

APPENDIX C

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I am in receipt of the flyer under the names of Cllrs Stubbs & Symes and a Mr Smith entitled "Drinking on the Beach".

This describes applications for two licensed bars on, or next to, the South Parade Pier. Their opening hours would be 10am to 11pm. Although it is not specified, I assume this would mean being open on Sundays as well as the rest of the week.

I wish to put on record that I am utterly horrified by both proposals and would utterly oppose them.

Until the Gunwharf Quays opened for business, the South Parade Pier area was the rougher end of the holiday trade. Since the proliferation of bars and clubs there, the South Parade Pier area has become a peaceful resort for young families and the elderly. Have the planners taken into consideration the fact that the proposed decking area is directly opposite the McCartney & Stone retirement complex?

I am not a resident at M & S but I am of their generation. Just before last Christmas I purchased a basement flat in a neighbouring block and am endeavouring to create a pleasant retirement home. In particular I am decorating and refurbishing the front "area" as a pleasant place to sit. As have many of my neighbours in both directions. At the moment I only have to clear out on a regular basis thrown away cigarette ends and the odd crisp packet. I dread to think what litter I shall be subjected to if the plan outlined goes ahead. At the moment this part of Southsea is a (relatively) peaceful place. Yes, there are some noisy merry-makers going along South Parade after dark, but not so many. Most of the litter seems to be confined to the bins on the esplanade. Those wanting alcoholic drink can either patronise the Best Western Hotel or buy what they need from the Co-op. This necessarily limits the problem.

I dread to think what it would be like if there were two bars on or adjacent to the Pier selling booze all day every day. It will distort and ruin the atmosphere of the place and ruin it for many who have chosen to live here all the year round. The holiday trade is seasonal.

Cordially,

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