

East Herts District Council
Wallfields
Pegs Lane
HERFORD

BY HAND

16. August 2019.

Dear

Re: Reference: 225799596 - 01

Notice of Application for a Premises Licence -
Licensing Act 2003

105 Bars and Restaurants Limited of 55 High Street
Huddersay, Hertfordshire, EN11 8TQ, has applied for a
Grant of Premises Licence for the following:
23 Parliament Square, Hertford, SG14 1EX

It is proposed that the following licensable activities
will take place at the Premises

- Sale of Alcohol - Mondays - Sundays: 10:30 - 21:00
each day.

I would like to comment and object as I believe
there to be conflict with most of the Licensing
Objectives.

The Licensing Objectives are:

Pro:-

- The prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Public Safety
- The prevention of Public Nuisance
- The Protection of Children from Harm

Firstly, we understand The proposed license is actually for the Hertford House Hotel to prepare food and serve alcohol on a premises away from the hotel, with the sole intention of eating and drinking at tables on the street (Parliament Square). This is not clear from the Application.

- You will be aware that Parliament Square and The Millers Court area has been designated as a "Crime Hotspot", according to the Police National Crime reporting figures. We are surrounded by late night drinking and resulting associated problems.
- This is the 3rd Licensing Application for Parliament Square premises within a few weeks.
- Having tables and chairs on the pavement area. This could create an element of blocking, preventing free passage of pedestrians - a Health & Safety issue
- Carrying hot food across the pavement could endanger Public Safety. How many trolleys will food and drink be carried? Will food and drink

be carried passed external customers from both Cafe lounge and the Blackbirds (queuing at the latter) to get to the allotted serving area? Where is the allotted serving area?

- Passing members of the public on a narrow stretch of pavement, carrying food and drink, could represent a Health & Safety hazard. (This is not like the large pavement area allotted to Cafe lounge.)
- Any broken glass or china on the pavement could present a safety hazard.
- Are there plans to section off the allotted area with a cordon or screening?
- Possibilities of any inebriated persons from other drinking establishments clashing with customers drinking on the street.
- The owner proposes to sell alcohol until 9:00 pm. How long will be allowed for drinking-up time?
- Time of closure? This has not been stated on the Application.
- Rubbish and Bins. Where will the bins be stored? I would hope not outside on the pavement - or in the Millers Court/Yard gateway. Is there an outside area attached to the premises to facilitate this?
- What time will bottle disposal take place?

- Noise and disturbance. Although I appreciate the venue is not intended for late night drinking, will behaviour be appropriately controlled? How many staff will be in regular attendance?
- There are too many drinking establishments in close proximity, overwhelming our residential area at Millers Court.
- There are rumours of an Off-Licence, but I am not sure if this is correct? If so, we already have at least 3 close by and another is not necessary. The Grape Vine has been established for many years and is situated opposite the proposed licenced venue. This would cause competition and conflict.

I trust all points raised will be appropriately considered and hope there will be representation from all responsible agencies.

Yours sincerely,

Sent: 08 August 2019 22:29

To: Housing & Health Services - Community Protection

Subject: 23 Parliament Square SG14 1EX

I am objecting to the Notice of Application for a Premises Licence for SG14 1EX because Hertford doesn't need another premise selling yet more Alcohol which statistically proves the consumption of alcohol generates more violent crime which is already rife in Hertford pertinently in the very close proximity of this Premise = The prevention of crime and disorder .

Public Nuisance being the inconvenience to the Residents of early 4am noisy Bottle/Refuse Collections, broken glass/bottles, takeaway food rubbish and rowdy, drunk, violent behaviour which are the consequences of alcohol consumption.

Regards

Resident

Sent from my iPad

Tel

Re: TRS Bars and Restaurant Ltd, 23, Parliament Square, Hertford, Herts. SG14 1EX

Supply of Alcohol Monday to Sunday 10.30am – 21:00hrs

Supply of Alcohol On and Off the premises (Contact law firm)

Keystone

Dear Sir, Madam, Community Protection Officer
may concern,

or to whom it

In relation to the above licence application, I seek clarification re the above.

The Premises, at 23, Parliament Square, Hertford, Herts. SG14 1EX, has for at least ten (10) years been a fast – food take-away premises whether it be Cornish pasties, Thai Food or more recently Burgers.

My understanding from being informed by another party, is that 23, Parliament Square, SG14 1EX is actually managed by the Hertford House Hotel, Fore Street, Hertford. They actually want to expand their business and have already got a designated area in Parliament Square near Café Rouge for tables and chairs outside on the pavement.

I am unclear as to where this designated area is and how it will impact on the external seating arrangements already in place in Parliament Square for both the Blackbirds Public House and Café Rouge.

Will the area where these other premises currently are diminish or will this whole area become an outside dining area making it difficult for Pedestrians, Pram users or wheel chair users to freely walk on this side of the paved area? An outside floor plan is required to show how this new seated area will impact on the current arrangements. How many tables and chairs and actual pavement area covered needs specifying for this new external dining arrangement.

The premises at 23, Parliament Square does lend itself to food being cooked from there as it has a large basement kitchen.

Food and drink carried to and from 23 Parliament Square to the designated table area approximately 150 metres may be a Public Safety issue. The area can at times be particularly crowded near to the War Memorial as there is a mobile app for Pokemon Go here. Parliament Square is often used by Gamers at any time of the day or night who need to frequent the area for their Pokemon Go activities. Whilst on their gaming app, the users seem totally oblivious to the normal day to day activities in the street and often collide with members of the public.

Crowds also congregate on the pavement to gain entry into the Blackbirds Public House especially Friday and Saturday night. Carrying hot and cold food and drink, approximately 150 metres into a crowded street could be a Public Safety issue.

There are currently no facilities at 23, Parliament Square, to store refuse bins, both internally and externally for this new enterprise. Where are the bins for disposal of bottles and other refuse intended to be located without causing a Public Nuisance? What are the designated times to empty the rubbish into the bins without it causing a noise nuisance to nearby residential properties?

I am confused by the Licence requested as this does not appear to meet the information that I have been given about it purely being an additional table service for food and drink which currently the Hertford House Hotel does not have in Parliament Square, only Fore Street.

The Licence requested appears to be for the supply of alcohol on and off the Premises. I would oppose to purely this on the grounds that there are already four(4) premises in close proximity in Parliament Square with a Licence for selling alcohol on and off the premises. This area is already a Crime Hot Spot as shown in www.crime-statistics.co.uk/postcode in Hertford.

If a licence were to be granted I would ask that the actual opening and closing times are clearly displayed in the window. The other Off-Licences do not have their opening hours of business displayed which encourages the sale of alcohol off the premises longer than their granted licence allows. This may help prevent crime and disorder from alcohol generated incidents which are prevalent to this notorious crime hot-spot in Hertford.

Regards

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