

Torbay Council Licensing Authority
Executive Head of Community Safety
Torquay Town Hall
Castle Circus
Torquay TQ1 3DR

13th November 2020

Dear Sirs

Application for a Premises Licence, Five walls Hop House, 43 Winner Street, Paignton

We understand that an application has been submitted for the sale of alcohol on and off the premises at No 43 Winner Street which immediately adjoins our church premises. We believe that the consumption of alcohol will be detrimental to the safety and well-being of the immediate residential community surrounding the premises and it will adversely affect those who share in the life of our church and those who use our Community Centre.

Paignton Baptist Church and Community Centre is used by the local community every day welcoming toddlers, pre-school children and their families, School age children who come to us for an after school milk shake club and children across the age groups coming to Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade in the evening. We also welcome vulnerable adults throughout the whole of the week including two Alcoholics Anonymous support groups.

We worship in this building throughout the week including Sunday mornings and evenings.

It is completely inappropriate for No 43 to be used for the sale and consumption of alcohol from 12noon until 10pm which would inevitably lead to customers drinking outside the shop immediately alongside those coming into and out of our building. You will note that there are already more than sufficient opportunities for purchasing and consuming alcohol in Winner Street and that these have not been without their problems.

Thanks you for considering our representation.

Yours Faithfully,

Revd Stephen Coles,

Pastor of Paignton Baptist Church