

North East Lincolnshire Council form details

Representation on a licensing application, reference number NELC279771964

Summary of form:

Do you agree to your contact details being made public?:Yes

Do you intend to attend or be represented at any hearing?:Yes

If you are being represented, please state by whom:Humberston and New Waltham ward councillors

Date: 2020-12-03

Customer name:

Title	First name	Last name
Mr.	Alan	Scoffin

Contact details:

Contact telephone number	Email address

I would like to receive the notice of hearing by email:I would like to receive the notice of hearing by email

address details:

House	Street	Town	Postcode

I make my representation as::An individual

Name of applicant: the gingerbread house

Premises address:

Is the address in North East Lincolnshire?	Please enter your postcode or street name	Please select your address from the list
Yes	church lane, Humberston	Humberston Library, Church Lane, Humberston, DN36 4HZ

Application details: alcohol licence

Last date for representation (if known):2020-12-04

Which of the licensing objectives does your representation refer to? (Select all that apply):

Prevention of Public Nuisance

Prevention of public nuisance: Parking issues are already being investigated by Highway so this would only add to the problem.

This area is residential and noise already carries from people sitting outside whilst eating their meals, add alcohol into the mix and this will only exacerbate the issue. We are also concerned about the music licence and the noise this will create. Whilst we are aware of the applicants success with this sort of venture on the boating lake at Cleethorpes we feel trying to achieve this in a quiet residential area is a step too far.

We are also concerned that with an application of this nature, so close to residents, that a letter outlining the proposals was not sent to local addresses. This would certainly be the case if it was a Planning Application. Also the fact that the parish council and ward councilors were unaware of any licensing application makes me wonder if this was being pushed through quietly.

We have also requested from the Police if they are aware of the application. We are still awaiting this confirmation. See **Additional info attached**

If possible please suggest alterations to the application that would resolve the problem mentioned above, again paying attention to the licensing objectives:

Declaration:

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I accept

Objection to a request for Alcohol Licence at the Gingerbread House

We would like to put forward that no alcohol be served or sold on the premises apart from the BYO that is offered when the applicant puts on a special evening events.

The premises is in a Conservation area and sits in very close proximity to 3 pre schools, 2 primary schools and an Academy. We feel it would be inappropriate to have patrons consuming alcohol outside the premises whilst children are being dropped off and collected from schools. The premises is also a meeting point for children leaving the Academy. If glasses haven't been cleared straight away from empty tables that haven't been completed drunk this offers free alcohol to these children.

We also object to the selling of alcohol as gifts as this would allow the alcohol to be bought and then consumed at the near by Paddock, (children's play area) or on the green in front of St Peters Church which is also in very close proximity to the premises. This raises child safety issues.

We also do not agree to the consuming of alcohol on the same premises as where the Library is;

Again, it would make a potential unsafe and unpleasant visits for parents and grand parents bringing their children and grand children in to use the library. Also, some older visitors to the Library could feel intimidated and not want to visit the library whilst there are people consuming alcohol.

The noise level would increase outside if alcohol was being consumed with meals.. with the best intentions the majority of peoples voices increases with the more alcohol they consume. The noise already reverberates around the car park when people are sat outside the premises.

Is the applicant looking to increase outside table service? We feel adding more tables would be adding to the noise pollution and be dangerous when deliveries are being made.

There are no signed areas for deliveries. At the moment the deliveries made by larger vehicles struggle to park up against the premises. Although we realise that parking issues cannot be noted as a problem, Highways are already investigating issues around this area and the amount of parking does add to the problems of delivery trucks getting around to the premises.

We feel it is inappropriate to sell alcohol to be taken away or consumed in the premises at 9.00 am in the morning. If the licence is granted we feel a 11.30 am start time would be better suited.

Whilst we understand that the premises opens at 0900 hrs to offer breakfasts and hot drinks to parents after dropping off the children to school etc and lunches for everyone and a snack for after school in this residential area there is no need to offer meals up until 10.00 pm in the evening every evening. This would increase noise pollution, people coming and going, more activity on the car park and more noise if people are sat outside until 10pm.

We have had no issues with the applicant holding special evenings once or twice a month where everyone leaves at the same time. This does add to noise pollution in the area however everyone soon disperses because they leave at the same time.

The library was taken over by the applicant and the tea room / coffee shop was opened as a way of making money to facilitate the library. It was also taken over as a Community Hub as a not for profit concern. We appreciate everybody needs to make a living however this is now very clearly not being run as the going concern it was initially suppose to be.

To sum up, we feel very strongly that the licence should not be granted; however if we are not successful in our object we would like to see the following implemented ;

No alcohol to be consumed outside.

Opening hours for food and drink to be limited until 18.00 hrs latest apart from special evenings. Earlier on a Sunday.

No alcohol to be available to buy unless a meal is being purchased to eat inside.

No increase of outside seating.

We understand that the music licence is to only cover background music and there will be no live music.