

City of Durham Parish Council response to Licensing consultation

Application Summary

Applicant: Outstanding Art Limited

Application type: Application to vary a premises licence

Address: Outstanding Art, 76 North Road. Durham DH1 4SQ

Consultee Details

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With reference to the above licensing application, the City of Durham Parish Council wishes to object to this application under the objective of preventing a public nuisance, the protection of children from harm and public safety. We objected to the original licensing application, saying

"The Parish Council wishes to highlight that this premises would be the only art gallery in the area; one which children may look to visit to further their interest in art. The fact that the premises is intending to sell alcohol is therefore of concern to the Parish Council and strict conditions must be applied on the sale of alcohol in view of the premises' likely appeal to children studying art."

This objection was withdrawn after the applicants added the condition where customers can only access the premises via a buzzer system.

If this condition were withdrawn the Parish Council would be concerned that this makes the premises more accessible to those under the legal age to consume alcohol and therefore make this more likely that under-age drinking would take place at this premises. The Parish Council feels that this condition should remain.

The Parish Council is also concerned at the removal of the condition that doors and windows be kept shut. It ought to be highlighted that this venue is within very close proximity of residential properties and the likely impact of recorded or live music being played at this venue later into the evening could cause a public nuisance. The Parish Council feels that the applicant should produce a noise management plan to include the use of noise monitoring equipment.

The Parish Council is also unclear as to why the applicant wishes to add off sales of alcohol to its license.

Taken together, these proposed changes would allow the premises to change from its current unique offering to something far more like the general run of licenced premises, attracting a different clientele but without the conditions, such as security staff, that usually apply to premises in the North Road.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Shanley
Clerk to City of Durham Parish Council