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To: townclerk@cowestowncouncil.org.uk
Subject: FW: LA03 Premises Licence application Red Funnel Terminal West Cowes
Attachments: Agreed Police Conditions for Red Funnel West Cowes.docx

From: Bull, Andrea
Sent: 26 March 2018 14:38
To: 'townclerk@cowestowncouncil.org.uk'
Subject: LA03 Premises Licence application Red Funnel Terminal West Cowes

Dear Debbie

Thank you for your comments in relation to the above application. The issues raised have been considered and I would reply as follows:

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.

Please be advised that in consultation with the police all non-standard timings have been removed from the application. The hours applied for now in respect of the supply of alcohol remain as Monday – Saturday 09:00 – 23:00 and Sunday 10:00 hours to 23:00 hours.

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.

I think it is fair to say that there is no intention by the applicant to encourage people into the terminal to buy alcohol. A licence (if granted) would simply allow waiting passengers to purchase an alcoholic drink prior to boarding the Red Jet if they so wished. This is no different to the licence previously held by Red Funnel for the Steam Café, that until recently was located further along the pontoon. The foot traffic passing through the terminal is unlikely to increase in any way just because the premises are licensed to sell alcohol.

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.

As stated above the foot traffic passing through the terminal is unlikely to increase in any way just because the premises are licensed to sell alcohol.

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.

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I've attached a copy of the agreed police conditions to this email for your information.

If I do not hear back from you with any other representations or concerns that are relevant to the four licensing objectives above I will assume that my response has satisfied or resolved your concerns, but please do get back to me if you need to discuss further.

Kind regards

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