

Hello,

In regards to the application made by No.26 by the Sea, Corran Esplanade, Oban, PA34 5AQ (no reference number supplied on letter)

As a resident and business owner on the same street I would like to lodge our objection to the above application.

Ourselves and other residents and business owners on this street strongly object to the license being granted for the following reasons -

The feel and tone of the area would change. Our guests predominantly stay with us as they wish to be away from the busyness and noise of the town centre. If we lost this then this would without doubt have a detrimental affect on not just our business, but also the trade of other neighbours. We have all existed for a long time, through changes of owners, not once damaging each others business. All of us understanding what the majority of guests coming to this part of town are looking for.

The areas covered by the license would change the area drastically. The licence covers - Conferencing, Birthdays, Weddings – where would parking be for such an event? The property itself cannot offer additional parking and the area has historically not had enough public parking for all the existing hotels.

Outdoor sports – don't exactly know what this means, but fear it could cover a multitude of things. Each of which causing excessive noise for the area.

Live music and recorded music – Noise travels well in the area as it is usually so quiet, this would be unbearable for the properties directly next door and certainly be heard by many more properties on the street.

Noise – the proposal for outdoor drinking, live music, parties, outdoor sports would inevitably incur noise for neighbouring properties, and in turn have detrimental affect on their guests experience, resulting in complaints, possibility of guests asking for some level of reimbursement, poor reviews etc. All of which having a knock on affect on future business.

I am led to believe that outdoor hot tubs and fire pits are also being offered, this again would be an attraction to people drinking and lead to issues in the evening when other guests are settling down for the night.

Up until now, the Lancaster Hotel is the last public house from the town side. The area traditionally has been quiet, it has both business and residential properties. Not one of us would benefit from the potential problems being created by granting this licence. I feel that if it is granted then it would be actively helping one business to the great detriment to all the others and also to the residents of the street.

I would be very grateful if you could seriously consider the fall out on other successful business in the area. We do not wish to harm the new owners business, but they can still operate here very successfully without creating detrimental issues for the rest of us.

Yours sincerely

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