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Re: Canal Café – Bradford on Avon

Dear Sir

We wish to object most forcibly to every part of the application of the Canal Trust Café for the licence referred to above.

Present alcohol proposals.

The proposed addition of another outlet for alcohol is completely unjustified and the possibility of alcohol sales from 0900 until 2300, both on and off the premises, fills us with horror. It must be remembered that this is very much a residential area with houses placed directly adjacent to the canal banks.

Existing alcohol outlets.

This area is already well-stocked with alcohol providers as there are three existing licensed premises in the immediate vicinity. In fine weather householders are frequently disturbed and aggravated by noisy drinkers but especially so at night. Locals often find empty bottles and cans dumped in their front gardens. Any theoretical closing time tends to be completely ineffective as drinkers hang around the well lit bridge area often bawling and shrieking into the night.

Intended noise and music

The request to be permitted to create noise and music of all kinds from 1000 until 2300 is truly alarming to all local residents. The past disputes with the Kisioglu family are well documented in the files of the Environment and Licensing departments and clearly demonstrate their attitude to their neighbours.

The present 'truce' was only achieved by the intervention of Wadworths, the Public Protection Services, and a large meeting of aggrieved neighbouring residents. A Code of Practice was eventually agreed between the two parties and lodged with the Environment Department. When taking over the Canal Café Mrs Kisioglu assured us that they would not be seeking any further licence extensions. Bearing this in mind we find the present application insensitive and cynical.

Dance &c.

The very small internal area of the Café strongly implies that these events will have to be held outside. By their very nature partakers get excited and create even more noise which adds further to that of the music. Apparently there are no toilet facilities which could lead very unhygienic practices around the towpath area.

Adjacent housing.

The planners have permitted the building of houses in the infill areas which has resulted in the creation of St. Katherine's Quay (two blocks), Kennet Gardens (two blocks) and various infill areas in the Frome Road during the last few years. All these are extremely close to the Canal Café.

Kennet Gardens in particular is only a matter of yards away and will be subjected the most daunting effects of these activities. Most of the residents here are very elderly and sleep on the side of the house directly overlooking the café.

Houses directly opposite and on the other side of the canal will be detrimentally affected by these proposals as they are in the 'firing line' of the noise.

We would also like to point out that most of the local houses were here many years before the present trend to turn the wharf area into a canal theme park and tourist playground.

In our view there seems to be a direct contradiction between the planners understandable desire to permit more housing in the area, in contrast to the undermining effect of the creation of businesses which cause the erosion of living standards and general annoyance, in the same area.

We urge that the relevant authorities should only permit developments which properly respect the natural rights of those living in the vicinity.

That would need to be:- no noise and music, and no additional alcohol sales.

For these reasons we absolutely oppose all points in this licence application.

Signed:

Signature

Name and address

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