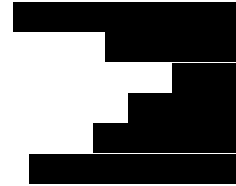


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To whom it may concern

OBJECTION - Notice of Application / Reference: 179872 / 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 from 12 to 10pm each day.

I am a resident of 4 Ducking Stool Walk and my property is located within yards from this property. This is a location is not compatible with a restaurant location at all and the evening and night-time sale of alcohol is certainly not compatible with a quiet residential area which is the location of the proposed restaurant. This premises has never been used as a restaurant in the past – it was used as tea rooms and was never open in the evening.

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

- This premises is located in a very quiet residential cul-de-sac behind Christchurch High Street. This area is residential and there are no other restaurants or late-night opening establishments in the quiet and narrow cul-de-sac lane which is congested with residents cars trying to pass each other as they arrive or leave. 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 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 in what is currently a residential street. This property was previously a café but alcohol was only every sold in the day and the café closed at 5pm. This would encourage crime and disorder in this area.

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 an evening and late-night alcohol licence will increase the possibility of noise nuisance to people living nearby – some of whom are retired or as in our case, have school age 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. The distance between the front of the proposed restaurant and the two houses opposite is very narrow and the

pavements are very narrow as well. An alcohol licence could well lead to patrons standing in the lane. I understand the venue capacity to be 65 people this is an enormous number for a premises which was a little tea room and in the past never had more than 20 people inside at any one time, if even 5 of these 65 people decide to stand on the street to chat and have a smoke it will have an enormously detrimental effect on the surrounding residents. There is also the issue of smoke nuisance as well as noise nuisance. I note that the applicant is quite open to the idea of its customers gathering outside and standing outside the property smoking and clearly admits this likelihood but merely says that it will "monitor" this and put some signs up. This is totally inadequate.

There are plenty of restaurants and bars in Christchurch which are more appropriately located in the High Street which already sell alcohol past the hours of 5pm. It would be most inappropriate to grant a licence to sell alcohol to a premises which has never been a bar or restaurant – only a quiet café or tea room in the past.

The licensing department should act in the interests of the residents nearby and **REFUSE** this request for a licence. Please consider this application on the basis of its merits - there are **NONE**.

I would also like to bring to the attention of the licensing office that the individual applying for the licence has had a past conviction for driving over the speed limit under the influence of alcohol and this may call into doubt the suitability of the individual to hold a licence and may call into doubt the likelihood that they will monitor the customers outside or do anything at all to encourage sensible behaviour.

Yours sincerely,

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of Andrew Jarmolkiewicz.

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