

From: Rebecca Ingram
Sent: 29 April 2021 10:29

Subject: The Village Wine Bar - 192 Cambridge Road (THE830/1)

Dear [REDACTED]

The Village Wine Bar, 192 Cambridge Road, Southport

By way of introduction, my name is Rebecca Ingram and I am the solicitor acting on behalf of the applicant for a premises licence at the above site.

Your representations in relation to the application have been forwarded to us by the Licensing Team at Sefton Council, and my client and I have had the opportunity to review and discuss these.

We understand the concerns raised, but my client is confident that these concerns can be addressed in terms of the way in which the premises will trade and the conditions that will be attached to the licence if granted.

The premises will trade as a café/eatery/wine bar, offering breakfast, lunch and evening meals and snacks, and a range of drinks from coffees and soft drinks to high quality beers, wines and cocktails.

There were a number of common themes in terms of concerns, and I set these out and address them below. To assist with this, I attach the operating schedule which was submitted as part of the licence application. If granted, all the conditions listed would be attached to the premises licence, and these would form legal obligations on my client. My client would also be happy to add additional conditions to address some of the concerns raised, which are detailed as follows:

- The hours applied for at night. My client felt that a last orders time of midnight at weekends only was reasonable. However, on the basis of the concerns raised, they would be happy to reduce this to 23:30 on Fridays and Saturdays.
- The hours applied for in the morning. My client has no intention of serving pints to people at 08:00. However, they might serve a bucks fizz with breakfast or brunch for customers on special occasions. They would be happy to add a further condition worded as follows: *'Alcohol will not be sold between the hours of 08:00 and 11:30 unless accompanied by food'*.
- They would also be happy to add a condition requiring food to be available at all times, as per the description above, worded as follows: *'Food shall be available at all times the premises is trading, subject to last orders for food be taken up until one hour before the terminal hour for the sale of alcohol'*.
- The use of the outdoor area. You will see that my client has already proposed a condition restricting the use of the outdoor area for drinking at dining to 22:30 daily. You will also see that there is a condition prohibiting the presence of external

speakers. My client would also be happy to offer a further condition as follows:
'Within the external area, alcohol will only be served to seated customers'.

- Parking/traffic/taxis. As is noted, the frontage of the premises is a double yellow line area, so customers would not be able to park here. Anyone doing so would be doing so illegally (whether they were customers of the premises or not), and the premises would not want this to happen any more than you as residents do. My client will liaise with local taxi firms to ensure that their drivers are clear that they must not park on the yellow lines. However, my client hopes that the vast majority of customers will come from the local area and will walk to and from the premises.
- Deliveries. We have already proposed a condition (c7) restricting the times for emptying of bins and refuse collections. We are happy to add the following condition: *'Deliveries to the premises will only take place between 10:30 and 14:00 on any day.'* Deliveries will never be permitted to park on double yellow lines or to block any other access.
- My client would also be happy to add a further condition as follows: *'No bottles/glassware shall be emptied into external bins after 21:30 on any day'*.

We hope that the above provides you comfort in respect of the intentions of the applicant, and the conditions that they will be obliged to adhere to should the licence be granted. If this is the case, I would be most grateful if you could confirm by return.

Should you have any further concerns or queries, or wish to discuss the application in further detail, my client and I would be happy to set up a meeting for residents (either in person or virtual depending on what you would be comfortable with) to answer any outstanding questions. If this would be useful, again please confirm by return and we can look to set a date which works for everyone.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Becki