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29/08/2023

Portsmouth city council Licencing authority

Subject: Objection to New Licensing Application – Southsea Dog Cafe Limited - 23/02674/LAPREM

Dear Portsmouth city council Licencing authority,

I am writing to formally express my strong objection to the recent licensing application submitted by Southsea Dog Cafe Limited under the reference number 23/02674/LAPREM. I am a resident of [REDACTED] which is situated on a quiet residential road and I believe that granting a license to the aforementioned establishment would be detrimental to the quiet and peaceful character of our residential neighbourhood.

My objections for the absolutely absurd application are detailed below

- 1. **Noise and Disruption:**** The introduction of a licensed establishment on our quiet residential road is likely to result in increased noise levels, especially during late hours and weekends. This will significantly disturb the tranquillity that the residents of this area have come to expect and enjoy.
A gimmick cafe such as this has no place at the end of a quiet peaceful road and would be more suited to the historically more vibrant arrears of the city.
- 2. **Traffic and Parking:**** The additional traffic generated by the establishment's patrons could lead to congestion on our already narrow road and create parking issues for residents. This would not only inconvenience us but could also compromise safety for pedestrians and other road users. The residential parking scheme charging residents £160 the the privilege of occasionally parking somewhere near their property if they're very lucky will have to be completely redesigned if a late night bar is situated at the end of our road.
- 3. **Impact on Local Amenities:**** Our residential area is characterised by its peaceful environment and family-friendly atmosphere. The presence of a licensed establishment might attract a different demographic, potentially leading to disturbances, public disorder, and a change in the area's character.
- 4. **Safety Concerns:**** Given the consumption of alcohol within the licensed premises, there is a heightened risk of anti-social behaviour and potential safety hazards in the vicinity, which could be detrimental to the well-being of residents.

5. **Property Values:** The introduction of a licensed establishment nearby has the potential to negatively impact property values in the area, as potential buyers or renters might be deterred by the noise and potential disruption.

6 **Dog fouling:** There is already a problem with dog fouling in this area and having a bar which will also for some reason be a dog groomer, is only going to worsen the problem. Heavily intoxicated individuals leaving the premises with their pets is also a noise concern.

In light of the above concerns, I urge you to consider the potential negative consequences that granting this license could have on our residential community. I believe that preserving the tranquillity and well-being of long-standing residents should take precedence over any commercial interests associated with the licensing application.

I kindly request that my objection be taken into account during the decision-making process. Furthermore, I would appreciate the opportunity to speak at any relevant public hearings or meetings that pertain to this licensing application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that the licensing authority will carefully assess the potential impact of this application on our quiet residential road and make a decision that aligns with the best interests of the community.

(Please **do not** reveal my address on the publication of this objection).

Yours sincerely,

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Matthew East