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To whom it may concern

I have recently found out that a notice was placed in the Canal Trust Café applying for a premises licence. I can't think of a worse place to allow it to happen! The canal attracts lots of visitors who come for the picturesque and tranquil qualities of Bradford on Avon, local families enjoy frequent strolls along the canal who may think twice about taking their children along the tow-path in fear of them picking up hypo needles and splashing through puddles of sick which, no doubt having a licence in a quiet area like this, would attract the sort of people who would leave these things behind.

The café is only small so all events would have to take place outside, does Bradford on Avon really want loud music on from 9am until 11pm? Were you aware that there are OAP bungalows behind the café or does this not matter to the council? The council some years ago showed they were not interested in the older generation when they took over St Margaret's hall, which the OAP club used on a Wednesday afternoon, only to charge extortionate rates so that they were no longer able to afford to use it and the club had to shut down.

Bradford on Avon is a really expensive area and buyers have to pay much more for their houses (as well as high council tax) for instance, I could buy a 4 bed detached house in Hilperton for the same price my house is worth. We are not complaining that the prices are high as we are accustomed to high standards and we would expect more from Bradford's council to keep it this way.

We have public houses in the vicinity already, I, myself would have thought that we don't need another. Other towns have allowed this sort of thing and they have ended up with a lot of trouble, how long before the films and performing arts will turn into a place for drunks to hang out and then slip into longer opening hours and then a night club! A lot of holiday makers hire canal boats which moor up along side the canal, I can't see anyone wanting to have a relaxing time with crowds of people drinking and loud music booming out until late at night.

As I live quite near to the canal and use it to take my elderly mother for walks in her wheel chair, I think I have some right to be concerned. I am also surprised that nobody seems to have had any notice of this venture being put through their letterboxes!

Yours Faithfully