

17th November 2020

**Licensing Team  
Town Hall Annex  
St Steven's Road  
Bournemouth  
BH2 6EA**

**To whom it may concern**

**OBJECTION**

Re Notice of Application for a Premises Licence Under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 – Daniel Murrell – The Ducking Stool, Ducking Stool Lane, Christchurch, BH23 1DS

I wish to object to the granting of a licence to sell alcohol at the above location.

I am a resident off Ducking Stool Lane and my property is located 5 doors round from this property on the opposite side of the road. This location is not compatible for a restaurant to be located and certainly not for the sale of alcohol and is certainly not appropriate within this quiet historic residential area. It is my understanding that this premises have never been used as a restaurant in the past serving alcohol into the night. – it was a cafe and tea rooms and was never open in the evening.

**The Prevention of Crime and Disorder**

This premises is located in a very quiet residential area of outstanding Christchurch beauty and history, benefiting the town with tourists. This area is residential and there are no other restaurants or late-night opening establishments in the quiet lane. There is a hotel the car park of which backs onto the street but the door for this establishment faces the main road through Christchurch which is in Castle Street. Whereas this property is directly facing the lane with only a small public pathway. If an alcohol licence was granted it would encourage late night drinking with noise pollution in what is currently a residential street. As I am sure you are aware, we will need to look at additional lighting and upgraded security in the form of and including street CCT as we have lost our Police Station and their attendance in Christchurch is almost none if not low and you will need to take extra measures to prevent crime and further disorder within the town residential area to help public safety.

## The Prevention of Public Nuisance

This premises is located in a quiet residential street and I object to the granting of an alcohol licence on the basis of noise nuisance. I believe that a evening and late-night alcohol licence will increase the possibility of noise nuisance to people living nearby some of whom are living, working from home, retired or have school children.

The sale of alcohol often leads to patrons standing outside a restaurant smoking – this building has no outside space and so there will be nowhere else to go. Standing outside smoking will then lead to noise nuisance. I understand that the application is quite open to the idea of its customers gathering outside and standing outside the property smoking and clearly admits this likelihood. This building is located in a residential area which is in an historic part of the area with the attraction of the Ducking Stool which was recently refurbished by the council to attract tourists, not to use it as a drinking seat.

As Ducking Stool Lane is used as a cut through, via the footpaths, to/from Castle street for school children going to/returning from school this could lead to a perception that alcohol sale during the day is acceptable.

In these times of working from home, during Covid19, which civil servants also do, this potential licence will create a noise pollution that works against that, thus not helping any one in these very difficult times. The licensing department should act in the interests of the local Ducking Stool residents and REFUSE this request for a licence.

I would also like to bring to the attention of the licensing office the likelihood of the applicant that will monitor the customers outside or do anything at all to encourage sensible behaviour based on the individuals past involvement with alcohol.

Yours sincerely,

  
Nick Solloway