slots, food, steamers calling.

> It also had extensive licensing hours. So I would support the application for extended hours on the grounds that the pier has historically held some sought of extension at a time when licensing of premises was tighter. The license should be granted for a limited time to make sure good order is kept. If it should come about that the management cannot keep good order the license should be altered.

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> I suggest grant this license for 3 years.

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>
> Yours

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> Blair Breton
> 17 Craneswater Ave
> Southsea
> PO40PA

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Address: South Parade Southsea Hants PO4 0RN

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Ms Debra Robson

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Su Bland

Address: 20 Whitwell Road, Southsea PO4 0QR

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: 9:13 AM on 25 Apr 2017 I absolutely object to this application. It goes against the councils zoning approach of moving all late night venues to Gunwharf and Commercial Road. Our quiet family road has significantly improved since the clubs closed down.

* Cars are no longer regularly damaged

* Late night party goers are no longer sleeping and drinking in their cars outside our house.

* We no longer get woken up in the early hours by arguments, shouting and screaming in the streets.

* We no longer find party goers urinating in our front gardens or vomiting on the footpaths.

Many Thanks Su

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Address: South Parade Southsea Hants PO4 0RN

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Ms Debra Robson

Customer Details

Name: Mr Tony Bland

Address: 20 Whitwell Road, Southsea PO4 0QR

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: 9:30 AM on 25 Apr 2017 We moved to Whitwell Rd 16 years ago on the understanding that the night clubs were moving and the area would be promoted as residential. A late night alcohol license on the pier is a reversal of this policy and would bring back the noise and vandalism that existed when the clubs were there. Clearly, this is not welcome. Please consider a restricted license.

Thanks.

Mr. Linda Symes

Flat 38 St. Martin's House
Clarence Parade
Southsea
PO5 2EZ

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18 APR 2017

Good Friday.

Dear Mr. Symes

Good to see South Parade pier refurbished & now reopened. The contractors appear to have done a good job & the pier is now set to be a real asset, both architectural & commercial.

Clearly the pier needs a licence to sell alcohol, but I would be concerned if the proposed licensing hours were to be allowed. Surely this would be to invite rowdiness long into the early hours & beyond. We live three doors away from the Jolly Sailor & are regularly disturbed at weekends long after closing time. What is proposed for the pier, given the capacity of the venue, will be far worse for local residents. A condition of the licence presumably requires security but, if police presence becomes routinely needed because of anti-social behaviour or worse, who pays?

I would suggest Council study its own Draft Statement of Licensing Policy, particularly with regard to 'Evidence of Cumulative Impact'.

Yours sincerely - Happy Easter!



P.S. I have other matters to discuss. Do you have a surgery?

ROYAL BOYCE

From: j.brent@[REDACTED]
Sent: 26 April 2017 10:58
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: to speak at committee (represent?)

Hi Debra

These are the issues ref residents

Thank you for speaking to me this morning please let me know your requirements from me

Late night noise which will change the character of the area

Pier is wooden would be unable to contain noise

When opened previously there were many complaints ref noise

Change of character of the area

Possibility of really late noise when people leaving premises on the way home

Best Wishes

Jennie Brent Cllr

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From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 24 April 2017 08:29
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: Pier Licence

-----Original Message-----

From: Denise Breton [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 April 2017 19:35
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Pier Licence

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to support the licence application for South Parade Pier.

I am delighted to see the pier has been restored to it's former glory. I have lived here for over 30 years and I am very aware, a pier is an important feature in a seaside town.

Having spent millions on restoring the pier, it would be good that it could be used to it's full extent, with both a music licence and an alcohol licence. I live fairly near by, (Craneswater Ave), but I do not see the pier as a problem. It never seemed to be in the past.

Warmest regards,
Denise Breton

Sent from my iPad

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From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 26 April 2017 08:36
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: South Parade Pier - late night alcohol licence

From: Peter Brook [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 April 2017 23:02
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: South Parade Pier - late night alcohol licence

Dear Sir / Madam

It was really exciting to go to the reopening of the Pier at the Easter weekend. After years of dereliction, the restoration of the Pier is most welcome and especially the undertaking that public access will be restored. There is currently a dearth of quality seafront eating places between the Southsea Common War Memorial and the Eastney swimming baths and a fish and chip restaurant and ice cream parlour are most welcome.

The commercial interests and those of local residents should be balanced and there need to be safeguards in place. Council zoning policy needs to be consistent. It should be hoped that the pier development would improve the amenity of local residents.

Live music and entertainment is to be welcomed during the day but very late night opening beyond a normal 11pm licence would be disruptive to the local community. There is already a successful music venue on the seafront at the Pyramids. It was a relief to local residents that several years ago the night clubs in the vicinity of the pier were closed down. This brought about an immediate drop in incidents of vandalism and late night rowdyism in neighbouring residential streets. Council tax-paying local residents, whether they be young families, working people or senior citizens, are entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of their neighbourhood and to a good night's sleep.

The efficacy of policing was immediately improved by the centralisation of clubbing in the central Portsmouth area, along with the development of Gunwharf venues. The late night application for the South Parade Pier development implies an increased policing and security requirement.

It is surprising that there has been no formal consultation and neighbours have not been invited to comment on the proposed licence by the Council in the usual way even though the impact of the proposals would potentially have a major impact on amenity. It would be good to know how this application fits in with the Council's seafront plan.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Brook

35 Whitwell Road

PO4 0QP