

APPENDIX 5

Gary Callum

From: Gary Callum
Sent: 22 April 2021 16:05
To: Liquor Licensing
Subject: ST EDWARDS CENTRE ROXBURGH TERRACE WHITLEY BAY TYNE AND WEAR NE26 1DS

EXTRNL

I wish to object to the licencing application for the above premises.

The premises are located in a residential area and the purpose of the application is to support "events" to be held in the centre. This type of activity could lead to noise nuisance for local residents and exacerbate major problems regarding car parking.

In my view the application should be refused on the basis of prevention of public nuisance.

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Licencing Section
NTC, Block C
The Killingworth Site
Harvey Coombe
Killingworth
NE12 6UB

RE: NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

REFERENCE: MCG186.1.RXA St Edwards Centre. Roxburgh Terrace, Whitley Bay, NE26 1DS

Objections to Planning Application

1/ With regard to this licensing application I would like to point out that there is absolutely no lack of existing premises already selling alcohol for consumption on and off site in this area i.e. numerous restaurants and bars, Sainsburys Local, Iceland, The Jam Jar Cinema and The Whitley Bay Playhouse.

So clearly it can't be argued that there is any pressing need for such an application owing to a lack of other providers.

2/ With regard to: **CONDITIONS: 5. NOISE 5.1** *No noise shall emanate from the premises nor vibration transmitted through the structure of the premises as a consequence of a licensable activity permitted by this licence which gives rise to a nuisance*, I note that the proposed hours of operation are:

On and Off-sales of Alcohol – Monday to Sunday 10:00 to 23:00

Provision of Films Monday to Sunday 10.00 to 23.00

General Opening times - Monday to Sunday 08:00 to 23:00.

Therefore I would point out that Roxburgh Terrace is a quiet, Residentially Zoned Street and that the inevitable increased traffic and (late) night-time activity is very likely to prove a nuisance to local residents, especially those living next to and adjacent to the building.

Furthermore, many of the street's residents have young families or even family members working from home and it seems unreasonable to expect them to endure any additional noise and commotion from patrons entering and leaving the proposed premises and accessing their vehicles up till 23:00 every night of the week.

3/ **PARKING:** As noted, this proposed venture is to be situated in an established, residentially zoned street where it is a requirement that residents hold a valid North Tyneside Council Parking Permit.

Also, it must be stressed that Roxburgh Terrace is in fact a **one-way street** and there is already a premium on parking spaces in this centrally located street where the limited spaces are often taken by non-residents coming into the area to shop and/or access the various nearby restaurants, gyms and existing cinema and theatre etc.

So already the pressure on parking spaces is substantial and it is true to say that many residents can sometimes find it very difficult, or even on occasion impossible, to find a parking space.

It seems glaringly obvious that the patrons of this proposed venture would only add to this pressure and compound the problem of parking for residents in their own street still further.

4/ With regard to the specifics of what activities are proposed within this venue, other than the applicant stating that the venue is '*a former church hall that will be used for 'events' such as farmers' markets, exhibitions and conferences'* this application is in fact somewhat vague.

I did come across a little information on-line, where the premises, (apparently to be known as "*Marvel Hall*") are described as a '*unique Events space*'. I do note that this Licence Application proposes that '*non-live TV, exhibitions, promotions*' are to take place and also that there will be the '*provision of Films - Monday to Sunday 10.00 to 23.00*'.

With regard to these particular specifics I would point out that very nearby there is an established, state of the art '*Jam Jar Cinema*' (just round the corner in the centre of town) and also, only a short distance down the road in the opposite direction we have The Playhouse Theatre – both of which have ample bar facilities.

In addition I am also aware that the Carlton Club Ltd have submitted plans to North Tyneside Council to convert the derelict Whitley Bay bingo hall next to the Spanish City development into an entertainment venue '*boasting a cocktail bar and restaurant, with space for pop-up shops and a wedding suite.*'

As Mr McGillivray points out, his proposed venue is indeed '*a former church hall*'. It has been out of use for well over ten years and to my knowledge as part of the former St Edwards Church complex on that site films were not shown there and alcohol was most definitely not sold there for consumption – either inside or off-premises.

This suggests that in any case there would be a requirement for a Change of Use Application to North Tyneside Council, in which case I would have the same objections as stated above.

Yours sincerely

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REC 3014121

To the Licensing committee, North Tyneside Council

Application for Premises Licence, St Edwards Centre, Roxburgh Terrace, Whitley Bay.

I wish to object to the above proposed licensing of the old church on Roxburgh Terrace, Whitley Bay. As I live next to the old church this application directly affects me. All our bedrooms and living spaces are directly beside the alley next to the Church and we will be massively impacted by patrons entering and leaving the premises as both of the doors leading into the Church are next to us. My fear is that we will be massively impacted by any anti social behaviour by patrons of the proposed business, similar to what used to occur in South Parade and other streets when after leaving licensed premises patrons were sick, urinated or fought beside, or even in the gardens of residential properties.

Regardless of any safeguards put in place by the owner he has no control over his patrons once they leave his premises, or the noise they may make doing so. It is unfair for residents in a residential street to have to deal with the potential for unwanted noise and anti social behaviour. Refusing the licence would guarantee residents the peace they currently enjoy.

Roxburgh Terrace is a long established residential street with a mixture of young families and older retired residents, in fact the property directly opposite the church, that was once the Citizen's Advice Bureau has recently been given planning permission to return to a family home. A business selling alcohol is going to have a hugely detrimental effect on all the residents in the street due to noise and possible anti social behaviour

The area around Roxburgh Terrace is already saturated with licensed premises. In the nearby commercial streets from the junction with Park Avenue at the bottom of the street round Park View to the top of the street there are two shops selling off sales, a licensed cinema, a number of licensed restaurants and at least 4 public houses not to mention the other licensed premises further down Park View and further into town. Another business selling on and off premises alcohol is not needed and to open a business selling alcohol in a residential street will have an overwhelming, negative effect on residents.

Already Roxburgh Terrace has a parking issue, residents pay the council yearly but parking outside our homes is not guaranteed, in fact before lockdown it was nearly impossible for residents to find a space after 5pm when the pay to park ends and the restaurants and bars are open and any further business in the street will massively impact this.

The proposal is very vague but seems to be events based, events need setting up which will again impact on the street with increased large vehicles which will cause noise disturbance and issues for children playing.

I would urge the licensing committee to deny the application, Whitley Bay has gradually been changing from a drunken party town to a residential town with lots of new houses and retirement homes, more licensed premises opening in residential areas can only be detrimental to this.

Yours Sincerely

REC 3014101
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Dear Sir or Madam;

Premises Licence Application - St Edward's Centre, Roxburgh Terrace, Whitley Bay

I am writing to object to the above application by Mr Alastair McGillivray. I do so as a long-standing resident of Whitley Bay and on the following grounds -

- 1) Roxburgh Terrace is a residential street and the proposed hours of business, combined with attendant noise and potential anti-social behaviour will have an adverse effect upon the environment of the street. This will impact upon the ability of residents to enjoy that environment in peace and security.
- 2) Whitley Bay is already over-supplied with licensed premises. Within a 100m radius of the St Edward's Centre there are two restaurants and a public house, with many more licensed premises a short walk away. There is also a cinema directly opposite.
- 3) Parking in Roxburgh Terrace is already in such short supply that residents are obliged to obtain permits for the privilege of parking vehicles outside their own houses. Approval of this application will only make an already congested street busier still.

I would be grateful if my objection to this application would be taken into account when the matter is considered by the relevant authorities.

Yours Sincerely

From:

To:

The Licensing Section,
The Killingworth Site,
Harvey Combe,
Killingworth,
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE12 6UB

DATE:29/04/2021

Dear Sirs,

Re: Licensing Act 2003
Notice of Application for a
Premises License at
ST EDWARDS CENTRE
ROXBURGH TERRACE
WHITLEY BAY
TYNE AND WEAR
NE26 1DS

This application would be totally inappropriate to the ten apartment residents, who have to live in Roxburgh House. The Parking position is very bad, due to the competition from the business premises. If this application was granted the parking would be even more difficult. We have suffered anti-social behaviour for years at this very busy corner and the front foyer has been damaged so many times that I have lost count. There would be a lot of noise and inconvenience to the residents. The prospect of the sale of alcohol here fills me with alarm. The fitness club has not been bad, and is run effectively but the question of rubbish, parking, The attracting of anti-social behaviour and the drinking worries me. I feel the residents here have been taken for granted and suffered over the years, and their quality of life has gone down hill. We have had instances of people fighting, people urinating at the doorway and carryouts being left on the stairway and we had to bring the police in. I have seen some of the old ones die under the scourge of loud music. This plan is mad and he is trying to make a place that was built as ten apartments into a drinking social club. This is very unfair and not right for the future of people who have to live here. So, I would like to state my opposition to the very bad idea. We are the invisible tenants who come second to commerce. I feel nobody cares about us.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed.

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The Licensing Section

The Killingworth Site

Harvey Combe

Killingworth

NE12 6UB

28th April 2021

Dear Sir

With reference to the application made by Alistair McGillivray to run events and to sell alcohol at

St.Edwards Centre

Roxburgh Terrace

Whitley Bay

I wish to object to the application as follows

I do not consider this a suitable venue for such activities as "Farmers Markets" because Roxburgh Terrace is a busy residential street with no off street parking. Extra visitors to the centre would inevitably bring more cars and put further pressure on the limited parking available for the residents. The street is not resident parking only, shoppers who want to use Park View and the shopping centre can pay and park and is therefore very busy at most times of the day.

I particularly object to the venue selling alcohol at any time of day. The sales of alcohol in a residential street could lead to an increase in noise and public disorder, it would be a nuisance to the families who live nearby particularly those with young children. Directly opposite to the St.Edwards Centre at no 1 Roxburgh Terrace a family with 2 children under 3 are about to move into the house which was formerly the Citizens Advice Office. I live at no 10 which is 5 houses away from the centre, and there are several houses who have young children in this part of the street.

I would like to add that as a resident of 18 years in Roxburgh Terrace we have been very tolerant of Mr McGillivray's gym which he runs from the St.Edwards Centre. He uses Roxburgh Terrace on a regular basis for his fitness activities from 6.00 am when groups of clients run up and down the street. While I appreciate that he has business interests here I do not think that this is the right location for a venue for further events.

Yours faithfully

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The Licensing Section
Killingworth Site
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To Whom It May Concern,

RE – Alistair McGillivray application for A drinks license in connection with St. Edwards Centre, Roxburgh Terrace, Whitley Bay, NE261DS.

My wife and I wish to lodge an objection on the grounds that this a residential Street and our house is directly opposite the Centre, so we are already affected everyday by the comings and goings. Roxburgh Terrace is already a busy street with over seventy houses situated upon it, most of which have vehicles and at the best of times it is difficult to get parked. As a resident we have to pay for this pleasure. St Edwards Centre only has about 6 parking spaces as it has to share the others with the residents of the flats and the shops which look out upon Park Avenue.

Mr McGillivray already runs a gym from the premises and a lot of his clients have to park on the street as there isn't enough room.

As this is a residential street we are used to some noise and movement between 9am and 5pm, but feel a drinks license would encourage more noise, parking difficulties and heightened activity that is often associated with Alcohol. We are fully aware that the venue may be closed by 11pm, but this does not stop people hanging around talking and banging car doors as they leave our street.

So we object strongly to this proposal.

Your sincerely,

The Licensing Section
The Killingworth Site
Harvey Combe
Killingworth
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE12 6UB

5th May 2021

Dear Madam / Sir

RE: Objection to the Granting of a Premises Licence – St. Edwards Centre, Whitley Bay – Ref. MCG186.1.RXA.

I am writing to put forward my strong objections to the granting of a premises licence to a Mr Alistair McGillivray to operate at the St. Edwards Centre on Roxburgh Terrace, Whitley Bay. I have set out the reasons for my objections below and would respectfully request that the application is rejected on the basis of the said reasons.

1. **Impact on Parking:** This venue is not suitable as an events venue. Regular events will require the use of parking facilities which the venue is lacking. This will lead to parking on the street, rear lanes and surrounding areas which are already highly over congested. I refer you to a recent planning application for 49 Roxburgh Terrace to convert the premises into two separate dwellings. The application was rejected on the basis that an additional dwelling would also require additional parking which, as already stated, is already limited within the local area. I trust the same principle will be applied when considering the future use of St. Edwards Centre and an events venue that sells alcohol.

2. **Inappropriate Use of Premises:** Roxburgh Terrace is a densely populated, family street with a number of schools nearby (one being on Park Avenue). I do not believe that the use of St Edwards Centre for the retail sale of alcohol both on and off the premises in a residential location such as Roxburgh Terrace is an appropriate use of the property, even with film events taking place at the same time.

3. **Over provision of takeaway alcohol vendors in locality:** There are already a vast number of alcohol licences within the local area. There are also a large number of takeaway alcohol retailers within close proximity of St Edwards Centre, one being at Sainsbury's a mere 100 yards from the venue. Adding another takeaway alcohol retailer could lead to oversupply, as well as an increase in anti-social behaviour within the area (more on that below).

4. **Already a densely populated area for bars and pubs:** There are already a huge amount of licensed premises within the local area, many of which have more limited alcohol licencing hours than the

application has requested. One of which is located within a 100 yards of the venue and has almost exactly the same use as the application requests – Jam Jar Cinema. The proposed licence application for St Edwards Centre would be in direct competition with a local business which, as has been widely publicised, is struggling to make ends meet.

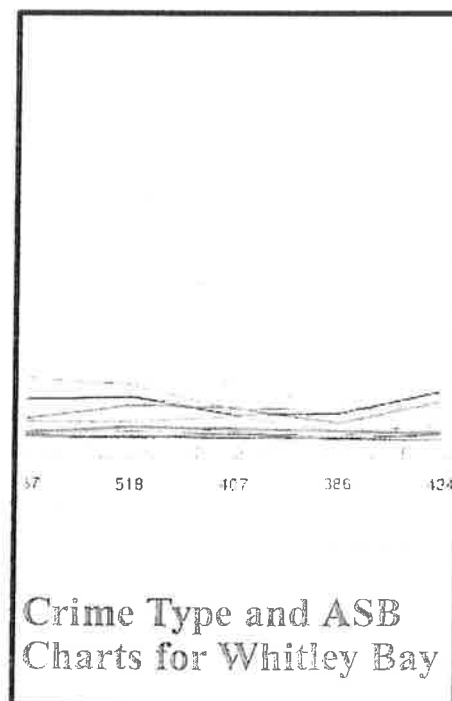
5. **Lack of Information:** The application does not specify the core use of the premises. Is it an events bar that shows movies or a cinema that sells alcohol? Both would be objectionable. Why is the sale of alcohol required when watching a film, I would argue? But, certainly, the use of the premise more as a bar would be highly inappropriate for this residential locality. The granting of a licence, especially one so broad, would make the use of the premises as a bar within the licence holder's gift. That would be highly concerning. In effect, if the licence were granted, the premises could be used as a bar from day one.

6. **Noise pollution:** Any events premises that is able to sell alcohol both on and off the premises would inevitably cause noise pollution despite what the application suggests. Drinkers within the venue will be permitted to take alcohol home with them which could very feasibly lead to intoxicated individuals leaving the premises with more alcohol in hand which, in turn, could lead to noise pollution and anti-social behaviour as they move onto their next destination.

7. **Lack of experience in event planning and sale of alcohol:** The applicant's core business experience appears to be in gym management and fitness. I would raise concerns in relation to their experience in event management, especially where the sale of alcohol is permitted. Are they qualified to operate such a business safely?

8. **Future use:** If the premises were sold to a new freeholder then they could freely operate within the provisions of the licence and operate the premises more as a bar. Given the residential location of the premises, this would not be a suitable use of the premises.

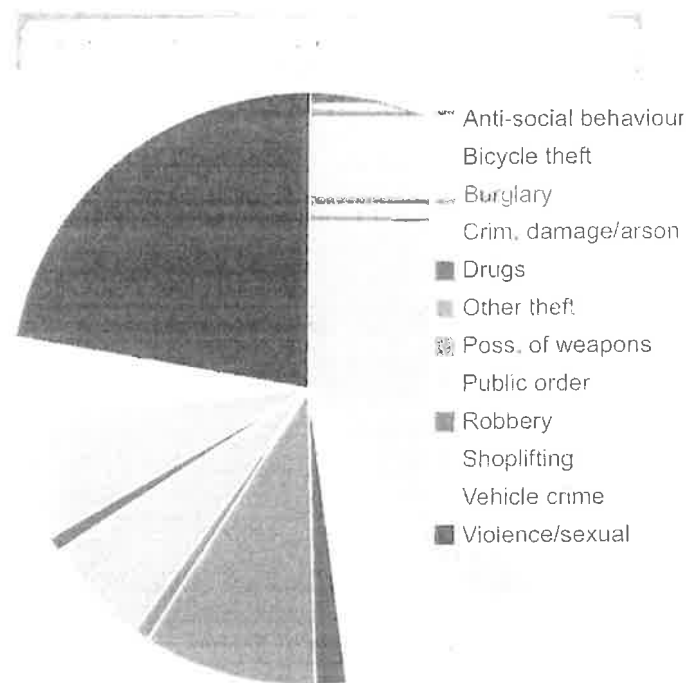
9. **Anti- social behaviour:** As illustrated by the diagrams below, the local area has seen a recent rise in anti-social behaviour. The introduction of an additional venue within a residential location that has provisions for the sale of alcohol on and off the premises will only increase incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area.



Anti-social behaviour

These are the 46 **Anti-social behaviour** crimes recorded in February 2021 within half a mile of Roxburgh Terrace, Whitley Bay, NE26 1DR. Click the tabs above to view crimes in other categories.

Date	Location
February 2021	On or near Belsay Avenue
February 2021	On or near Bournemouth Gardens
February 2021	On or near Brook Street
February 2021	On or near Clifton Terrace
February 2021	On or near Clovelly Gardens
February 2021	On or near Clovelly Gardens
February 2021	On or near Elmwood Grove
February 2021	On or near Esplanade
February 2021	On or near Hillheads Court



10. **Government research:** The government's Alcohol Strategy states *"There is evidence of a link between the number of venues selling alcohol in one area and levels of harm, whether this is crime, damage to health, or harm to young people. We therefore believe local communities should be able to limit the density of premises where this is contributing to the major types of harm. Cumulative Impact Policies (CIPs) can do this to tackle certain issues, but we want to go further and will amend the statutory guidance on the Licensing Act 2003 to make clear that CIPs apply to both the on-trade and the off-trade and that licensing authorities can reflect the needs of their local area by using measures such as fixed closing times, staggered closing times and zoning where they consider them to be appropriate. We will also strengthen local powers and the public's ability to control the density of premises by making it easier to introduce CIPs by reducing the burden of evidence on licensing authorities when making their decision."*

The alcohol strategy also references Popova, S., Giesbrecht, N., Bekmuradov, D. and Patra, J. (2009) *Hours and days of sale and density of alcohol outputs: Impacts on alcohol consumption and damage: A systematic review. Alcohol & Alcoholism. Vol. 44, No. 5, pp500-516*

I believe the powers set out in the government's Alcohol Strategy should be used by the Licensing Authority to reject the application by Mr McGillivray.

The residents of Roxburgh Terrace are already facing problems with parking, anti-social behaviour from often intoxicated individuals (e.g. recently a number of wing mirrors were mindlessly kicked off their cars by a seemingly drunk individual), as well as noise pollution from the gym that operates adjacent to St Edwards Centre. The operator of the gym has already proven that they are unable to manage those that utilise the facilities in such a way that they do not disturb the residents of Roxburgh Terrace. The gym users are often heard shouting at unsocial hours as they run up and down the street (and down the middle of the road) during their exercise drills. I understand that Mr McGillivray is the operator of the gym and, based upon the experiences of the residents of Roxburgh Terrace, I would have concerns about his ability to manage the noise pollution and potential anti-social behaviour emanating from an events venue that sells alcohol both on and off the premises and shows movies from 10am to 11pm every day of the week.

With all of the points above in mind, I believe that Mr McGillivray's application should be rejected and the use of the centre should be safeguarded for a more appropriate use (e.g. support hubs/groups or a youth centre/club).

In submitting this objection, I kindly request that my name and contact details are redacted given mine and my family's proximity to the venue. However, I am happy to be contacted by the local authority and Licencing Authority with any updates or should they have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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The Licensing Section
Killingworth Site
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NE12 6UB

3 May 2021

Re: St Edward's Centre NE26 1DS

Dear Madam/Sir

I refer to Alistair McGillivray's application for licensing the above premises.

I should like to support this application.

I have known Alistair for four years and I have watched the growth of his business with interest. It has not been an easy time to get started and I would not want to discourage any young person's enterprise at this time. In the development of the gym he has shown the utmost consideration for residents in this area and has not wanted to "put a foot wrong".

He has an excellent letting facility on the premises which, I daresay if he could let from time to time would make his business more viable. These days it is virtually impossible to let such without a license.

I am confident that he would not allow any anti-social behaviour and that, given encouragement, he will continue to invest in and improve the appearance of the property. An aspiration we in Whitley Bay should be thankful for!

Yours faithfully



Gary Callum

From: publicaccess@northtyneside.gov.uk
Sent: 14 May 2021 10:01
To: Liquor Licensing
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 00CK/21/0662/LAPRE

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 10:00 AM from i

Application Summary

Address:	St Edwards Centre Roxburgh Terrace Whitley Bay Tyne And Wear NE26 1DS
Proposal:	Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Gary Callum

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Customer Details

Name:	
Email:	
Address:	

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	MAKE REPRESENTATION ie.object or support
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	- Prevention of Crime Disorder - Prevention of Public Nuisance - Traffic
Comments:	14/05/2021 10:00 AM Whilst it would be lovely to have another local business in the area, and another amenity on our doorstep, we are put off by the sale of alcohol from 10am-11pm daily. We live on Roxburgh Terrace and fear that our street could be used as thoroughfare from Park View to the venue. We have experienced vandalism to our vehicles whilst living on Roxburgh Terrace and we have reservations that this could have a direct affect on vandalism increasing if people are influenced by alcohol walking up and down our street late at night. As well as that, we are concerned about parking as we have limited spaces as it is and it can sometimes be hard to park our vehicles. If this venue were to go ahead, this would further reduce spaces available for the people that live on Roxburgh Terrace, especially at the key hours that people would be attending the venue, as this is when parking is free and resident permits are irrelevant.

6th May 2021

Re: Premises licence for St Edwards Centre, Roxburgh Terrace, Whitley Bay.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing regarding the Premises Licence Application for St Edward's Centre, Roxburgh Terrace, Whitley Bay.

Roxburgh Terrace is a built up, residential street and we feel the provision of alcohol from the centre would cause unnecessary problems.

Firstly, the parking is so congested that having cars & taxi's driving down the one-way street would cause noise, congestion and pollution. Although a permit system is in operation the additional paid-parking demands would be unfeasible.

Although the intentions to expand the business are welcome allowing a licence to serve alcohol to this tenant, but more importantly, the plans of future tenants would not be restricted to daytime farmers markets, craft fairs etc... and could be extended to late night drinking within the parameters of this licence.

Having people leaving the venue at 11:30 pm on a night directly opposite family homes would cause noise and disturbances.

The provision of film's is un-needed as there is the very popular and successful Jam Jar cinema just around the corner on Park Avenue.

We wish the applicant every success with his business but feel this application would be very detrimental to the street.

Yours sincerely,

15/05/2021

The Licensing Section
The Killingworth Site
Harvey Coombe
Killingworth
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE12 6UB

Dear Sir,

I wish to raise an objection to the granting of a Premises license or Club Premises Certificate to Alistair McGillivray of St Edwards Centre Roxburgh Terrace NE26 1DS on the grounds that the premises currently operates as a gymnasium open to the public which already causes noise from the use of gym equipment and patrons running up and down Roxburgh Terrace. The location is extremely close to quiet residential housing, the granting of the license to sell alcohol until until 2300 hrs is not compatible with this location. Where alcohol is involved there is potential for inappropriate behaviour being increased. I believe that opening the rest of the centre up for events such as a market, as I have been informed to be its use, will exacerbate the noise problem and create a safety to children playing issue with the increase of vehicular traffic using the rear lanes. Roxburgh Terrace is primarily a quiet residential street, I believe that granting this license to the St Edwards Centre in Roxburgh Terrace will likely create the problems I have outlined. I have lived in Roxburgh Terrace for over 25 years and do not see the granting such a license to be of any benefit but a potential nuisance to current residents.

Yours faithfully

11th May 2021

Application for Alcohol Licence: St Edwards Centre Roxburgh Terrace Whitley Bay NE26 1DR

To the Licensing Section,

I would like to object to the application for an alcohol licence for St Edwards Centre on Roxburgh Terrace. This is a residential street and there are plenty establishments already in Whitley Bay town centre that have alcohol licences. Parking is already difficult for residents and could be exacerbated if the application were to go ahead. Finally, if the application were approved the establishment could generate a noise level that would be unacceptable to the residents.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss further.

Kind regards

12th May 2021

The Licensing Section
Killingworth Site
Harvey Combe
Killingworth
Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE12 6UB

To Whom it may concern

Re: Alistair McGillivray - St Edwards Centre, Roxburgh Terrace, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, NE26 1DS

I am writing to lend my support regarding the application made by Mr McGillivray to North Tyneside Licensing Authority, for a premises licence or club premises certificate under the Licensing Act 2003.

The letter to residents of Roxburgh Terrace sent by Mr John O'Shea, Councillor for Whitley Bay, was misleading regarding the proposed application made by Mr McGillivray.

Having moved to the area over 5 years ago, I joined the CrossFit gym that Mr McGillivray owns at the same address as the licensing application. He is a gentleman who doesn't drink alcohol, whose sole aim is to improve the health and well being of the local area both adults and children. His business has made a positive impact on many peoples lives including; developing new friendships, achieving personal goals and having a sense of community.

His aim for the new application is about offering unique 'events' bringing families and individuals together supporting the local and wider area. Farming markets, pop up food stalls, pizza nights and showing films are the proposed offerings. The letter from Mr O'Shea suggested that the application of selling alcohol on and off premises from 10am-23.00 was quite misleading, particularly to residents who do not fully understand what his sole intent is. It is also a small, renovated community space attached to a gym and not a local pub.

Whitley Bay has been reformed over the past few years with the initiative and success of small, local businesses. This application by Mr McGillivray will only further support and benefit our community. He should at least be given the chance to try.

Regards

14th May 2001

The Licensing Section
The Killingworth Site
Harvey Combe
Killingworth
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE12 6UB

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Notice of Application for a Premise Licence
Premises: St Edwards Centre, Roxburgh Terrace, Whitley Bay, NE26 1DS

I am writing to support the above application for a Premise Licence under the Licensing Act 2003.

As a resident of Roxburgh Terrace, the addition of an events space with a focus on family-friendly activities including the proposed farmers markets and film events would be warmly welcomed.

Mr McGillivray has invested significantly not only in the self-evident improvement of the previously dilapidated St Edwards Centre, but furthermore through his work with the adjacent Crossfit More business has created a tangible community built on the principles of self-betterment. This welcoming and inclusive approach has been recently expanded to programmes accommodating children and young people, and is characteristic of a personal warmth extended by all participants to non-member local residents including myself.

Given the exacting professional accordance with which Mr McGillivray has conducted all aspects of his business development to date, a committed focus on health and fitness, and as a fellow teetotal adherent, it is my understanding that this application is intended solely to enhance social events for those wishing to partake and is in no shape or form resemblant of a transition into providing a publicly-facing bar or point of nightlife.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to further discuss any of the above sentiment, and I hope you will lend your support to this application.

Yours sincerely