

Hello Claire

Thanks for your correspondence regarding Tradewinds Beach Cafe premises licence. I have looked at the objections that were raised and would like to respond to the points.

1. Lack of toilet facilities - the cafe and closely located water sports centre has never had a toilet as there are very closely located public toilets down the revetment. This should make no difference whether they are drinking a glass of wine or a latte as all our customers use those toilets. The issue that they say about going behind their huts will not change.

2. Possible anti social behaviour, especially as next to Water Sports which has large groups of children from 8 upwards - the licence is to compliment our lunch time menu so customers can enjoy a glass of wine or beer with their food sat in the sun. We are obviously going to adopt a strict challenge 21 policy. Also many families and adults come to use the water sports centre and they are sat waiting for their children while often having lunch which would be nice for them to enjoy an alcoholic beverage. Both ourselves and Wight water are adopting a no alcohol tolerance if going on the water. It is not just a centre for children it is a very broad age group.

3. More rubbish - we already adopt a very tidy rubbish policy and use Phil the Bag to dispose of our rubbish including glass and cans. If this person is tidying up rubbish then I can only imagine that it comes from the other beach hut owners or passers by.

4. Dunroamin beach is a lovely spot but as this person has already pointed out it has on occasions groups of children in the water sports centre so is hardly an oasis of peace and quiet. We certainly would not be looking to cause noise or disturbance and will not be operating an evening bar but on occasions throughout the summer we would like to do supper nights where we can serve alcohol. We don't want to have to apply for TENS when we need them. It is not about whether the area needs another alcohol licence but a way of pushing our business further and attracting customers(we did lose quite a few customers last year as they wanted a glass of wine with lunch).

My husband has had a personal licence and premises licence for 11 years at Dell Cafe and so we are experienced in dealing with alcohol and people.

I hope this helps.

Best regards Alison Hawkes