



14 Frome Road
Bradford on Avon
Wiltshire
BA15 1LE
22/01/2011

Re: Canal Trust Café

Dear Sir,

I have to express my outright objection to every aspect of the proposal for a licence for no. 15 Frome Road.

We have lived here as a family of five for almost 25 years since buying our listed home (number 14) from British Waterways. The sale was covered by several conditions – not to run a business, alter it in any way or subdivide – all of which I agree with. The house has been restored over the years, always with regard to the historic importance of the upper wharf area, which remains largely unspoilt at the moment.

Next door to us is number 15, which was an unaltered lock keeper's cottage and family home until recently, when the K&A Trust started a souvenir shop/café. We had concerns over this, and the thought of this little cottage being granted any sort of licence fills me with despair. It is simply not suitable; far too small to contain any of the proposed uses, meaning events would end up spilling out onto the unlit towpath (which in itself ought to be considered as a health and safety issue.) I imagine gazebos and marquees gradually becoming a permanent fixture and an eyesore in the canal lock area which we have always tried to preserve.

Anyway, there can be no justification for further licensed premises. We already have three within a few yards, and have had to put up with worsening disruption from these.

Please do give careful consideration to my objections as I do not want to see this area degenerating into the situation to be found on the lower wharf.

Yours faithfully,

David Williams