

Dear Belinda - following our site meeting today, I have the following comments in relation to the Premises Licence application :

Acting as the Responsible Authority for the Licensing Objective - The Prevention of Public Nuisance, I have been asked to comment on the application for a new Premises Licence. 21/00678/LPREM for an alfresco bar / eatery to be called Blue Bar to the rear of the shop at 19 Wyle Cop.

I have concerns about the potential for nuisance from both noise and smoke / odour from cooking operations affecting neighbouring properties, and accordingly **formally object** to the application.

The Licence is for land to the rear of 19 Wyle Cop which is currently the garden to a private residence to the rear of a shop. There is no indoor space – the business model is based around alfresco eating and drinking.

The area to be Licenced is on two levels, a courtyard adjacent to the shop, and a larger terrace at a higher level.

The courtyard has a high brick wall forming the boundary to neighbouring shops/ residential properties. This which would act as a barrier minimising sound transmission.

The gardens of residential properties 1 and 2 Dogpole, adjoin the terrace area. The wall separating this space from the gardens of adjoining properties is considerably lower and would have less impact in terms of preventing noise or cooking odour / smoke transmission.

Part of the shop space is being converted to a food preparation area for cold meals and snacks. There are no cooking facilities indoors.

The venue operated on a series of TENs last year covering most weekends between 4th July and 26th September. The finish times on the TENs were 21:00.

The business was serving pizza from two small wood fired stoves located on the terrace. Complaints were received about smoke nuisance from these ovens and also from a firepit. The claims have not been independently verified.

To address the concerns about smoke nuisance the cooking method has been changed to a gas BBQ. / grill. A outdoor structure has been built on the terrace to house the BBQ. There is a roof has over the BBQ area which would prevent the smoke / odours rising vertically and would tend initially to push smoke away from adjoining properties.

The opening hours requested on the Premises Licence are from 10:00 – 23:00 7 days a week, with alcohol sales requested between 12:00 – 22:00. This represents a significant increase in the usage of the space compared with the TENs that were granted in 2020.

While not specifically mentioned on the application it is the intention of the proprietors to only operate over late spring, summer and early autumn.

Having considered the potential for noise nuisance I have **no objections to the above times for the Courtyard area**. My concerns relate to the larger terrace area which can house more people, is where the cooking operations are to take place, and where activities are not as well screen off from neighbouring properties. Accordingly, to protect residents from public nuisance from both noise and/or smoke/odour I would object to this area being used 7 days a week.

I would propose the following changes:

The terrace area opening times :

Monday – closed

Tuesday – closed

Wednesday – closed

Thursday 16:00 – 22:00

Friday 12:00 – 23:00

Saturday 12:00 – 23:00

Sunday 12:00 – 22:00.

The times for the sale of alcohol may need to be modified to be at least 30 minutes before the closing time.

In addition to the conditions proposed on the application under the Prevention of Public Nuisance, I recommend the following conditions should be added to the operating schedule :

- No wood burning stoves or other solid fuel cooking appliances to be used to used
- The roof over the BBQ / grill area will remain to help deflect smoke / fumes / odour away from residential properties
- The Terraced area can be used for Art classes or similar during daylight hours on Thursdays, provided there is no regulated entertainment.

If the above changes in times and conditions are acceptable then I would withdraw my objection and my comments would not lead to a hearing of the Licensing sub-committee to decide the issue.

Please confirm your acceptance by emailing Licensing@shropshire.gov.uk copying me into your reply.

Kind Regards