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Bradford on Avon
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing to express a very strong objection to the application of a licence for the Kennet and Avon Canal Trust Café, 15 Frome Road.

The idea that this is even to be considered in such a building and location seems ridiculous, but I will quickly highlight the glaringly obvious factors from my point of view anyway-

Very close proximity to areas of residence. Most notably a row of bungalows built specifically for and occupied by old age pensioners, which look out immediately onto the Café, only metres away.

The position of the Café, on the side of a wide stretch of the canal, means any noise will carry well along the canal and over to the adjacent cottages on Frome Road, which have lived in relative peace for hundreds of years.

I doubt anyone will have missed the fact that the café is incredibly close indeed to 14 Frome Rd, my home. Any increase in noise from its current use will cause untold upset and disruption to the lives of anyone in this house, and the consideration of this licence shows no respect or feeling for anyone living there. In reality, no matter what conditions are made, or measures taken, a licensed bar in a residential area will cause significant disruption.

Very close proximity to existing licensed premises. Anyone with any knowledge of the local area will appreciate that there is simply no need for another drinking/music establishment. There are three others within a stone's throw – and any attention needs to be focused on policing existing problems with venues of this nature, and most certainly not on exacerbating the situation by creating a new one.

Structural unsuitability of premises. The cottage was designed as a small two-bedroom living residence with appropriate facilities and space. There is clearly no space for the amenities required for what is being proposed. The cottage is very significant in the history of the K&A canal, any attempt to modify it to cater for this usage would be a historical crime and very surprised anyone has allowed it even to be considered.

Previous History of Canal Tavern. I have experienced the problems at the Canal Tavern under the charge of its current landlords, who I believe are responsible for the application of the new licence at the Café. As I have lived at 14 Frome Road all my life, I have visited the pub many times. I would confidently say that the current managers have caused by far the greatest upset to the local area. They have agreed to keep the noise under control but continue to disappoint.

On a more personal level, my room at 14 Frome Road, my bedroom for the last 21 years (all my life) is the closest anyone has to sleep to the Canal Trust premises. Since the building became a café I have learnt to cope with the occasional lie in being disrupted by the opening up and setting out of seating. However the noise of an alcohol licensed, music-playing venue just metres from my window would make my life quite unbearable. I often have to wake early in the morning for both work and leisure, the notion of an early night or good nights sleep would become impossible.

I am confident anyone in an important decision making position will appreciate that the licensing of the trust tea rooms isn't sensible, cannot be justified and is not what the area needs.

Kind Regards,

Edward Williams