

Dear sirs,

Thank you for your letter of 20th March regarding an application for variation (major) at Tayvallich Inn.

We are aware of plans, only by rumour, to extend the activity of the business to the area across the road and in fact are surprised that it should be considered.

We have licensed premises of our own and are aware of the regulations and guidelines and feel that the operation across a main road would be difficult, albeit there are other locations where this happens, eg Applecross.

We think this would be advantageous to the operators of the Inn and appreciated by clients.

As the only close neighbour we would like to be aware of what is proposed, eg is there going to be any structure built on the grassy area?

Our experience of living next to the Inn is generally good but having said that there are issues of containment of the operation within the defined area, especially with regard to children whose parents are using the Inn. There can be a carte blanche attitude to allowing them to play anywhere around the licensed premises, including climbing on the roof of the nearby pumping shed of Scottish Water and also entering our private garden. We have experienced hostility from clients when we have asked children to leave our property and have never seen staff enforce containment.

We also have sailors accessing the Inn through our property and leaving their dinghys on our foreshore.

Therefore we would like to know what type of boundary is proposed, if any, and what signage will be displayed so that clients and their children remain on the licensed premises.

We do not wish to have to ask six Irish sailors with their pints of Guinness to remove themselves from our garden furniture or foreign visitors in our garden trying to get a mobile phone signal!

We trust you find our comments helpful and look forward to your reply,

Kind regards

John and Jean McNulty

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