

THE ALCHEMIST

Dear Resident,

The Alchemist – Proposed New Licence Application, Gunwharf Quays

My name is Mark Burville and I am the Operations Director of The Alchemist Bar and Restaurant Limited who, as you may be aware, recently applied for a new premises licence for the site currently trading as Strada at Gunwharf Quays.

Following the end of the consultation period we took the decision to withdraw that application but are now in a position where we would like to seek to reapply.

However, we note that various representations were received in respect of the previous application from you as residents. Since withdrawing the application, we have considered carefully and taken on board these concerns, and when we re-lodge the application it will be in an amended format, which I hope will be welcome to you.

We would also like to provide reassurance to you in terms of our style of operation and our specific proposals for this premises. We operate sites throughout the country, many of which are in close proximity to residents, and it is always of the utmost importance to us that we trade in harmony with our local community. We want to become a valued and positive addition to your area, and we certainly do not want to cause you any issues in terms of noise and disturbance, as I know was of concern to many of you.

I of course understand these concerns, but I am confident that we will be able to provide you with assurance that the grant of this application (once re-lodged) will not have a negative impact upon you. We will be looking to re-lodge our application early the week commencing 4th February, which will mean that it will be in consultation until early March. As such, during the consultation period I would be most grateful for the opportunity to meet with you to give you more detail of our style of operation, and to answer any questions that you may have in relation to our proposals.

As such, I would like to invite you to meet at Gunwharf Quays at 6.30pm on Thursday 21st February. I will be in attendance at this time, together with our licensing solicitor and a representative of Land Securities, and we will be happy to discuss matters with you.

If you are able to attend, I would be most grateful if you could confirm to me at markburville@thealchemist.uk.com, and we will then confirm the proposed location of the meeting depending upon the number of you who wish to attend.

If you would like to attend but are unable to do so at this time, please do let me know as I would be happy to arrange to call you to discuss at your convenience.

I look forward to hearing from you, and hopefully meeting with you, soon.

Yours faithfully,

