

Appendix C

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Subject: FW: The Alchemist Application

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From: CLIVE CLIFFORD [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 April 2019 15:08
To: Stone, Derek
Cc: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: The Alchemist Application

Dear Derek,

I have become increasingly frustrated over the past three days trying to fill out an objection application to the above, only to be told there is an error in the system.

Funny that as the time is getting few, there is little I can do.

Please see the letter below that adds my points to the objections to granting a license and late night off-license to the Alchemist.

I have to absolutely object to the granting of a license to the Alchemist to sell alcohol so late into the evening and in fact I believe it is not required at all.

After the withdrawal of the previous request I was hopeful to draw the process to a close, especially after such a vehement objection from the 60 or so personnel who attended the first meeting; I couldn't make the second diluted version!

In that meeting we were supposed to have been impressed by the fact that a barman can earn up to £2000 per hour for the Alchemist, the brand name is a higher class saloon opposed to the 'run of the mill' drinking establishment and hence, it would not attract the same class of customers! That they can accommodate large groups of people (10+) for the celebratory meal/drinks! That they have an effective dispersal process for customers late at night. I have witnessed it in Manchester and Leeds - it is not!

The fact remains that people will still be drinking late into the night and should a group (stag/hen)(which they cater well for) have been drinking for a long time, the likelihood of them all leaving at the same time remains high; moving on to the next drinking hole further down Canalside! Even if their dispersal process is any different from the usual place, the problem remains! They shut their doors (having made a tidy profit), revellers fuelled with alcohol disperse into all areas of Gunwharf Quays (despite barriers) and as we have witnessed time and again, the legally restrained security guards cannot do much about it. Not necessarily through will, but primarily to limited powers of restriction and control. You cannot talk to alcohol!

I note with interest that a large majority of the objections are from Canalside residents (obviously because we suffer the most) and percentage wise to properties on the estate, it is few. However, it is normally the few the ruin things for the many, let's hope that this time the few can have a voice to the corporate many!

Kind regards

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