

To: The Executive Head of Community Safety
Torbay Council
c/o Torquay Town Hall,
Castle Circus
Torquay
TQ1 3DR



15 August 2023

Re: Licence application 064818 regarding 35 Fleet Street Torquay

We are writing this representation with regard to 35 Fleet Street, Torquay, Devon. We wish to object to the licencing application 064818. Our objections relate to the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, and prevention of public nuisance.

We are the directors of Tor Haven, Abbey Road, Torquay TQ2 5NB, a block of 50 flats for the over-60s, which is barely 50 yards from the premises, writing on behalf of ourselves and the residents. Contact person [REDACTED]

The proposed licence would allow the holder to trade from 8.00 a.m. till midnight, selling alcohol on *and* off the premises, seven days a week. We already suffer from the effects of drunkenness and drug taking in the immediate area and have to employ a private security firm to patrol our car park at night.

The effects of the licence being granted would be heightened noise level, public nuisance and general antisocial behaviour, including the increased use of our car park and outside steps as a public lavatory and site for drug abuse. This, quite apart from the disturbance and public safety aspect, will also increase the costs borne by Tor Haven residents for clearing up urine and faeces, broken glass, and drug paraphernalia from the car park. As this is a residential area, it would also have a negative effect on many people other than residents at Tor Haven.

By submitting this letter, we declare that we have read the representation guidance notes and agree that a copy of our representation will be given to the premises licence holder.

On behalf of the Tor Haven residents,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Director)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Director)

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[REDACTED] (Director)

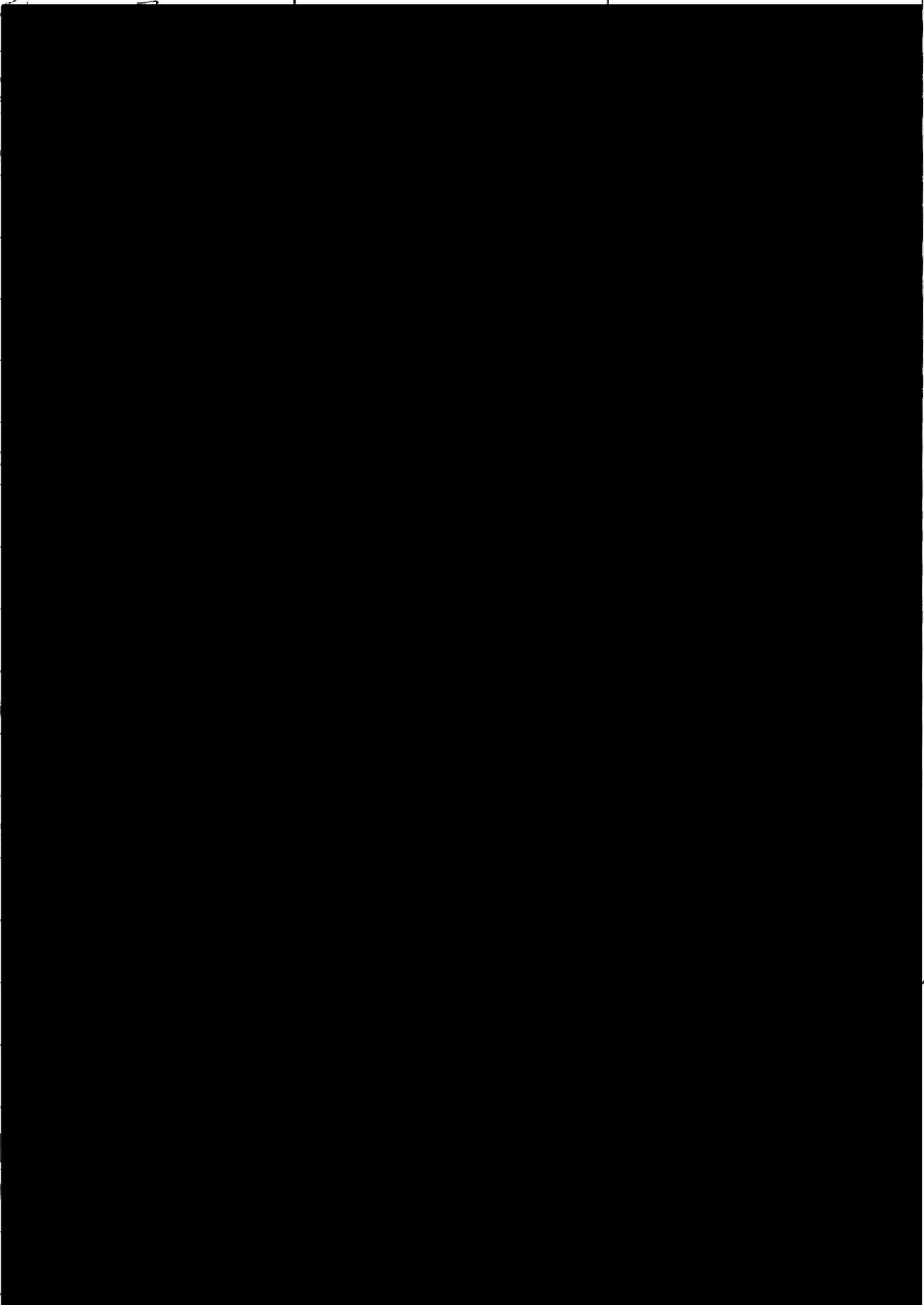
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Directors have brought this to my attention and they will be writing a letter to Council to go with this petition to object to this licence application on the basis of increased noise, Anti-Social Behaviour, potentially increased unauthorised parking in Tor Haven and Abbey Hall car park and an increase in using our car park as a late-night toilet. **If you would like to lodge your objections about this proposed licence application, please sign the sheet by 15th August.**

The Directors will then send it, with a covering letter, to the council to express the concerns of all the signatories. A full copy of the licence application is available online and I have printed a copy attached if you wish to read it, but please do not remove it, so others can also read it. Thank you.

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Licensing representation

Name of the premises:	35 Fleet Street
Support/Object to application	Object
Address of the premises:	35 Fleet Street , Torquay

Applicant Details

In what capacity are you applying?	body or group
First name:	[REDACTED]
Last name:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
Email address:	[REDACTED]
Address:	Abbey Hall Rock Road Torquay TQ2 5SP TQ25SP {uprn: -1}

Representation

Which of the following Licensing Objectives is this representation relevant to?

This representation is relevant to the following Licensing Objectives	The prevention of public nuisance
The reason for your representation:	<p>The users of Abbey Hall have long suffered from the anti-social behaviour of people using our forecourt as a toilet. They seem to find it convenient to come into what is our parking area and relieve themselves without a thought as to how unpleasant and unhygienic it is to our users, many of whom are disabled or vulnerable. Drug users sometimes congregate also, when the building is unoccupied, and leave used needles. Having a late-night facility for drinking so close will almost inevitably lead to an increase in these anti-social behaviours both from the point of view of relieving themselves and from the point of view of it being a convenient place for them to congregate after leaving the licensed premises. I am Hon Sec of the charity that owns the Hall and enables disabled groups to use it. On behalf of all those users I would submit that there are quite sufficient licensed premises in Town and enabling 35 Fleet Street to cater for late night drinking would be a serious mistake.</p>
Is there any reason why you do not want your personal details to be passed on to the premises license holder?	No
Would you like to include any documentation in support of your representation	No
Uploaded Files	

Confirmation

I confirm I have read the representation guidance notes and agree that a copy of my representation will be given to the premises license holder.	1
Full name:	

Re: Application for a Premises Licence - 35 Fleet Street, Torquay – received Thursday 17/08/2023 at 14:24

Hi Julie,

Thank you for phoning so promptly in response to my email, and I now include an addendum to my submission which I would be grateful if you could add or insert appropriately:-

"Further to my original submissions, I now understand that the applicant intends to operate the premises at 35 Fleet Street as a licensed Italian restaurant, providing such food up to midnight, which I understand is the standard timing for similar restaurant premises in Torbay. While this provides some reassurance, may I on behalf of the users of the Hall point out that the license as proposed does not limit the service of alcohol to patrons who are eating. It permits the sale of alcohol to visitors who are not eating, and also permits unlimited and unrestricted off-sales to anyone between 8 am and midnight.

So it could well be that the premises will end up being used in much the same way as a nightclub and be a general supplier of alcohol to drinkers in the area. This will increase the risk of there being more of the anti-social behaviour we experience at Abbey Hall.

May I suggest that the license only be issued if it incorporates suitable limitations to ensure the premises operate only as intended, namely an Italian restaurant."

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Trustee & Hon Sec,
Abbey Hall Centre
Rock Road, Torquay TQ2 5SP

Correspondence address:
[REDACTED]