

TORBAY COUNCIL

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COMMUNITY SAFETY

26/8/15.

Our concerns over the Drinker licence application at The Shoals cafe Shoalstone Pool Brixham.

This is a popular area for families + holidaymakers especially in hot weather.

It has for many years been a Drink Free Zone for that reason.

Over the years there has been 2 big accidents with people nearly drowning in the pool

through drink one person end up in a wheelchair for the rest of his life and Torbay Council paying out a large compensation claim. The other man members of the public pulled him out and saved him.

The issue of late night noise for residents living in nearby houses + old people flats.

Car Park lefted opened especially in the dark nights where people can fall + drive down embankments and not found until day light

Drinking + Driving is a issue even now

I witness a gentleman with 5 empty bottles on the table did he drive home?

Since the cafe has been serving alcohol other people has been drinking on pool side, Picnic area and by the beach huts.

I did speak to the Party and he replied the cafe up there is serving drink what the differents

Glass bottles are then left or smashed into the pool. It has to be closed to the public and cleaned.

I own the WaterEdge Cafe for boys near the pool and I have to sweep up broken bottles + glasses from outside my premises in the mornings when I arrive. This is worse in the hot weather.

Lack of car parking area, also the roads are very narrow approaching the car park.

CCTV cameras can't cover all the surrounding areas.

Also what about people who don't drink who come to the area for the beauty and quietness it's popular place for dog walkers, older people, people just coming + sitting taking in fresh air and scenery is it fair that they have to be confronted with people drinking, drunks, and being intimidating.

There are other places like The Barry Head Hotel, The Breakwater Bristo, The Prince William Pub all very close by if people want to drink.

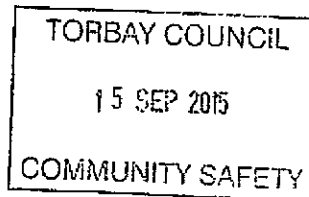
When deciding this application please remember this has always been a safe place for children to meet and do their socialising.

Please keep it that way and refuse this alcohol licence.

I have myself been coming here for the last 60 years do we really have to change somewhere so beautiful and special.

Many Thanks

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14th September 2015

Dear Sir or Madam

Re: Licence application for Shoals at Shoalstone Pool, Brixham

I am writing in response to the application for an alcohol licence at Shoals, Shoalstone Pool. I would like to lodge my dislike of this application and ask that you reconsider the viability of it.

I am a frequent user of the outdoor Lido and have noticed some very disturbing occurrences over the past six months. They are as follows:-

- Excessive drinking in the picnic area by people of all ages who are buying alcohol from Shoals and taking it back to the picnic area.
- Increased usage of personal alcohol from others.
- Shoalstone was previously an alcohol free zone like the town centre; don't understand why this has changed.
- Discarded empty bottles around the pool area and on the grass in the picnic area, shelters and rocks. This is a health and safety hazard to all users of the pool and surrounding area." An accident waiting to happen"
- Unsecure council bins with bottles overflowing from the restaurant usage
- Rowdy behaviour within the picnic area and also around the pool (Lifeguards seem to have no control or interest) caused by alcohol consumption
- Excessive noise from the terrace area of shoals at all times of day and evening. You also feel that you are being constantly watched when in the pool area
- Underage drinking within the picnic and surrounding areas. (I believe that the alcohol has been brought with them. But if young people see adults drinking in this area they will believe that is okay to do this.
- Most patrons of the restaurant drive to the venue. I do believe that they are driving away under the influence due to location.

Overall what was once an unspoilt and pleasant place for the people and visitors to Torbay to use has now become another place to drink, cause noise and set bad examples to other young people.

I question if an alcohol licence is really necessary for an outside Lido and picnic area. There are many other choices for people to attend either the Berry Head Hotel or the next cove along to eat fine food and drink alcohol. Shoalstone was always a nice place that families could go without the risk of watching young people and adults' alike displaying unsociable behaviour caused by alcohol.

Therefore these are my objections for Shoals to be granted another licence.

Regards

