

Dear Licensing Team

I have lodged an objection to the Premises Licence application online but unfortunately it did not allow me enough characters to give the full grounds for Cowes Town Council's objections. Therefore I am listing all the areas of concern on this email for consideration.

That Cowes Town Council OBJECTS to the application for a premises licence at the Red Funnel Terminal on the following grounds:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

This is a ferry terminal catering for all manner of passengers. The licencing for specific 'event crowds' such as IW Festival and Cowes Week will hugely increase the chances of crime and disorder.

Public Safety

These premises have been altered in recent months and there is now much less space for people to sit and wait for the ferry and to encourage more people into the terminal to buy alcohol could affect the safety and comfort of all passengers. Outside, where the area is relatively small, it has to accommodate a bus terminal, taxi rank and passenger pick up point.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

As stated above, the waiting area has shrunk due to the inclusion of a new coffee bar. Therefore during an event like IW Festival and Cowes Week, an already busy area could potentially spill outside the proposed area and cause a public nuisance including noise and littering.

Anti-Social Behaviour

The application covers the IW Festival and Cowes Week for the whole duration, from 23:00 on the eve of these events to 05:00 on the day after these events. This is 24 hour licencing and totally unnecessary. There is a high risk of disturbance to local residents when licensable activities continue late at night and into the early hours of the morning.

Regards

Debbie

Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Cowes Town Council

Dear Sirs

With reference to Red Funnel Cowes red Jet terminal application number Ref. No: 18/00275/LAPNEW
I strongly object to the application and my objections are outlined in the following points. I also attach photos.

1. The plan is not accurate and deliberately omits the close proximity of my home which is only a matter of a few feet from both the gangway and the terminal entrance
2. The area for the application is high footfall (red funnel quote 2 million per year for the red Jet terminal) being a major gateway to the Island. The area is a major travel interchange for the Island and includes buses and taxis as well as private cars.
3. The application is restricted by the small waiting area within the ticket office where passengers are also accessing the tickets, toilets and the gangway to the Red Jet. This area is regularly congested as the queues for the ferry often fill the ticket office and trail back down the length of the Arcade walkway to the high st and people needing tickets have to push their way through to buy their tickets then join the queue.
4. Application includes drinking of alcohol for outgoing passengers drinking in the gangway when incoming passengers are alighting from the Red Jet is a very real cause for concern especially at festival times when there is a high volume of people in high spirits and party mode after drinking all day and evening leaving the Island.
5. The inclusion of an application during anti social hours (from 23.00hrs) in festival times including Cowes Week is unacceptable with a residence only a few feet away and noise is already not acceptable when ferries run into the early hours. NB at festival times there are always problems with drunkenness and violence and the police are often called to assist and often it is necessary to escort passengers past any trouble. To allow these already high spirited people to access more alcohol whilst waiting for a ferry seems to be just asking for more trouble. Also please note the Red Jets also sell alcohols and therefore anyone wanting a drink can easily wait until they are on the ferry. It is a fairly regular occurrence that police are called to the terminal to deal with violent or drunken people.
6. The emergency route (green arrows) from the gangway takes passengers onto the Red Jet pontoon and along the town quay public landing pontoon with no safety barriers to stop anyone from falling into the sea especially those who have been drinking alcohol
7. My front door and only access to Britannia House, is only a matter of a few feet from the gangway in a very restricted area being a bottle neck at all busy times when passengers are disembarking, waiting bus passengers and also others are trying to actually access the ferries against the tide of disembarking foot traffic.
8. My bedrooms and living rooms look down directly onto the terminal doorway and are only a few feet away.
9. NB I have long standing covenants in my deeds, agreement between myself and Red funnel that they cannot cause in anyway a 'Nuisance' to Britannia house this covers noise, obstruction, putting my safety at risk, lighting etc. Red Funnel is well aware of these restrictions. If this application should be granted I will have no alternative but to take this up legally and I will be most likely seeking an injunction to stop it.

10. The Fountain Hotel is within the terminal yard and already serves alcohol with large comfortable bars where passengers can drink in comfort whilst waiting for the ferry without causing any obstruction to passengers accessing the ticket office and machines, toilets and queuing for the Ferry.
11. Another very important and valid point is that the public walkway along the Arcade and the yard are totally unlit at night. The yard and arcade are dangerously dark and risk possible injury to all users either by tripping or from attack and even more so now as Red funnel have applied to planning for an ATM machine.
12. There is no significant regular police patrol through the yard. This lack of lighting was highlighted this week by the discovery of an elderly man with head injuries, whether he was attacked or fell it wasn't know but had the area been lit then he most likely would have been found much earlier and if attacked then had there been lighting the attacked could well not have taken place.

I would be less likely to apposed this application if alcohol was only served within the terminal waiting room and the hours were restricted to no alcohol after 8pm and no extended hours for festival and Cowes week. Passengers only have a short while to wait before they can order a drink on the ferry, or they can have a drink in the Fountain Hotel, Also no consumption of alcohol to be allowed in the gangway and the Yard and Arcade walkway must be adequately lit. I strongly object to drinking in the gangway and late night sale of alcohol, noise from rubbish disposal up to 11pm, rowdy inebriated passengers after 8 pm.
Kind regards

S. Rogerson (Mrs)

Photos attached.