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Dear Licensing team,

Re: Minor variation application - to amend the operating schedule to allow delivery of alcohol which will include adding several conditions for the promotion of the licensing objectives. Hill Island Brewery, Unit 7, Fowlers Yard. Durham. DH1 3RA

With reference to the above licensing application, the City of Durham Parish Council wishes to object to this application under the objectives of public safety and preventing crime and disorder.

This applicant is seeking an extension of their license to include the sale of alcohol (off the premises) to residential addresses only. Deliveries are proposed to be made between the hours of 09.30 and 22.45, and may occur on any day of the week.

In reaching its decision, the Parish Council Licensing Committee had regard to the Licensing Act 2003, the Section 182 Guidance and the County Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2019 to 2024. The Parish Council Licensing Committee believes that, should this application be granted in its current form, it will fail to uphold two of the four licensing objectives. Each of which are addressed in turn.

Public safety

Within the operating schedule, the applicant has advised that payments will be made prior to the delivery of the alcohol. There is no means at the point of payment over the phone or via the internet (in the same way there is inside a licensed premise) for the licensee to establish whether a customer is a) underage and/ or b) already highly intoxicated and therefore should not be served. This is more difficult to establish when alcohol is simply being delivered to a residential property and potentially late at night/in the early hours of the morning where visibility is reduced. The Parish Council considers this highly unacceptable in terms of public safety and this could lead to a range of public safety issues for the both employees of the applicant and prospective customers.

Furthermore, there is no reference within the conditions attached to this license that there will be a limit on the amount of alcohol per transaction which will reasonably be permitted for each delivery. A condition on this must be applied.

Prevention of crime and disorder

The operating schedule also states that the delivery of the alcohol will be carried out by one driver only. One individual late at night delivering alcohol is considered extremely vulnerable to crime.

Presumably alcohol from other orders will also be stored inside the delivery van. It is imperative that the van be locked at all times when the employee is delivering the alcohol.

This application should therefore be refused in its current form.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Shanley
Clerk to the City of Durham Parish Council