



25 July 2023

To the representative bodies:

I wish to make a representation against the Portal Pizza Ltd. licensing application, on the grounds that it will promote antisocial behaviour and noise pollution by allowing even more patrons to drink until late, outside, on a residential street. I note this application is not displayed on the Exeter City Council Current licence applications webpage.

Previous licensing applications granted to the businesses below, have created a large, contiguous, and noisy outdoor bar area on Magdalen Road, without any consideration as to the effects this has on local residents.

Calvo Loco Tapas Bar
25 Magdalen Road
Exeter EX2 4TA

Thorne's (formerly Little Oink)
29 Magdalen Road
Exeter EX2 4TA

Stage
31 Magdalen Road
Exeter EX2 4TA

Portal Pizza (opening shortly)
35 Magdalen Road
Exeter EX2 4TA

I have made numerous noise complaints to the council without receiving a formal response. More recently, I have made a formal complaint to the licensing authorities about this matter but have not given a reference number. However, licensing and estates are aware of my complaint, as is Councillor Matthew Vizard who is a member of the Licensing committees. I have also requested to be informed of the process for objecting to pavement licences and have not been given that information to date. I include that objection here and have copied in the estates department.

I am objecting to the licence conditions applied for on the grounds of public nuisance; "serious distress, serious annoyance, serious inconvenience or serious loss of amenity", and crime and disorder, which includes antisocial behaviour and noise disturbance.

As can be seen from the above list, there is no need for another restaurant/bar in this area. Portal Pizza Ltd. intend to sell take-away pizzas which will undoubtedly contribute to littering in the street and locale. As a 'restaurant', I see no reason why they should need to open and serve alcohol until 12:00 am. I request that their licensed hours extend no later than 11:00 pm (indoors only). If they are granted a pavement licence, I request that this either terminates at 10:00 pm or their alcohol licence terminates at 10:00 pm to discourage people getting drunk on the street and creating a noise disturbance. I request they not be given an entertainment licence, that will likely further contribute to noise disturbance and antisocial behaviour.

Previously, the business on this site was a laundrette that operated for many years until the owner retired. It provided a useful amenity for local people and actually contributed to the local community. The continuous granting of inappropriate alcohol licences has changed the character of the area; creating outdoor 'destination' bars that perform no useful service to the local residents. Customers attending these establishments, can get

as drunk as they like and make as much noise as they like, before departing to their own, presumably, quiet homes elsewhere. I hope the Licensing Committees [and estates department] will reject, or severely curtail, the licensing application.

Yours faithfully,

