

# Exeter City Council – Licensing Act 2003

## REPRESENTATION FORM

This representation is made about the premises to be licensed as detailed below:

Your full name	[REDACTED]
The name of the organisation / body you represent (if appropriate)	I LIVE AT GROVE HOUSE BUI DON'T KNOW IF THE PROPERTY MANAGE
Postal address	COMPANY IS MAKING REPRESENTATION [REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Contact telephone number	[REDACTED]

Name of the premises you are making a representation about	THE FIRE STATION, 10 FORE STREET TO PS HAM EX3 0HF
Address of the premises you are making a representation about	↙

Your representation must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives

Licensing Objective	Yes Or No	Please detail the evidence supporting your representation or the reason for your representation. Please use separate sheets if necessary
To prevent crime and disorder	YES	PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEET
Public safety	YES	PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEET
To prevent public nuisance	YES	PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEET
To protect children from harm	YES	PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEET

If you are making a representation against a new application or full variation, please suggest any conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation (or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account).	
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Date: 20/7/23

Please see notes on reverse

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Firstly I refer you to my original email I sent to you, The Licensing Authority for Exeter City Council on, 12/7/2023 Aired at 16:46. re The New premises licence at the Old Firestation. Topsham.

This is shared with the Principal licensing officer a comprehensive summary about my total objections to this licence being granted! It needs to be taken into full consideration

Continuing on from the Representation form.

I am stating my reasons for my representation under each heading starting with

1. To prevent crime and disorder

The Planning Authority states on their pages, asking for people to send in representations as to why planning permission should not be granted for the Old Firestation not to be converted to a Microbrewery & pub selling alcohol, onsite and for takeaway. That they do not feel it is suitable for a Conservation Area.

This is completely right.

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It would illegally be wrong for this premises to be changed to a Microbrewery as it is not something that can happen in a Conservation Area, or its surroundings.

This redevelopment would mean that there would be 3 licensed premises next to each other in Fore Street (No 10 is becoming an off-licence) selling alcohol for on & off site consumption.

Topsham is a small historic market town known for its heritage and conservation and therefore does not cater for this. The disorder it would cause, is completely and illegally wrong.

I live in Grove House, a very short distance away from the proposed development, and it is an over 60's restricted Grade II listed building. Already we get disturbed sleep and rest, due to the massive increase in traffic in recent years not suitable for narrow streets & pavements, because of the excessive building of new houses leading into Topsham, selling at prices unsuitable for locals and young people to be able to afford

THIS IS COMBINED WITH THE NOISE OF PEOPLE STAGGERING BY AT NIGHT, SHOUTING AND SCREAMING HAVING OBVIOUSLY CONSUMED A LOT OF ALCOHOL AND HAVING NO CONCERNS FOR RESIDENTS (THERE ARE 100'S IN FORE STREET!)

AFTER 11 PM WHEN THESE NOISES ARE HEARD THIS WOULD BE ILLEGAL.

THE NOTICE SAYS THE OPENING HOURS ARE 2-11 pm PEOPLE WILL BE STAGGERING OUT WELL AFTER 11 pm, IF THEY HAVE BOUGHT TAKE-OUTS, THEY WILL BE DRINKING THESE OUTSIDE OF THE PREMISES, IN THE MANY AREAS THERE FOR THEM TO DO SO INCLUDING FORE STREET AND THE CURRENT LEVEL OF NOISE AND DISORDER WILL BE INCREASED TO AN UNTEAMABLE LEVEL TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE ANYWHERE NEAR A CONSERVATION AREA.

IF NOT WALKING, PEOPLE WILL BE DRIVING, AND THERE WILL INEVITABLY BE PEOPLE ILLEGALLY DRIVING, HAVING DRUNK ALCOHOL NOW AVAILABLE FROM 3 LICENSED PREMISES.

WITH THE CURRENT POLICE SITUATION, WHERE WILL THE POLICE OFFICERS BE TO DEAL WITH THIS?? BOTH THE ILLEGAL DRIVING AND THE DISORDER OF THE NOISE OF PEOPLE STAGGERING OUT AFTER 11.00 (OR DOUBTLESS BEFORE THAT?)

~~TO PREVENT~~ THERE IS A REAL DUTY OF CARE 4  
TO ALL RESIDENTS, AND ESPECIALLY TO  
VULNERABLE ELDERLY PEOPLE (WITH, PERHAPS,  
DISABILITIES, WHO RESIDE, NOT ONLY IN  
GROUHOUSE DEVELOPMENT, BUT ELSE WHERE  
IN THE VICINITY.

THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN INCIDENTS OF  
PEOPLE URINATING OR BEING SICK OUTSIDE  
GROUHOUSE.

I ALSO HAVE BEEN TOLD, THAT PREVIOUSLY,  
WHEN THERE WAS ANOTHER LICENSED PREMISE  
IN FORE STREET, DISORDERS AND ARGUMENTS  
ENDED IN DEATH.

ALCOHOL CAN ALWAYS LEAD TO AN INCREASE IN CRIME,  
IF A LICENSED PREMISE IS OPEN IN THE AFTERNOON

AND NIGHT, IN A STREET WHERE THERE ARE  
SMALL BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTIAL  
PREMISES, THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CRIMINAL  
ACTIVITIES ARE IMMENSE.

THERE HAS RECENTLY BEEN A MASSIVE  
INCREASE IN SHOPLIFTING IN FORE STREET,  
THIS IS ONLY ONE AREA WHICH WOULD  
BE AFFECTED BY PEOPLE DRINKING ALCOHOL  
DURING THE DAY. DAMAGE TO PROPERTY,  
PEOPLE AND BUILDINGS AND VEHICLES WOULD  
INCREASE.

IF THE MICRO BREWERY IS PRODUCING ITS OWN BEER  
ON THE PREMISES. THIS WOULD BE ILLEGAL, A POTENTIAL  
POLLUTION AND NOISE ISSUE.

PUBLIC SAFETY

THERE IS ALREADY A REAL ISSUE OF MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE, BICYCLES AND VEHICLES AROUND THE AREA OF FOREST. HISTORIC AREAS WITH CONSERVATION AREAS, HAVE NARROW ROADS AND PAVEMENTS. THEY ARE ALL ALREADY OVER CONGESTED, AND PRAMS AND CHILDREN EVERYWHERE. IT IS ALSO AN ISSUE THAT GROUPS OF PEOPLE NEVER GET OTHERS THROUGH WHEN WALKING ON NARROW PAVEMENTS, SO PEOPLE ARE FORCED INTO THE ROAD. THIS WOULD BECOME INTOLERABLE AND A REAL SAFETY ISSUE IF A MICRO BREWERY WAS PUT IN FORE STREET

THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT, IS ON THE CORNER OF THE NARROW LANE LEADING FROM FORE STREET INTO THE MAJOR CAR PARK IN THIS AREA. THIS IS ALREADY OVER SUBSCRIBED AS IT IS USED BY VISITORS TO THE TENNIS COURTS, BOWLING CLUB AND SWIMMING POOL IMMEDIATELY BEHIND THE OLD FIRE STATION AND CAR PARK. NOT TO MENTION THE VISITORS TO MATTHEWS HALL COMMUNITY CENTRE, AND DAY TRIPPERS.

THEIR SAFETY WOULD BE A HUGE ISSUE, IN WALKING IN THAT AREA. LARGE 4x4s AND OTHER VEHICLES WOULD BE TURNING INTO THE

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CAR PARK EVEN MORE AND COMING OUT (THERE IS ONLY ONE ENTRANCE AND EXIT!) PEOPLE WOULD BE AT A REALLY SAFETY RISK TRYING TO KEEP CLEAR OF THE TRAFFIC HERE.

THE OUTSIDE AREA OF THE OLD FIRE STATION COULD NOT HAVE ANY TABLES OR CHAIRS OUTSIDE, AS THIS WOULD COMPLETELY BLOCK THE AREA TO PEOPLE WALKING BY ON THE PAVEMENT. AND THE RISK OF PEOPLE SITTING AT ANY TABLES WOULD BE A HUGE SAFETY ISSUE, WITH TRAFFIC WHIZZING PAST, BOTH TO THE CAR PARK AND ON FORE STREET. THERE ARE A LOT OF OLD PEOPLE WALKING IN FORE STREET, WHO ARE VERY VULNERABLE WHEN WALKING AROUND, THEIR PUBLIC SAFETY WOULD NOT EXIST!

TO PREVENT PUBLIC NUISANCE

AS ALREADY MENTIONED THERE ARE  
INNUMERABLE PUBLIC NUISANCE PROBLEMS  
THAT WOULD OCCUR WITH A MICRO BREWERY  
AND ~~ANOTHER~~ UNLICENSED PREVIOUS, ADDED  
TO THE OTHER 2 WHICH WOULD BE NEXT  
DOOR TO THE OLD FIRE STATION.

THE OFF-LICENSE (TAKING OVER NO 10 FOREST)  
AND THE OLD FIRE STATION BOTH SELLING  
TAKE-AWAY ALCOHOL

THAT WOULD MEAN AROUND THE CLOCK  
AVAILABILITY OF ALCOHOL IN A VERY CONDENSED  
HISTORIC AREA, AND A CONSERVATION AREA,  
TO TALLY UNACCEPTABLE.

BUSINESS AND RESIDENTS WOULD INEVITABLY  
EXPERIENCE HIGH LEVELS OF PUBLIC NUISANCE  
IN ALL FORMS. INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR  
INCREASE OF URBAN ABUSE, AND THE POTENTIAL OF  
INCREASED VIOLENCE.

IF A 'MICRO BREWERY' IS THERE OPEN FROM 2-12,  
PEOPLE WHO JUST COME FOR AFTER NOON TEA,  
COFFEE, ETC, SHOPPING, WOULD HAVE TO DEAL WITH  
ALL SORTS OF BEHAVIOUR, AND BUSINESSES  
SERVING NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINK, AND FOOD,  
WOULD HAVE PROBLEMS WITH AN AFTERNOON  
OPEN ALCOHOLIC SERVING BREWERY



## TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM HARM

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TOPSHAM IS TREEMING WITH CHILDREN ALL YEAR LONG! ESPECIALLY IN FORE STREET.

FROM CHILDREN WITH PARENTS, WALKING WITH THEM, OR BEING PUSHED IN PUSH CHAIRS?

SCHOOL GROUPS, WALKING THE ALREADY NARROW PAVEMENTS.

THIS RANGES FROM NURSERY AND INFANT GROUPS PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN, AND FOREIGN STUDENTS THEY ALL GO TO A LOT OF PLACES, WOULD BE WALKING PAST THE OLD FIRE STATION, ESPECIALLY AS THE SWIMMING POOL, TENNIS COURTS, ETC ARE DIRECTLY BEHIND THE OLD FIRE STATION!

THIS WOULD CAUSE THEM TO BE EXPOSED TO ALL SORTS OF HARM! PHYSICALLY WITH INCREASE OF VEHICLES IN THAT AREA, AND ALSO POTENTIALLY

DRUNKEN BEHAVIOUR RESULTING IN PHYSICAL HARM TO THEM. THEY WOULD ALSO NOT BE ABLE TO PASS BY ON THE PAVEMENT WHERE THE BREWERY WOULD BE, AND BE ON THAT NOW VERY DANGEROUS CORNER!

MENTALLY THEY MIGHT EXPERIENCE ALL SORTS OF HARM. IF THE PLACE WAS OPEN

FROM 2 PM, IT WOULD BE OPEN AT A TIME WHICH WOULD HAVE MANY CHILDREN AROUND; TOTALLY IMPOSSIBLE.

BEING IN A CONSERVATION AREA, THIS WOULD BE AN ACCEPTABLE ALONE, LET THAT BEING ADDED TO ALL THE OTHER PROBLEMS IMPOSSIBLE