



14 Frome Road  
Bradford on Avon  
Wiltshire  
BA15 1LE  
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Dear Sir,

I am writing to oppose most strongly the application of a premises licence for the Canal Trust Café. Firstly I would like to mention that notice of this was not placed in a very prominent place by the prospective landlords. It is tucked away in the corner of one of the windows, where there is a notice board nearby. Therefore please bear in mind any responses you receive represent a small proportion of neighbours who would be opposed, but whose attention has not been drawn to the notice (I have spoken to local residents who had no idea about the proposal.)

My family have lived next door to 15 Frome Rd for over 23 years now. When we purchased our property, this cottage was a residential dwelling and we thought we had found the ideal location overlooking the lock by the side of the canal. During these years, we have always supported any events held by the K&A Canal Trust, particularly the annual Wharf Show, which took place for many years over one weekend in September. When it was decided by the trust several years ago to turn the cottage into tea rooms, we naturally had some concerns regarding unauthorised traffic, noise and litter along the towpath. This has on occasions been a problem, but we raised no objections.

However, the prospect now of contending with live music and the sale of alcohol on and off the premises from 0900-2300 is totally abhorrent to us and would certainly shatter any peace and security we have in our home and garden. We as local residents know from experience that these live music events can go on till after midnight, as they did on Tuesday December 28<sup>th</sup>, when the Kisiogus were responsible for the running of the Canal Tavern. This is despite meetings between the prospective landlords of the café and local residents.

The granting of this licence would be utterly unacceptable to us and our neighbours, particularly the elderly people whose cottages overlook these premises, many of whom have failing health and are house-bound.

Finally, there is a plaque on the bench overlooking the lock, where I often sit with my dog as the day draws to a close, with a quotation from Aldous Huxley :

‘And here we sit in peaceful calm....’

Please do not allow this to be ruined for us.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Geraldine Williams.