

APPENDIX C

Objection to request for licence

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm emailing to express my objection to the above-stated property being granted a licence as per the document displayed in the window. I have 3 main causes for concern:

1 - Noise pollution. The property has almost floor to ceiling glass on both sides, offering nothing in the way of soundproofing. We already get significant noise pollution from Broadway Coffee on the evenings they remain open late, and this new proposed business will be far closer to Hellyer Road. This quiet, one way street, away from the throngs of Palmerston Rd & Albert Rd, is inhabited by many families & professionals, chosen because of its distance from noise & nightlife. Allowing such a business to operate extended hours playing music will have a significant impact on the quality of life for those of us in Hellyer Road, & potentially a detrimental affect on house prices & desirability of the street in the future.

2 - Parking. This has been an issue since I moved here in 2007, alleviated slightly with the permit system. However with 1 Oliver Road now approved as an HMO, & the former guitar shop opposite the property in question being turned into flats, the demand for spaces is about to surge. Adding in a business that people will likely be frequenting by car between 0800-2300 will have a disastrous impact on those of us with paid permits wishing to get spaces near our house, especially female drivers or those with a number of kids in tow. Being forced to park far from our houses, especially in the cold dark winter nights, is unfair & potentially unsafe.

3 - Out of character. The nature of the business is misaligned with the quiet, family friendly nature of the area. Where many areas on the peripheries of town centres are undergoing gentrification, this area is potentially suffering the opposite if late night music & alcohol sales are allowed. Portsmouth & Southsea have many established areas where this would fit right in without being detrimental to the residents - however the proposed site is not one of them, and as you can see about the negative impact on residents will be significant.

Based on the above I wish to lodge a strong objection against this licence being granted. I would have done so publicly on the website however it would not allow comments to be logged. If possible I would appreciate knowing how many other similar objections you have received.

Thank you for your time,

Best Wishes,
Emma-Louise Parkes.