

APPENDIX 5

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Fwd: Cullercoats Coffee licence application

Tue 04/10/2022 09:48

To: Liquor Licensing <liquor.licensing@northtyneside.gov.uk>

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Begin forwarded message:

From: >
Date: 3 October 2022 at 13:01:35 BST
To: Jeff Young <Jeff.Young@northtyneside.gov.uk>
Subject: Cullercoats Coffee licence application

To Whom it may concern,

Please accept this email as a representation with regards to the application made by Cullercoats Coffee Co , 69, Front Street, Tynemouth, NE30 4BP, for a premises license to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises.

we do not object to the licence in principle but we do have concerns about the timings which have been applied for and how selling alcohol for consumption off the premises would be controlled.

At present Cullercoats Coffee opens at 7am and closes at 5pm therefore we do not see the need for a licence to be granted until 11pm. We do, of course, appreciate that there may be a seasonal need to extend their opening hours but not until 11pm ! Also, as there is a designated seating area on the street, directly in front of the property, for customers to consume their purchased takeaway coffees, provisions would need to be put in place to avoid customers consuming takeaway alcohol in the same way as their coffees - this potentially, until 11pm, would only add to the already unacceptable noise levels ,late at night, on Tynemouth Front Street.

Kind Regards,

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NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

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04 October 2022.

Licensing Officer,
Licensing Department,
Killingworth Site,
Harvey Combe,
Killingworth,
Newcastle-Upon-Tyne,
NE12 6UB.

Dear Mrs S Graham,

Re: Premises licence application for Cullercoats Coffee, 69 Front Street, Tynemouth, NE30 4BP

In respect of the grant of the above application, I have the following comments to make and wish to lodge the following supporting representation: -

Northumbria Police wish to make a representation to the new off the premises licence application for Cullercoats Coffee, 69 Front Street Tynemouth NE30 4BP on the grounds of Crime and Disorder.

The premise to which this application refers is situated in the 'hot spot' cumulative impact night-time economy area of Tynemouth; the area already has a number of pubs, wine bars, takeaways, and restaurants which can open until the early hours of the morning. Cumulatively, in terms of crime and antisocial behaviour, these premises already have a significant and documented negative impact upon the local residential community.

The licence application, in the general description of the premise's it states, "A Small take-out coffee and food house on Tynemouth front street, situated on a row of other licenced bars and restaurants. Any takeouts are expected to be consumed on or around the local beaches and coasts or on our outdoor seating." In section 18 under crime and disorder it states, "Cans and plastic containers to be used when not seated. Alcohol for customers not intending to sit will be served in a sealed container and must enter the outlined licenced area to be served alcohol from, over the counter."

The applicant texted Mr Kirkpatrick Licensing Officer for the Police, on Wednesday 14th September 2022 to request guidance on his application, as the applicant had been informed that Tynemouth Front Street had a cumulative impact policy. When Mr Kirkpatrick telephoned the Applicant, on Friday 16th September 2022, he was informed by the applicant, they had already submitted the application to North Tyneside councils Licensing section and the notice had already been sent to the local press.

The applicant was asked if alcohol would be served in open containers across the counter to consume in the outside area, the answer was no, but they could consume any alcohol they had purchased from inside the shop. Mr Kirkpatrick replied, you intend to allow people to consume alcohol from cans, beer bottles and wine bottles in your outside seating area, the applicant replied yes. Mr Kirkpatrick replied, that's not going to look good.

May I request the committee to have regard to North Tyneside councils' statement of Licensing Policy paragraph 2.3 Each area of the Borough has its own character and challenges. Applicants are expected to demonstrate knowledge of their local area when describing the steps, they intend to take to promote the licensing objectives.

This application is for an off licence in the cumulative impact area, this premises does not bring anything new or fresh to Tynemouth Front street. Northumbria Police are aware that in normal circumstances the cumulative impact policy would not cover an off licence, however, the situation with this application is, the applicant is trying to cover both basis by offering an outside seating area in which to consume alcohol. The application is written in a way, an on premises would be described, such as the applicant writing, "No children around the bar area." And the timings for the alcohol sales do not mirror the opening times that an off licence would normally be.

Northumbria Police request, that this application for an off licence is refused.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Fenney-Menzies', written over a horizontal line.

Acting C/Insp Rebecca Fenney-Menzies 7022
Harm reduction/Intelligence.

Gary Callum

From:
Sent: 05 October 2022 15:56
To: Liquor Licensing
Subject: Cullercoats Coffee Group Ltd, 69 Front Street, Tynemouth - Premises Licence Application

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Dear NTC licensing

As a resident of Tynemouth, I wish to make a representation in respect of the current licence application by Cullercoats Coffee Group Ltd for 69 Front Street, Tynemouth.

The business presently operates as a takeaway coffee shop on Front Street between the hours of 7.00am and 5.00pm (not 7.00am and 11.00pm as stated in their application). They have a few tables outside on their property with seating where customers can enjoy their coffees and pastries etc.

I note that they are applying for an OFF licence for the premises for every day of the week from 11.00am to 11.00pm and that they are 'situated on a row of other licenced bars and restaurants' and that 'any takeouts are expected to be consumed on or around the local beaches and coasts or on our outdoor seating'.

The application is for OFF sales of alcohol so I am confused as to why the applicant intends to allow their customers to consume said alcohol ON their premises on their outdoor seating. Please could they clarify this point as it does seem be a contradiction. It appears to be an ON licence under the guise of an OFF licence.

How would off sales of alcohol be managed if, for example, two people turn up and one buys a coffee and wishes to sit down to drink this while the other buys alcohol and, under an off licence, would not be permitted to drink this on the premises? The outdoor seating is part of the property and, therefore, on the premises.

Cullercoats Coffee Co currently sells coffees/pastries etc during their opening hours of 7am and 5pm. I would object to the sales of alcohol late into the evening to 11pm. The applicant states that they are situated 'on a row of other licenced bars and restaurants' but this should not necessarily be a reason for granting a licence. Tynemouth Front Street already has around 25 licensed establishments and the granting of pavement licences during the covid pandemic means that much of the drinking culture has moved outside on to the streets. Now that the pandemic is seemingly over, many of these pubs/restaurants have effectively gained increased covers with these additional outdoor spaces. This has resulted in an increase in outdoor noise and anti-social behaviour for residents who live on Front Street. In the late evening there are often groups of people congregating around the outside areas of many of these bars.

I believe the council should be mindful that Front Street, despite the large number of pubs and eateries, is also a residential area with other types of businesses too. Cullercoats Coffee Co has residential accommodation above and is adjacent to a business premises (gift shop) with residential accommodation above and also on the opposite side of the street. Granting a licence to Cullercoats Coffee Co would mean that there are effectively four premises in a row (Barca, Head of Steam, Toast and CCC) all of which have outside drinking areas and consequent noise for residents in the area.

The applicant also states that they would not be playing recorded music (see Section 11), yet under d) The prevention of public nuisance, they state 'Nolse restrictions on equipment and speakers'. I would like some clarification regarding the purpose of any speakers if the applicant is not intending to play recorded music on the premises. I appreciate that no licence is required for recorded music up to 11pm but again their premises is effectively outside on the pavement so I would like some assurances that they would not be playing loud music in the street.

May I make the following suggestions in respect of this application:

1. Time restriction: limiting any alcohol licence to finish early evening, say 7.30pm with drinks consumed by 8pm and tables/seating cleared away promptly to prevent people congregating after this time.
2. A clear demarcation of the seating area where customers may drink alcohol, so that this does not spill over onto the public highway and the adjacent premises.
3. Confirmation that no recorded music will be playing as stated in the application.

Kind regards