

Three replies from the letter sent by the applicant to the six people submitting representations. These have been copied and pasted directly in their original form from the emails which are available should the committee request to see the originals.

Dear Conor,

I have received the letter from Peter at PC Licensing Consultancy, but wanted to reply to you personally.

I appreciate you making the effort to provide a detailed explanation of your position, but unfortunately it does not change my opinion, as outlined in the attached email.

We do not object to your business in particular. The problem is a saturation of licensed premises in the immediate area. There are four of them within 10 m of your corner of Ezra Street, and another six within 100 m. That is far too many for what is – and should remain – a primarily residential area.

We do not believe that anyone can seriously argue that there is not a link between serving alcohol for consumption on the street and anti-social behaviour.

I appreciate that you are saying you are not increasing your licensing hours, but only moving them later. But it is precisely that later opening time which is going to add to the problem.

We will continue to object to any increases in licensing of any description in the immediate area, regardless of the nature of the business or how “community oriented” it may be

Our appeal to the Council’s licensing authorities is to recognise the cumulative impact of increased alcohol sales in the area and to have a clear, comprehensive policy to limit this, regardless of the merits of individual applications.

I’m sorry not to be more positive, but I hope that you can accept that this is nothing against your individual business.

With very best wishes,
Christopher

Received 29th May 2021

Dear Conor,

Thank you for taking the time to write to me about your application. My objection to changing your licensed hours from 3pm to 5pm on Sunday however stands. I do not object to you having a license for the Christmas market - however as you rightly point out this can be achieved by a TENS.

The area that your business is directly fronted onto is a hot spot for serious noise pollution and antisocial behaviour from the crowds gathering who are staying drinking long after the market has stopped.

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Unfortunately the council, police, licensing and street markets have not been able to implement any guidance that would control this.

Although you state you are 'seeking to reinforce our premises licence with additional conditioning to safeguard residents' you also state 'wider problems that are rightfully of concern to residents' there is nothing in this application for later hours that would resolve this, indeed it would only add and further propel this corner as a destination for street drinking.

Residents are rightfully concerned. As much as others want to hang out and have a drink as the markets close - residents who have been woken at 5:30 am are looking forward to a much needed quiet evening.

I am a customer of your business and have supported it for many years, I do hope you can understand the seriousness of the situation for the life of residents and my objection.

Kind regards,

Kristin Perers

Received 03/06/2021

Dear Mr Pearson

Thanks for your letter and enclosures, following my objection to the variation of your licence.

My objection, which I'm afraid still stands, makes no assumptions about how responsible you are as a licence holder but is in response to the fourth of your four reasons to vary the application - namely the hours of operation and the extension to 5pm, two hours after the closure of the market.

This may not represent an extension in the quantum of hours you operate but it does represent an extension of the hours which will allow and encourage street drinking on a Sunday after the official closure of the market. .

Unfortunately - as you acknowledge - these streets have become the scene of antisocial behaviour and Sunday afternoons after the market is time when residents particularly need to enjoy the amenity of peace and quiet after an early start on Sunday morning and, as is now typically the case, a late night of partying on Friday and Saturday night.

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I trust that the licensing authority will take steps to use its powers to manage this situation.

All best wishes

William Taylor

Received 4th of June 2021
