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Subject: Alcohol Licensing Objection PO4 9EY - Southsea Dog Cafe/Hideaway Cafe

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To the Licensing Manager

Good afternoon,

We are writing in regards to a license application made by the Southsea Dog Cafe (Hideaway Cafe) in 161-165 Highland Road, PO4 9EY.

Looking at the application this venue is going to be more than your usual cafe. We are surprised about the proposed opening times and alcohol licensing hours. It would appear that 8am is a very early time to serve alcoholic beverages, especially in a venue that is supposedly a cafe.

Whilst we are supportive of local businesses and understand they want to attract a vast variety of customers, we are worried about the impact this venue will have on our residential area. Opening hours until 11pm from Monday to Sunday, including alcohol being served up to 15 minutes before closure, will have a huge impact on the noise and the public safety in our area. We are a professional couple with two young children and our bedroom window is straight across the street. We cannot help but worry about the noise and potential disorder these opening hours will cause.

Furthermore we are apprehensive about the potential noise caused by outdoor seating and the live music area. The cafe has a glass front all around and the live music area seems to be situated right at the corner on the Hellyer Road side. In the application it does not state a definite time or frequency for such events, but the noise would most certainly travel to us, which we do not appreciate on a weeknight.

The outdoor seating presumably would be towards the front along Highland Road, we believe it would be beneficial to have limited hours for this area to keep noise in the late hours to a minimum.

Lastly the two other concerns we have are the extremely late opening hours on bank holidays and for special events, as well as the mentioning of take away drinks. The selling of drinks to take away could cause a lot of littering as well as a lot of people roaming our residential streets, some of which no doubt a little drunk.

We have been living in our property for 7 years and have had very friendly relationships with all the businesses in our road (gym, diving shop, guitar shop). We never minded a bit of music from the gym or vans parking up to load outside the dive shop, but the plans for this new venue, in particular the late weeknight openings, the extended alcohol licensing hours and live music are of concern for us. We hope that the cafe will look into their plans and make this a more dog and family orientated venue to fit into our lovely community, which is what we were hoping for when we first heard of the plans for the Southsea Dog Cafe.

In summary, as local residents, we are worried about the prevention of public nuisance, securing public safety, the prevention of crime and disorder and the protection of children from harm, which is why we are objecting to this licensing application.

Kind regards,
Ute & Scott Saunders
(4 Hellyer Road, Po4 9DH)