

**Licensing Services - Objections to the License Application for 152-154 Tonbridge Road  
Hildenborough TN11 9HW**

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Dear Sirs

Please find below our objections to the License Application for 152-154 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough TN11 9HW. We live in the property immediately next to this property at 150 Tonbridge Road.

The prevention of public nuisance

Planning permission for this development of the café was given under certain specific conditions, one of which is that it may only open until 6pm Monday to Saturday "in the interest of residential amenity". This application is requesting hours of 10am til 9pm Monday to Saturday. We strongly object to the license being granted on a permanent basis until 9pm, 6 days a week. If the license is granted until 9pm is there a limit to the number of evenings that the cafe can open or could there be a blanket request to open every day until 9pm?

Another condition of planning permission is that any music played must not be audible outside of the building. We assume this would also cover the playing of films. Exactly how would this be policed by the Licensing team and work in practice? What will happen on a hot day when the windows are open? Again this condition was put in place in the interest of residential amenity and therefore we strongly object to such a license being granted on a permanent basis until 9pm.

The prevention of crime and disorder

There is already a public house selling alcohol within 100 metres of this café. The area does not need another establishment selling alcohol. Damage to our fence is already a regular occurrence, along with empty bottles being discarded on our property. To allow the café to also sell alcohol would greatly increase the probability of damage to our property. Are people going to be able to take alcohol away from the premises? This would potentially cause huge amounts of disruption to the local area - increased vandalism, noise etc.

Notwithstanding the issues that are going to be caused by lack of any parking for the cafe (and cars left overnight in the area if unable to be driven home) we understood that the cafe was to be an artisan cafe, promoting healthy living. Is alcohol really needed?

Given the proximity of our house to the cafe (we also have shared access over the front area of the cafe and have genuine safety concerns which would be greatly increased if customers of the cafe were under the influence of alcohol) we trust that our concerns are given due consideration.

Regards

Bruce & Emma Keenan