

TOR BAY HARBOUR

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RE Application for premise license at Broadsands

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to raise some concerns I would have with an alcohol license being issued to the kiosk at the south of Broadsands promenade:

There is currently a café/bistro in the centre section of Broadsand that has a license to sell alcohol, but they tend to do this as part of a meal that is consumed on premises or within a walled outdoor section of the premises. My concern is that the kiosk would mainly be selling drinks to take away or be consumed in an open seating area at the rear of the premises. This I think could lead to groups of younger adults drinking, and it becoming a beach bar that may result in unruly behavior in an area that we have a number of beach hut customers. I appreciate that this is all conjecture but Broadsands is very much a family environment and has a relaxed and safe feeling that I would not want to lose.

My second concern would be the potential off sales which would add plastics into the environment and is something for which there are large campaigns to reduce, and especially at water front locations.

We have had issues with anti social behavior at Broadsands in the past and mainly in the early evening. I do therefore have a concern that this might increase or be made worse if a bar was operating in this location.

We have had no issues with the tenants of the kiosk and I am sure they would do all that they could to mitigate my concerns, but I am not convince that the kiosk is the right type of outlet for alcohol sales.

Your sincerely

Simon Pinder

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Torbay Licensing
Torquay Town Hall
Torquay



26.05.20

Reference: Broadsands Beach Kiosk premises license application.

License reference number: 057243

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to make a representation/objection to the above license application. I have not been able to access this on your website.

I think it wrong that Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] can make this application during a period of "Lockdown". The required notice that has to be displayed at the premises was not available to view. The Broadsands car parks were locked closed and the Government enforced stay at home order completely prevented the general public seeing the notice. Even with the easing of lockdown the message was still "stay at home" which many adhered to.

The newspaper notice was placed in a free local paper that is only delivered to some homes, but not all. My house does not receive it. The paper is not widely available to purchase.

The notice attached to the outside of the building had inaccuracies. It was not in the correct colour paper and stated the wrong date for representations to be made.

Public Safety and Protection of Children.

The Kiosk sells ice cream, soft drinks and snacks. These items are listed on its lease, the sale of alcohol is not listed. I have spoken to a senior officer of the Council who assured me that he would not be happy about the kiosk being licensed. The product range is very much aimed at children and young people. Although I accept adults will often accompany children there are still many children that go to the kiosk unaccompanied. As there is only one counter, this will become "the bar". Alcohol will be served at this bar. I would liken this application to putting a bar in a toy shop, or school playground so parents can buy and consume alcohol while collecting their children from school.

The front of the kiosk gets very busy and crowded at times. Lots of drinkers present a danger to children; getting crushed, drinks spilt on them or hearing foul language. This is compounded now with the amount of picnic tables in close proximity of the bar/counter, many of which could be filled with drinkers.

There is also a danger of glass bottles being dropped on the concrete floor and the broken glass being a danger to bare feet. Although it is suggested that drinks are served in plastic glasses, for off sales glass bottles (wine, beer etc.) can be sold so long as a plastic disposable beaker is supplied. On busy days, it would be impossible to clear every last fragment of glass from among the queue of customers.

There have been several break-ins at the kiosk in recent years. Once it has alcohol on the premises it is likely to be more attractive to the unlawful elements.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

Broadsands car parks do have a problem with antisocial behaviour. Namely "boy racer" driving their cars at speed, doing stunts and handbrake turns etc. This is a nuisance to the local residents and a danger to the public. The police are regularly called because of this. The main time frame that these individuals seem to congregate at Broadsands is between 5pm and 9.30pm before the gates are closed. There is also a problem with Travellers setting up camps on the car parks. The ward councillor Karen Kennedy is working hard to reduce both of these problems as they cause considerable upset to the local residents. Adding a license to the kiosk in the corner of the car parks is not likely to help resolve these matters, it will probably worsen them.

The beach already has a cafe/bistro that is licensed to sell alcohol, where quality local beer and cider, plus wine and spirits are sold. This venue does not appeal to the above mentioned as it does not sell "cheap can drinks"

I trust you will agree that the Kiosk is not suitable for the proposed license and will reject the application.

Yours Sincerely

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