

Appendix 2 – Representations from Other Persons

Cllr Jackie Porter

Winchester City Council, City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester, SO23 9LJ
Received 17 March 2021

Subject: Re: Application for a New Premises Licence - Coffee Lab The Square, 20 - 21 The Square, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 9EX

Thank you for this notice.

I would like to object to the early sale of alcohol as off-sales on the basis that we have an ACZ in Winchester, enforced through a PSPO.

This includes the area of the Cathedral Grounds.

The selling of off-sales alcohol from 9am would risk increasing the potential temptation for those who wish to drink outside in the surrounding public spaces around the Square from early morning. This would increase the likelihood of acts of crime and disorder , and public nuisance.

This is also about the message it sends to people who are on the streets at 9am.

I assume that the description of off-premises is not on the tables outside.

Even if it were, different legislation for alcohol consumption in the same area whether standing or sitting sets a poor example to others.

Kind regards

Cllr Jackie Porter,

County and City Councillor,

Working with fellow councillors in the Worthys

WCC Cabinet Member for the Built Environment and Wellbeing

HCC LD Spokesperson for Children

Please contact me by email, telephone/text [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

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Peter Grant

Symonds House, Symonds Street, Winchester, SO23 9JS

Received 5 April 2021

Subject: Application re Late Night License re "The Square" in The Square, Winchester

Dear Sirs

In respect of this application, I hereby strongly object to the granting of the licence applied for on the grounds of the extreme disturbance that will undoubtedly be caused late at night. Many of the customers will be students from the University and they and others who will then have to return home to their residences through what is an almost completely residential area.

Several years ago, Winchester had the experience of a similar late-night premises nearly adjacent to this one in The Square called The Vodka Bar which was eventually forced to close following multiple complaints of drunken and extremely anti-social behaviour particularly when the University was open. On their way home drinkers were yelling and screaming,, being sick, defaecating and vandalising parked cars. For local residents it was a nightmare and such a relief when it was closed.

Yours sincerely

Peter Grant

Symonds House
Symonds St
Winchester SO23 9JS
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**Helen and Michael Etherington
27 Swithun Street, Winchester, SO23 9HU
Received 6 April 2021**

Subject: Licence applications by Coffee Lab Academy Ltd

We are writing to state our objections to the licence applications submitted to WCC by Coffee Lab relating to 18a Little Minster Street and 20-21 the Square, Winchester.

The supply of alcohol plus live music in a venue in such a sensitive part of a medieval city is totally inappropriate.

This is an area with many residential dwellings, both houses and flats, and would be to the detriment of those living nearby and in the surrounding streets. We already suffer at times the effects of drunken and antisocial behaviour, combined with vandalism and littering and these problems could only be exacerbated by more establishments selling alcohol.

The police try to deal with any problems that occur at the moment with their stretched resources, but more examples of disorder and public nuisance would be adding unnecessarily to their workload.

Please take our very considerable objections into consideration when assessing these applications.

Helen and Michael Etherington

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Mr M and Mrs S Lawrence
Upper House, Symonds Street, Winchester, SO23 9JS
Received 7 April 2021

Subject: Application for New Premises Licence for Coffee Lab The Square 20-21,
The Square Winchester , Hampshire SO23 9EX

We would like to object to the granting of the above licence for playing music and serving alcohol on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance.

There are already a number of establishments serving alcohol without food surrounding the Square including The Old Vine, The Eclipse, The Slug and Lettuce and The Orangery. In non lockdown times this leads to many rowdy young drinkers walking home at the end of the evening through the surrounding narrow medieval streets. This in the past has led to graffiti, cars being vandalised and general disruptive behaviour. Therefore an addition to this number of alcohol suppliers will increase the level of public nuisance by attracting more people with the mix of music and alcohol.

It could well make the Square an intimidating place to walk through in the evening for older residents with a crowd gathered outside the Slug and Lettuce and The Square if this licence were to go ahead. This will add to the problem of social distancing in the evening because it is likely to result in a large number of people outside but in the confinement of that part of The Square with no one establishment responsible for ensuring government guidelines.

The addition of more take-away alcohol will only add to the bad behaviour of groups gathering in the Cathedral Outer Close which is a recent problem that still needs to be addressed adequately when the pubs reopen again.

Yours sincerely
Mr M and Mrs S Lawrence
Upper House
Symonds Street

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**Alison Evans, Chief Operating Officer
Winchester Cathedral, 9 The Close, Winchester, SO23 9LS
Received 13 April 2021**

Subject: Ref: On & Off-sale license applications for Coffee Lab

Dear Sirs,

**Ref: On & Off-sale license applications for Coffee Lab
The Square, Winchester, SO23 9EX and 18A Little Minster Street, Winchester SO23 9HB**

I am writing on behalf of Winchester Cathedral to object to the application by Coffee Lab to sell alcohol for off-site consumption from both of its locations in Winchester town centre.

Licensing objective regarding '**the prevention of public nuisance**':

The area around The Market already has a high concentration of food and alcohol-related businesses. The private grounds of the cathedral, particularly the Outer Close, are the nearest green open space to the Market businesses and have been acting effectively as a public park where food and drink is consumed by large numbers of people, resulting in a copious amount of litter, debris and urination which is unwanted, unsightly and a nuisance to visitors and staff. In addition, groups of drinkers regularly gather on the Western boundary near Little Minster Street, and this is an ongoing nuisance and an issue which we are forced to deal with by regularly calling on the BID Rangers, the police and our own security patrols. The addition of another outlet selling alcohol for off-site consumption will only worsen the situation.

We believe this situation will only be exacerbated by approving the application by Coffee Lab to sell alcohol for off-site consumption and could also prove to be a danger to the public in the event that alcohol is sold in glass bottles.

Licensing objective regarding '**the prevention of crime and disorder**'

We are confronted on a regular basis by issues of street drinking and its associated crime and disorder in and around the cathedral grounds and we are concerned that this will increase if Coffee Lab is granted a licence to sell alcohol for off-site consumption. The Little Minster area of the Outer Close suffers from groups of adult drinkers, drug-users and rough sleepers congregating along the western wall and using the visitor centre toilets. The easy access to another business selling alcohol for offsite consumption can only make the situation worse.

We fully understand that, like all other hospitality businesses, including the cathedral, Coffee Lab has suffered greatly as a result of the pandemic and we don't want to damage their business unnecessarily. Whilst we're not keen on more alcohol sales in the immediate area, we don't feel we can object to its sale indoors where we hope management would act responsibly in discouraging excessive consumption by their customers

I urge you to consider placing strong restrictions on this application as set out above, if it is to receive approval.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Evans

Chief Operating Officer
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