

Dear Sir,

I would like to register a formal objection to an extended license for these premises. The premises lies on the corner of Old Tiverton Road and St James Road which is a predominantly residential area. In its current form as mainly a cafe with alcohol permitted inside it offers a good amenity to the neighbourhood. However as soon as alcohol is consumed in its limited outside area and as a takeaway it will spill onto the street and be a very different proposition.

I am a longtime resident of Victoria Street and so have a lot of student neighbours. There is a vast difference between folk sitting in the garden drinking coffee etc and drinking alcohol. The noise level increases the more they consume, they lose all sense of time and place and responsibility and University patrols and or police often get involved. I would not wish this on the residents near this premises. Besides which there are other places to drink quite close by - The Victoria Inn and St Ann's Well, and Heeras on Well Street or the local Tesco in Sidwell St sell alcohol to take away.

I am also a Governor at the local school [REDACTED] and many of our pupils and parents walk past these premises daily. Walking past a cafe is a different experience to walking past licensed premises with all its on street seating areas and large windows. Could the premises guarantee seemly behaviour of its clientele?

St James area does have a high number of hostels housing folk with a variety of needs as well as quite a gathering of folk living on the street, many of whom have alcohol addiction issues. (I also volunteer with Crossline which provides daily hot meals to rough sleepers etc). An extension to the licensing permit and opening hours may well encourage those with alcohol addiction to gather outside with all the resulting problems.

Finally I wish to support the Sunset Cafe in its current form and would ask that you and they give some consideration to the very reasonable counter arguments of their neighbours in the area.

Yours sincerely,

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