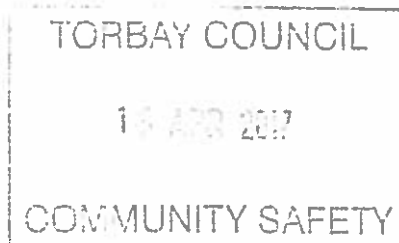


Belgrave Stores, 92 Belgrave Road, TQ2 5HZ.

Dear Sir



I am writing as Chair of Torre and Upton Community Partnership to object to the current application for the above address. The matter of this application was raised at our recent meeting, and I have been asked by the community to object on their behalf.

This address is situated within the ward of Tormohun, which has some of the highest rates of multiple deprivation not only in Torbay, but in the whole country. Many of these residents are living in low grade accommodation, are unemployed and have various different addictions, one of these being alcohol. To be faced with people walking past in the street at all times of the day and night obviously in the grip of alcohol addiction is not only depressing, but frankly alarming. Nobody should feel that they need to cross to the other side of the road for their own safety, or that of their children, but this is the case where we live.

There are already off licenses held by several stores in a relatively small area, and there is no need for yet another outlet. The building, 92 Belgrave Road, did formerly hold such a license, but this was surrendered in 2014. This did result in a decrease in anti social behaviour in Belgrave Road and in Church Street immediately opposite. Both these roads are used regularly, not only by their residents, but by mothers walking their children to Cockington Primary School. They deserve to be able to walk without fear of seeing or hearing the intimidating and aggressive behaviour of street drinkers. Church Street is a quiet residential area, with homes lived in by families, working adults and there is also a retirement block. The houses open straight onto the street, and to once again have drunken behaviour right outside your living room, or to not know what you will face when stepping out of your front door, would be a retrograde step.

There is an ongoing problem with several different groups of street drinkers around Lucius Street and St Andrews Churchyard at the end of Lucius Street. Police are called to deal with these drinkers on a regular basis, and it has got so bad in fact, that the temporary CCTV camera is being installed to try and help with policing the problem. Lucius Street is the main road for tourists to walk from the Belgrave Road hotels into Torquay town centre. What they are faced with on a

daily basis is not a good advertisement for Torquay. We should be providing a safe environment for our visitors, not putting them off returning to the Bay.

There is no acknowledgement in the application of the social problems caused by alcohol in this area. The boxes appear to be ticked, but there is nothing specific that would give us confidence that the cheap alcohol that will be available for sale will not be provided to whoever hands over their money. There is also no address for the licensee – is he local, does he have knowledge of the problems here, does he know how many HMO properties are in the adjoining streets? To provide yet another source of cheap alcohol is not only unacceptable to members of the local community, but would be regarded by them irresponsible on the part of the Licensing Authority.

If you do decide to grant this application, we see no reason why alcohol needs to be bought at 6-30am. In fact were you to agree to this early time, we would see it as enabling those with alcohol addictions. We would ask that restrictions are placed limiting sales to the times that were granted to the previous licensees, should you agree to the application.

Regards

(1 11

Belgrave Stores, 92 Belgrave Rd, 142 0112
SR 237249

Dear Sir

I am writing as Chair of Friends of the Churchyard in Torre to object to the current application for the above address.

There are already several retail outlets in the immediate neighbourhood selling alcohol, and this is resulting in quite a substantial rate of anti social behaviour. Alcohol is bought by street drinkers right through the day and evening, and they mainly congregate in the churchyard, sometimes in a group of up to a dozen people. This is in spite of the area being designated an alcohol free zone. They are very intimidating, and the more they drink, the more uncontrolled the behaviour and language becomes.

There is a public footpath running through the churchyard which is used by all residents coming and going between their homes and the town centre and the local primary schools. For young mothers and their children to be faced with this is unacceptable. There is also a high number of elderly living in the area, and they definitely feel threatened and intimidated by just the presence of these drinkers. The number of calls that are made on a weekly, if not daily basis, to the police to deal with the illicit drinkers are numerous, and by no means does every incident get called in. I am sure that the police will be providing this information to you.

To provide yet another source of alcohol for them, and looking at the website for the business, the alcohol will be cheap, is not only unacceptable to the local community, but irresponsible on the part of the Licensing Authority.

Although these premises have previously been licensed, we have seen a distinct improvement in the safety in the adjacent area since the license was surrendered on 26 March 2014. Church Street is immediately opposite the premises, and the number of out of control drinkers staggering up the street has dropped dramatically. It is a quiet residential area with both families and retirement flats.

If you do decide to grant this application, we see no reason why alcohol needs to be bought at 6-30am. We would ask that restrictions are placed limiting sales to the times that were granted to the previous licensees.

Regards /

TORBAY COUNCIL
13/03/17
COMMUNITY SAFETY

of this objection