

Licensing and Public Protection

TORBAY COUNCIL

Torbay Council

Town Hall

Torquay

TQ1 3DR

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COMMUNITY SAFETY

24<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Re: Alcohol Licence Application - Crab and Hammer, South Quay, Paignton**

*Dear Team*

*I am writing to register my objection to the application for a premises licence for the above. The basis for this opposition is that granting a licence for these premises will not promote the licensing objectives, particularly disorder and antisocial behaviour.*

*The application proposes that alcohol will be sold for consumption in and around the premises between the hours of 8.00 am and 11.00 pm seven days a week. Granting a licence would provide a further source of alcohol within a compact harbour area already heavily populated with licensed premises. At present there are seven licensed outlets in short proximity.*

*As residents, we currently suffer noise nuisance and bad behaviour so approving this application would add to this problem particularly as the premises in question are located directly below my lounge window.*

*The applicants have already demonstrated a lack of courtesy and respect for local residents as indicated in my letter to Mr Markham (see attached).*

*Torbay Council's Statement of Principles 2021-2026 –Licensing Act 2003, Section 1.19 covers my reasoning for objecting to this application.*

*In view of the above, I would urge the Licensing Authority to refuse this application.*

*Yours Sincerely*

[Redacted signature]

David Markham

Blue Sea Food Company

20, Torbay Business Park

Paignton

TQ4 7HR

22nd April 2021

**Re: Crab and Hammer Restaurant Proposal**

*Dear Mr Markham*

*Your hand delivered letter relating to the above was gratefully received. Rumours and speculation have now thankfully been confirmed.*

*Naturally, the expected noise levels between the opening hours indicated of 8 am to 11 pm are a cause for concern but that will remain to be seen. We have in the past experienced high volumes of music levels and raucous behaviour from other establishments operating in the locality. It is hoped that your stated sound proofing will partially eliminate that possibility. However I have my doubts as the restaurant will be positioned directly below my lounge window.*

*The main concern that invokes me to write this correspondence leads me to express my disappointment that at no stage during the conversion work did anyone attempt to contact me to advise, or indeed apologise, for any disruption that might be incurred. Would not a form of advance notice been respectful and a demonstration of common courtesy to a neighbour?*

*We have certainly tolerated excessive noise and dust over the last few months arising from your alterations and I feel that a notification of intent would have been appropriate before any work had commenced.*

*Your claim to remain on good terms with the neighbours is iniquitous.*

*In conclusion, your plans for the unit will undoubtedly affect my quality of life and may even drive me towards vacating my home of the last sixteen years.*

*Yours Sincerely*

