

# Appendix D

**Stone, Derek**

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**From:** Andrew Rogers <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 23 October 2018 16:15  
**To:** Robson, Debra  
**Subject:** Re: Objection to licensing applications Gunwharf Quays - The Alchemist Ref. 18/03601/LAPREM and The Cosy Club Ref. 18/03641/LAPREM

Hello Debbie,

Flat 93, 1 Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth, PO1 3FS

Do I need to post a copy of my objections to you?

Your sincerely,

Andrew

> On 23 Oct 2018, at 16:13, Robson, Debra <Debra.Robson@portsmouthcc.gov.uk> wrote:

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> Dear Mr Rogers

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> Can I have your full address.

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> Thank you.

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> Debbie Robson

> Licensing

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

> From: Andrew Rogers <[REDACTED]>

> Sent: 23 October 2018 14:39

> To: Licensing Shared Email

> Cc: Robson, Debra; Brent, Ryan (Cllr); Wood, Rob (Cllr); Wood, Tom

> (Cllr); Vernon-Jackson, Gerald (Cllr)

> Subject: Objection to licensing applications Gunwharf Quays - The

> Alchemist Ref. 18/03601/LAPREM and The Cosy Club Ref. 18/03641/LAPREM

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> F.A.O

> The Licensing Manager

> Licensing Section

> Legal, Licensing and Registrars

> Portsmouth City Council

> Civic Offices

> Guildhall Square

> Portsmouth

> PO1 2AL

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> Dear Sirs,

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> as a resident of 1 Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth, PO1 3FS I am emailing you to formally lodge my objections to the applications for two new late night bars to be opened in Gunwharf Quays.

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> I retired from London to Gunwharf Quays in November 2017 and in doing so acknowledged that there were some existing bars that have late night licences on the estate. Over the course of the year there have been a number of occurrences where there has been significant noise as a result of anti-social behaviour, especially on a Friday and Saturday. It is not uncommon for the security officers on the estate to try and break up groups of individual who clearly have had far too much to drink. I have seen this on a number of occasions. It is unfortunately that the rise in late night drinking venues appears to go hand-in-hand with binge drinking which directly or indirectly leads to an increase in anti-social behaviour. Clearly the current venues seem unable to stop serving customer who have had too much to drink or don't recognise that other people are buying for those individuals who are already drunk.

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> On a number of occasions when I have come back from the theatre in London, normally around 1am, I have had to run the gauntlet of groups of drunkards arguing and fighting. On a couple of occasions this has occurred outside the block where I live and I found the experience intimidating, threatening and some people being down-right rude. I understand that individuals have tried to gain entrance to my block by trying to force their way through the locked revolving door

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> Most of the time the security are successful at placating the situation, unfortunately once the protagonists are off the estate and onto the street, things can and do get out of hand with the police attending. With additional late night venues opening it is inevitable that there will be increase in anti-social behaviour. I am on the 15th floor and have been woken up on a number of occasions by drunken revellers and arguments taking place in the piazza in front of The Liquorist (one of the venues with a late night license).

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> There is a risk that by allowing further late night venues to operate that;

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> 1. Residents will incur additional levels of anti-social behaviour, which will impact their health by being kept awake, 2. Gunwharf Quays will gain a reputation as the place to go to if you are looking for trouble, 3. Gunwharf Quays will lose its appeal as a safe place to go for the family during the evening, 4. Existing restaurants could see further decline as people stay away from the estate, 5. The overall area goes into decline and directly impacts the investment that a lot of people have put into the area, 6. There is an increase in the number of call outs by emergency services in having to take people to A&E, at a time when the NHS is already overstretched.

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> With binge drinking on the increase and people no longer prepared to accept their own responsibilities, it could be argued that Portsmouth Council by passing these two applications would be encouraging antisocial behaviour. I accept that the majority of people are generally well behaved, unfortunately it is the minority that results in the risks occurring.

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> I therefore request that Portsmouth Council mitigates the risks by rejecting both applications.

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> Yours faithfully

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> Andrew Rogers

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> cc: Debra Robson Case Officer - Portsmouth Council  
> Councillor Ryan Brent - Portsmouth Council  
> Councillor Rob Wood - Portsmouth Council  
> Councillor Tom Wood - Portsmouth Council  
> Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson - Portsmouth Council.

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