

APPENDIX 5

16 May 2021

The Licensing Section
The Killingworth Site
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Dear Sirs,

On The Corner Café, 45 Ilfracombe Gardens Whitley Bay NE26 3LZ

First of all we would like to state if it was not for someone putting a flyer through our letter box, as we do not pass the café on the other side for the street and do not receive local paper paid or free, we would not have been aware of this application even if it was displayed on the café premises.

We are writing to register our objection to the application for a premises licence Della Veronica Carter for Live and recorded music and the provision of anything of a similar description to live music, recorded music or performances of dance, also the on and off sales of alcohol on the premises.

The property of 45 Ilfracombe Gardens lies within an area in the town that is gradually progressing from a diminishing commercial to residential area.

On the same block and adjacent of the café on Ilfracombe Gardens there are other commercial businesses at ground level:

- Walkoutdoors, which provides camping and walking equipment.
- ACMS air-condition and heating and currently operating as an office for the business.
- Clippers Barber Shop.
- Artisan Bakery
- The Grooming Room, dog grooming parlour
- Ayres Veterinary Services

Above each of these businesses in the block there are two story residential maisonettes directly opposite the café on Ilfracombe Gardens there is a row of residential housing which stretches from the mainly residential street Claremont Gardens to the south up to the traffic lights at the mainly commercial area of Park View.

On the next block which is south from Windsor Gardens to Kew Gardens there are other commercial properties and businesses on the ground level, this block also has residential properties above each of the businesses.

However on this block five of the ground level commercial properties from number 37 to number 43 Ilfracombe Gardens have been converted to residential properties and are occupied as residential properties. Number 43 Ilfracombe Gardens, faces directly across from the café on Windsor Gardens.

The conversion commercial properties to residential properties has started a gradual process or changing the arear from a commercial to a residential area with eight properties on

Ilfracombe Gardens and two nearby properties on Claremont Gardens converted to residential use. The above mentioned business tend to close at the end of their working day, either late to early evening, the latest being to barbershop which closes at the latest as about 6:30pm with no disturbance after the last customer has left. Only the Café an Artisan Bakery open on a Sunday with the bakery closed by early afternoon.

Performance of recorded and live music performance at the café, the application states:

- Recorded music will be provided at the premises but always at a level to allow customers to talk in comfort and this has been conditioned within the operating schedule attached to the licence or the live music during the hours 8:00am to 19:00pm
- The premises may from time to time decide to have live music acoustic singers etc.
- Non-standard timings from the end of permitted hours on News Yeas Eve to the start of the permitted hours on News Years Day.

We feel that there is no guarantee that any music would not be heard outside of the premises. With previous experience with the previous proprietor who ran a café from the premises, who occasionally would have recorded music, disco & karaoke especially during xmas and New Year period as to ventilate the premises the proprietor were kept windows and doors of the premises open during these unauthorised events for ventilation.

Also the wording on the application for non-standard timing: end of permitted hours on News Yeas Eve to the start of the permitted hours on News Years Day.

This statement is very vague and ambiguous as it does not give any reassurances of when any event would start, end or how long any event would go in for and what time any attendees would leave the premises

For the period the proprietor proposes for non-standard timings, is one of the quietest periods with the majority of the commercial businesses on Ilfracombe Gardens either have reduced business hours or being closed for the xmas and New Year period, with the only disturbances being the occasional fire work for the New Year from other areas of the town.

Regarding the application for alcohol Licence. The application proposes that alcohol will be sold for consumption off the premises between 8:00am and 19.00pm, seven days a week and non-standard timings from the end of permitted hours on News Yeas Eve to the start of the permitted hours on News Years Day and non-standard timings from the end of permitted hours on News Yeas Eve to the start of the permitted hours on News Years Day.

Granting a licence would provide a further source of alcohol within an area where alcohol is already available with populated with licensed premises bars, micro pubs and licenced cafes, which have steadily spread from the centre of the town to the end of the mainly commercial area of Park View.

Nearby Premises that already supply the sale of alcohol on or near Ilfracombe Gardens within walking distance are of the café area:

- The Super Save Convenience Store off premises sales situated on the corner of Ilfracombe and Eastbourne Gardens. 0.1 miles, 2-3 minute walk south from the Café area towards Park View
- The Whitley Bay Comrades Club, on 14 the Links on the sea front, 05 miles and 6munites walk from the café area.
- Gilbert & Smiths, micro pub 201 Park View, 0.2 miles, 5 minute walk from theCafé area.

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- The Kittiwake pub, Tesco Express off sales and other premises in the commercial area of Crescent, 0.3 miles walk approximately 11 minute walk north of the Café area.
- The COOP on Marine Avenue, 7 minute walk from the café area premises in the commercial area of Crescent, situated in the commercial and tourist area of the near the Spanish City 0.3 miles walk approximately 11 minute walk north of the Café area.
- Several premises either in or adjacent the Spanish City, within the commercial tourist area on the sea front, 11 minute walk from the Café area.

Again the wording on the application for non-standard timing: end of permitted hours on News Years Eve to the start of the permitted hours on News Years Day.

This statement is very vague and ambiguous as it does not give any reassurances of when any event would start end or how long any event would go on for and what time any attendees would leave the premises.

Again for the period the proprietor proposes for non-standard timings, during one of the quietest periods, with the majority of the commercial businesses on Ilfracombe Gardens either have reduced business hours or being closed for the xmas and New Year period, with the only disturbances being the occasional fire work for the New Year from other areas of the town.

We would like to add when the previous proprietor ran the café, he allowed alcohol consumption on the premises and one alcohol related incident was reported to the police and the then local councillor for the area.

As the area surrounding the café has gradually decreased from commercial activity and increased to a predominantly residential area, we do not object proprietor operating as a café/coffee shop during their designated hours of business and working layout out due to the COVID pandemic, however we feel that the services and beverages to be provided under the licence application is more in line with that of a public house or micro pub than a café/coffee house, we would urge the Committee to consider the impact on health and privacy in the granting the licence for live and recorded music and the provision of anything of a similar description to live music, recorded music or performances of dance, also the on and off sales of alcohol on the premises and the change this would bring to the area.

As the area surrounding the Café premises would have a negative effect on the area and local residents in the area adjacent to the café

In view of the above, I would urge the Licensing Authority to refuse the application.

Yours faithfully,

"17TH MAY 2021"

DEAR SIR/MADAM,

I AM IN RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER WHICH WAS PUT THROUGH MY DOOR ON 15/5/21 RE PROPOSED CHANGES TO LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES, "ON THE CORNER CAFE" WHICH IS DIRECTLY BELOW MY HOME ADDRESS AND HAS BEEN FOR THE PAST FIFTY YEARS. SINCE THE CAFE STARTED TRADING I HAVE NOTICED AN INCREASE IN NOISE AND ACTIVITIES,

I FEEL AND AM CONCERNED THAT THE PROPOSED CHANGES WOULD HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE QUALITY OF MY HOME LIFE, THE SALE OF ALCOHOL + LIVE MUSIC AS PER PROPOSED LETTER I FEEL WOULD FURTHER IMPACT ON MY QUALITY OF HOME LIFE.

I HAVE SUFFERED FROM TINITUS FOR THE PAST TWENTY YEARS WHICH CAN BE MEDICALLY PROVEN, I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE WAY THE BUSINESS IS BEING RUN CURRENTLY AND WISH THEM WELL!

HOWEVER I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROPOSALS OUTLINED IN YOUR LETTER. PLEASE KEEP ME INFORMED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS

YOUR SINCERELY