

By signed post and email.

Objection to the following licensing application.

'Application for a new premises license

Huseyin Kekilli has applied to Exeter City Council Licensing Authority for a New Premises Licence at Stripes Pizza, 30 South Street, Exeter, EX2 9DR.

The licence is for the following licensable activities:

Provision of recorded music Mon to Sun 11.00 – 23.00

Late Night refreshment Mon to Sun 23.00 – 03.00

Sale of Alcohol – Mon to Sun 11.00 – 23.00'

Dear Licensing Team,

Huseyin Kekilli has provided a false postcode for the following application, resulting in myself, and my neighbours not receiving proper notice or notification of this application. For this reason, it should be dismissed and Mr. Kekilli should be required to create a new application using the correct information.

Provision of recorded music Mon to Sun 11.00 – 23.00

The Premises is underneath residential and family housing. We are all entitled to quiet enjoyment of our homes. Music played beneath our homes will destroy our quiet enjoyment. Our homes' construction is such that both airborne and vibration transmission occur between the shop premises and the residential.

Music played beyond normal retail times will also encourage additional noise from customers, as they speak more loudly to have conversations above the music. Mr Kekilli has also placed customer tables on the pavement outside Stripes (below the windows of the living rooms and front bedrooms of the residential homes above) leading to further noise from within the cafe as the front doors are left open.

It is entirely unreasonable for amplified music to be allowed daily, at the additional times on the application. I request that this permission is refused.

Late Night refreshment Mon to Sun 23.00 – 03.00

Smoke and noise: The owner has created an outdoor seating area where people drink and smoke. During the day, this fills my non-smoking home with cigarette smoke and the sounds of people talking loudly. Being in a city, it is to be expected that there will be some level of noise during the daytime, however, expanding this into the evening violates my right to quiet enjoyment of my home. These times, and the request for permission to serve refreshments daily - basically all night - will destroy the peace and quiet all residents should reasonably expect, at night.

In addition to noise, the applicant has already demonstrated a total lack of ability to manage the waste by-products of his current level of business.

I have made separate, formal complaints about this to the Council, but so that the Licencing Committee can also appreciate the issues already caused by Mr Kekilli's business - on his current operating hours - I have attached images of waste that the owner leaves outside in our communal area.

In his short time as Leaseholder, Mr Kelkilli has shown complete disregard for the spaces shared by the residents and the commercial businesses. He treats the other users with contempt, and is actively causing fire/environmental health risks.

As evidenced on the photographs, he is creating major issues with waste, which longer opening hours would exacerbate. He is unable to manage the waste that he already produces within his current opening hours. To open until later would create more waste, which he will leave in our communal area, that is used for children to play in on their breaks at nursery. To date, despite numerous polite requests from neighbours and formal requests from the freeholder to remove and deal with excessive bins, placed in the fire exit route and / or under the residents' balcony (plus leaving many industrial sized cans of waste cooking oil outdoors, again a fire and environmental hazard - the Palace Gate Nursery uses this space as a playground), he has not responded with appropriate action.

Sale of Alcohol – Mon to Sun 11.00 – 23.00

Alcohol often promotes loudness, shouting, aggressive behaviour, bad language and anti-social actions. This is not a public house. Particularly with the outdoor seating area - but even without - this noise is carried up into our homes above. As discussed above, this is not appropriate for quiet enjoyment of our homes, and for residents' feelings of safety and security, all of which are compromised by the effect alcohol has on behaviour.

As is no doubt quite clear from this letter and that of my neighbours, we are very disappointed to find that Mr Kelkilli - who presented himself as a pleasant person keen to be a good neighbour to the residents - has turned out to be anything but a good neighbour. He is irresponsible, putting residents and nursery children at risk; does not respond to polite requests from residents or formal requests from the freeholder, and is already attracting vermin with his food and oil waste, and causing high levels of noise. He is simply uninterested in the normal ways to operate in an environment where people live, and appears to care not one jot for our legitimate concerns. Matters are already feeling unmanageable.....he promises action but takes none, and we are shortly going to escalate matters on the current problems. Please do not cause the residents and other users further problems by permitting the further encroachment of this leaseholders' poorly run business on the quiet enjoyment that we as residents are entitled to.

Yours sincerely
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