

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Subject: PL4 Café, 8 Drake Circus, Plymouth.
Variation of Premises Licence

Committee: Licensing Sub Committee (Miscellaneous)

Date: 19 January 2016

Cabinet Member: Councillor Philippa Davey

CMT Member: Kelechi Nnoaham (Office of the Director of Public Health)

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Ref: ERS/LIC/PREM VAR

Key Decision: No

Part: I

Purpose of the report:

An application has been received from PL4 Café Limited, of 3 Coles Cottages, Down Thomas, Plymouth in respect of the PL4 Café situated at 8 Drake Circus, Plymouth for the Variation of a premises licence under Section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The Brilliant Co-operative Corporate Plan 2013/14 – 2016/17:

This report links to the delivery of the City and Council objectives and outcomes within the plan.

Growing: The Licensing Policy provides a balance between the need to protect residents against enabling legitimate businesses to operate within a necessary and proportionate regulatory framework.

Caring: Reduce Inequalities as the Licensing Policy has put in place an appropriate framework that will allow decision-makers, when considering applications, to reduce the impact on safety, well-being and local amenity on the local community. The licensing system must minimise the burdens on business and to allow communities the opportunity to influence decisions.

See [Our Plan](#)

Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land:

Not applicable.

Other Implications: e.g. Child Poverty, Community Safety, Health and Safety and Risk Management:

Members should be aware that Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 puts a statutory duty on every Local Authority to exercise its various functions with due regard to the need to do all that it reasonably can do to prevent crime and disorder in its area.

Equality and Diversity:

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been undertaken? No

Recommendations and Reasons for recommended action:

That Members consider this report.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

None

Published work / information:

For more information please see the below links.

[Statement of Licensing Policy](#)

[Licensing Act 2003](#)

[Revised Guidance issued under Section 182 Licensing Act 2003 - March 2015](#)

Background papers:

Title	Part I	Part II	Exemption Paragraph Number						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Application									

Sign off:

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Originating SMT Member													
Has the Cabinet Member(s) agreed the content of the report? No													

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 On the 30 November 2015 the licensing department received an application from PL4 Café Limited, of 3 Coles Cottages, Down Thomas, Plymouth for the Variation of a Premises Licence under Section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of PL4 Café situated at 8 Drake Circus, Plymouth.

1.2 Details of variation

Current Licensable Activities	Variation Application
<p><u>(b) Films</u> Hours Monday to Sunday 11.00am to 01.00am</p>	<p><u>(b) Films</u> Hours Monday to Sunday 24 hours each day</p>
<p><u>(f) Recorded Music</u> (Indoors) Hours Monday to Sunday 11.00am to 01.00am</p>	<p><u>(f) Recorded Music</u> (Indoors) Hours Monday to Sunday 11.00am to 02.00am Non Standard Timings. New Year's Eve and all Bank Holiday Sundays from 06.00am</p>
<p><u>(i) Late Night Refreshment</u> Hours Monday to Sunday 11.00pm to 01.00am</p>	<p><u>(i) Late Night Refreshment</u> Hours Monday to Sunday 11.00pm to 05.00am</p>
<p><u>(j) Supply of Alcohol for ON the premises.</u> Hours Monday to Sunday 11.00am to 01.00am Non Standard Timings. New Year's Eve and all Bank Holidays until 02.00am</p>	<p><u>(j) Supply of Alcohol for ON and OFF the premises.</u> Hours Monday to Sunday 10.00am to 02.00am Non Standard Timings. New Year's Eve and all Bank Holiday Sundays until 05.00am</p>
<p><u>(l) Hours premises are open to the public</u> Hours Monday to Sunday 07.00am to 01.00am Non Standard Timings. New Year's Eve and all Bank Holidays until 02.00am</p>	<p><u>(l) Hours premises are open to the public</u> Hours Monday to Sunday 24 hours each day</p>

1.3 Variation application

The nature of the proposed variation is to vary the hours for licensable activities of films, recorded music, late night refreshment, supply of alcohol, opening hours and also to change the supply alcohol to on and off the premises.

- 1.4 The existing conditions on the premises are proposed to be altered.
Conditions currently attached to the licence (Appendix 1)
Steps taken to promote the four licensing objectives (Appendix 2)
- 1.5 Representations have been received in respect of this application.

1.6 Cumulative Impact Policy

This application does fall within an area to which the Cumulative Impact Policy applies and creates a rebuttable presumption that applications for new licences or variations to existing ones which are likely to add to the existing cumulative impact will normally be refused unless the applicant can demonstrate in their operating schedule that there will be no negative cumulative impact on one or more of the licensing objectives if the application were granted. However before the Licensing Authority can lawfully consider giving effect to this policy there must be a relevant representation from either a responsible authority or an interested party referring to information which was before the Licensing Authority when this special policy was developed.

2.0 RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES

- 2.1 *Devon & Cornwall Police* – no representations.
- 2.2 *Environmental Health* – no representations
- 2.3 *Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service* – no representations.
- 2.4 *Trading Standards* – no representations
- 2.5 *Planning Officer* - no representations.
- 2.6 *Child Protection* – no representations
- 2.7 *Health & Safety Executive* – no representations.
- 2.8 *Health Authority (ODPH)* – no representations.
- 2.9 *Licensing Authority* – no representations
The licensing authority has not made representations to this application but following mediation with the applicant who accepted proposed changes to his steps to promote the four licensing objectives. (Appendix 3)

3.0 OTHER PARTIES

5 letters have been received that are attached to this report. (Appendices 4 to 8).

4.0 CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The Committee is obliged to determine this application with a view to promoting the licensing objectives which are:
- the prevention of crime and disorder;
 - public safety;
 - the prevention of public nuisance;
 - the protection of children from harm.

In making its decision the Committee is also obliged to have regard to the guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 with the following paragraph's relevant to this application: 1.2 - 1.5, 1.16, 1.17, 2.1, 2.3, 2.9, 2.11 – 2.12, 2.15 – 2.20, 9.3, 9.30 – 9.39, 9.41 – 9.43, 10.8 – 10.10, and 13.44.

The Council's own Licensing Policy with the following headed paragraphs being relevant to this application: Door Supervisors, Dispersal Policy and Licensing hours (Page 11) Late Night Refreshment (Page 12), Public Nuisance (Pages 17) and Licensing Conditions (Page 20), Cumulative Impact Policy (Page 25 and Appendix I - special policy).

Also the representations (including supporting information) presented by all the parties.

The Committee must take such of the following steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives:

1. Modify the conditions of the licence
2. Reject the whole or part of the application;

and for this purpose the conditions of the licence are modified if any of them is altered or omitted or any new condition is added.

The Committee is asked to note that it may not modify the conditions or reject the whole or part of the application merely because it considers it desirable to do so. It must actually be appropriate in order to promote the licensing objectives.

ANNEX I - MANDATORY CONDITIONS (PREMISES LICENCE - ON & OFF SALES)**All supplies of alcohol**

1. No supply of alcohol may be made under this Premises Licence-
 - (a) at a time when there is no Designated Premises Supervisor in respect of the Premises Licence, or
 - (b) at a time when the Designated Premises Supervisor does not hold a Personal Licence or his Personal Licence is suspended.
2. Every supply of alcohol under the Premises Licence must be made or authorised by a Person who holds a Personal Licence.

Irresponsible drinks promotions

1. The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.
2. In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises -
 - (a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to -
 - (i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or
 - (ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);
 - (b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
 - (c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
 - (d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner;
 - (e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).

3. The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.

Age verification policy

1. The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.

2. The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.

3. The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either

- (a) a holographic mark, or
- (b) an ultraviolet feature.

Alcoholic drink measures

1. The responsible person must ensure that-

(a) Where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures-

- (i) beer or cider: ½ pint;
- (ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
- (iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml;

(b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and

(c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available.

Permitted price

1. A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.

2. For the purposes of this condition -

(a) "duty" is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979;

(b) "permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula $P = D + (D \times V)$ where:

- (i) P is the permitted price
- (ii) D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and
- (iii) V is the rate of Value Added Tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the Value Added Tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;

(c) "relevant person" means, in relation to a premises licence -

- (i) the holder of the premises licence,
- (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any)
- (iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol;

(d) "relevant person" means, in relation to a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and

(e) "Value Added Tax" means Value Added Tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

3. Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph (2) would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.

4. (1) Sub-paragraph (b) below applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph (2) on a day (—the first day||) would be different from the permitted price on the next day (—the second day||) as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.
(2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

Door supervision

(1) Where a premises licence includes a condition that at specified times one or more individuals must be at the premises to carry out a security activity, the licence must include a condition that each such individual must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority.

(2) But nothing in subsection (1) requires such a condition to be imposed-

- (a) in respect of premises within paragraph 8(3)(a) of Schedule 2 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001 (c.12) (premises with premises licences authorising plays or films), or
- (b) in respect of premises in relation to-
 - (i) any occasion mentioned in paragraph 8(3)(b) or (c) of that Schedule (premises being used exclusively by club with club premises certificate, under a temporary event notice authorising plays or films or under a gaming licence), or
 - (ii) any occasion within paragraph 8(3)(d) of that Schedule (occasions prescribed by regulations under that Act).

(3) For the purposes of this section-

- (a) "security activity" means an activity to which paragraph 2(1)(a) of that Schedule applies, and
- (b) paragraph 8(5) of that Schedule (interpretation of references to an occasion) applies as it applies in relation to paragraph 8 of that Schedule

ANNEX 2 - CONDITIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE OPERATING SCHEDULE

Steps taken to promote the Four Licensing Objectives

1. The performance of music will be non amplified.
2. For private events and functions children under 18 will be allowed until midnight, however normal working day until 21.00Hrs.
3. A contract will be drawn to each person booking the venue for private hire so they know the rules.
4. A doorman will be provided by us for any private functions.
5. The premise licence holder and/or DPS will ensure door supervisors are properly briefed and trained to manage queues in a safe and efficient manner.
6. The Premise Licence Holder and the DPS will maintain a register of door supervisors employed at the premises.
7. The register will detail the day, time and date the door supervisor commenced duty.

Conditions agreed with the Police Licensing Authority

General

- All staff shall be suitably trained for their job function in the operating standards for the premises. The training shall be under constant review.
- All staff will be fully trained to perform their role. They will also be trained in the contents of the premises licence including times of operation, licensable activities and all conditions.
- The training will be recorded in documentary form that will be available for inspection on at the time of a request by a member of any relevant authority. The records will be retained for at least 12months.
- There will be no sale of draft beer or cider at these premises
- The premises shall only operate as a cafe and food led operation in which customers are shown to their table
- The premises will operate a table waiter service only

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

- An incident book shall be maintained to record any activity of a violent, criminal or anti social nature. The record will contain the time and date, the nature of the incident, the people involved, the action taken and details of the

person responsible for the management of the premises at the time of the incident.

- The incident book will be available for inspection at the time of request by a member of any relevant authority. The records will be retained for at least 12 months.
- All staff shall be suitably trained in the operating procedures for refusing service to any person who is drunk or is under age or appears to be under age.
- No customers carrying open or sealed bottles cans or other receptacles containing alcoholic liquor shall be admitted to the premises at any time that the premises are open to the public.
- Except for the sale of a bottle of wine for consumption with a meal in a designated area of the premises, no bottles containing beverages of any kind, whether open or sealed, shall be given to customers on the premises whether at the bar or by staff service away from the bar
- No Bottles or glasses will be taken from the premises by customers
- The rear outside area will not be used beyond midnight other than for smoking only.
- The Licence holder and Designated Premises Supervisor will ensure that any outside area included in the licence will be controlled in a safe and effective manner to the same standard operated within the premises building and will pay special attention to the impact that the use of the outside area has on the surrounding community.
- The Premises Licence Holder will ensure that a CCTV system which is fully compliant with the guidance contained in the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) guidance document regarding installation of CCTV.
- The CCTV will cover all areas of the premises to which the public have access including any outside areas
- Images will be retained for a minimum of 31 days
- The system will be capable of downloading images to a recognizable viewable format.
- At all times the premises are open for business a member of staff will be present who is capable of operating the system and downloading images at the request of police or a member of a responsible authority.
- The CCTV system will be capable of obtaining clear facial recognition images and a clear head and shoulders image of every person entering or leaving the premises.
- The Premises Licence Holder or nominated person shall provide and maintain suitable and sufficient CCTV surveillance systems to a specification provided by the Police Licensing Team, Charles Cross Police Station, Plymouth

Protection of Children from Harm

- The Licence Holder or nominated person shall have a written age verification policy in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol. This policy will include documented steps taken to prevent adults from purchasing alcohol for or on behalf of children under 18s and will specify a Challenge 21 proof of age requirement before sales of alcohol are made as approved by the Plymouth City Council Trading Standards responsible authority
- The Licence Holder or nominated person shall ensure that new bar staff supervisors and managers are trained in the legality and procedure of alcohol sales, prior to undertaking the sale of alcohol.
- Training will be repeated at least every 4 months and will be recorded in documentary form that will kept at the premises and be available for inspection at the time of request by a member of any relevant authority. The records will be retained for at least 12months

Conditions agreed with the Environmental Health Authority

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

1. The Premises Licence Holder or nominated person shall erect and maintain in a prominent position at every exit a clear and conspicuous notice requesting patrons to avoid causing noise, nuisance or disturbance to local residents and to leave the area quietly.
2. An announcement will be made prior to closing requesting patron's co-operation in leaving the premises and vicinity as quickly and quietly as possible.
3. After 21.00hrs all outside areas will be for 'smoking only' and the Premises Licence Holder or nominated person will take reasonable steps to prevent the consumption of any drinks in this area.
4. 30 minutes prior to closing time o'clock recorded music will be reduced or stopped to create a wind-down period.
5. The Premises Licence Holder or nominated person will assess the impact of any noisy activities on neighbouring premises at the start of the entertainment and periodically throughout the entertainment and take action to reduce noise levels if they are found to be distinguishable above background levels at the nearest residential property.

ANNEX 3 - CONDITIONS ATTACHED AFTER A HEARING BY THE LICENSING AUTHORITY

None.

STEPS TAKEN TO PROMOTE THE FOUR LICENSING OBJECTIVES

GENERAL

Strong management controls and effective training of all staff so that they are aware of the premises license and requirements to meet the four licensing objectives with particular attention to :

1. Clear challenge 25 information to prevent the sale of alcohol to under 18's.
2. No Drunk and disorderly behaviour on the premises
3. Vigilance against use of and sale of illegal drugs
4. No violent or anti social behaviour
5. CCTV images stored for a minimum of 31 days

1.Children under the age of 18 will be permitted in the venue until 21:00 with the exceptions of private hired events upon which under 18's will be permitted until midnight.

2. Contracts will be issued upon booking of all private promoted events and functions to ensure all conditions of the licence are upheld.

3. All staff will be fully trained in the contents of the premises licence including times of operation, licensable activities and all conditions.

4. The training will be recorded and available for inspection upon request by a member of any relevant authority. The records will be retained for twelve months.

5. The premises will operate as a café/bistro in which customers are shown and served at their table.

PREVENTION OF CRIME & DISORDER

· An incident book shall be maintained to record any activity of a violent, criminal or anti social nature. The record will contain the time and date, the nature of the incident, the people involved, the action taken and details of the person responsible for the management of the premises at the time of the incident.

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refusing service to any person who is drunk or is under age or appears to be under age.

- No customers carrying open or sealed bottles, cans or other receptacles containing alcoholic liquor shall be admitted to the premises at any time that the premises are open to the public.
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- No bottles or glasses will be taken from the premises by customers
- The rear outside area will not be used beyond midnight other than for smoking only.
- The Licence holder and Designated Premises Supervisor will ensure that any outside area included in the licence will be controlled in a safe and effective manner to the same standard operated within the premises building and will pay special attention to the impact that the use of the outside area has on the surrounding community.
- The Premises Licence Holder will ensure that a CCTV system is fully compliant with the guidance contained in the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) guidance document regarding installation of CCTV.
- The CCTV will cover all areas of the premises to which the public have access including any outside areas
- Images will be retained for a minimum of 31 days
- The system will be capable of downloading images to a recognisable viewable format.
- At all times the premises are open for business a member of staff will be present who is capable of operating the system and downloading images at the request of police or a member of a responsible authority.
- The CCTV system will be capable of obtaining clear facial recognition images and a clear head and shoulders image of every person entering or leaving the premises.
- The Premises Licence Holder or nominated person shall provide and maintain suitable and sufficient CCTV surveillance systems to a specification provided by the Police Licensing Team, Charles Cross Police Station, Plymouth.

PUBLIC SAFETY

CCTV Monitoring external and internal areas
All equipment will be maintained in good order and in a safe condition at all times.

THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

1. The Premises Licence Holder or another nominated person shall erect and maintain in a prominent position at every exit, a clear and conspicuous notice requesting patrons to avoid causing noise, nuisance or disturbance to local residents and to leave the area quietly.
2. An announcement will be made prior to closing requesting patrons co-operation in leaving the premises and vicinity as quickly and quietly as possible.
3. After 00.00hrs all outside areas will be for smoking only and the Premises Licence Holder or another nominated person will take reasonable steps to prevent the consumption of any drinks in this area.
4. 30 minutes prior to closing time recorded music will be reduced or stopped to create a wind-down period.
5. The Premises Licence Holder or another nominated person will assess the impact of any noisy activities on neighbouring premises at the start of the entertainment and periodically throughout the entertainment and take action to reduce noise levels if they are found to be distinguishable above background levels at the nearest residential property.
6. Doors and windows will be kept shut during regulated entertainment.
7. The handling of kegs, bottles cleaning equipment, bottle disposal and similar items will not take place after 20.00hrs or before 08.00hrs when the noise generated could cause a nuisance particularly outside the buildings.

PREVENTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM

- The Licence Holder or nominated person shall have a written age verification policy in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol. This policy will include documented steps taken to prevent adults from purchasing alcohol for or on behalf of children under the age of 18 and will specify a Challenge 25 proof of age requirement before sales of alcohol are made as approved by the Plymouth City Council Trading Standards responsible authority
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available for inspection at the time of request by a member of any relevant authority. The records will be retained for at least 12 months.

Prout, Frederick

From: PL4 <info@PL4.co.uk>
Sent: 08 December 2015 11:27
To: Prout, Frederick
Subject: Re: OFFICIAL: RE: Licence Variation

Hi Fred,

Thanks for your email.

Re recorded and back ground music all in agreement.

Again replacing number 5 with your requested content I am also happy to agree. Both these points we do already implement.

Best regards

Jim Honywill

Sent from my iPhone

On 8 Dec 2015, at 11:03, Prout, Frederick <Frederick.Prout@plymouth.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi Jim

Thank you for the confirmation of the notices.

On looking at your application you request recorded music for 24hrs each day but state that between 0200 and 1100 it will be background music.

Background music is not a licensable activity. Therefore I suggest to alter the times for recorded music to 1100 to 0200hrs with the seasonal variation for Bank Holiday Sundays and New Year's Eve from 1100hrs to 0600hrs.

Further, looking at your operating schedule under General – I would replace No.5 with the following which is on the licences of the Beggars Banquet and Caffeine Club:

- After midnight, a table service will be put in place, so that the customers are seated and food and drinks are brought to them unless taking away.
- Customers will not be allowed to congregate around the coffee bar/pick up area this is purely for collection of drinks and not for customers to stand at and be social.

Please let me know if this is acceptable

Kind regards

Fred

Frederick Prout
Senior Licensing Officer



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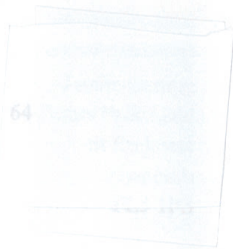
To whom it may concern

Referencing – Application for the 24-hour license at PL4 Café, Bar and Club

This is a letter regarding my disapproval for the application for the 24-hour license submitted by PL4 Café, Bar and Club situated at 108 Tavistock Place, Plymouth, Devon, PL4 8AY. As a local resident, I am a little bit concerned about the license being accepted due to working and living nearby. The amount of students and other young adults already cause enough disruption as it is. With two other premises already with 24-hour licenses, I feel there is no cause for another one, it is just hassle and disruption for everyone involved, including many local residences. It will just be another place that involves anti-social behaviour, also the amount of damage caused by intoxicated adults will rise. I highly recommend rejecting the application as myself, having children, I would not like them to be associated with this kind of behaviour around our local area.

I disapprove of this application for the 24-hour license.

Yours Sincerely



Licensing Department
Plymouth City Council
Civic Centre
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PL1 2AA

Dear Whom It May Concern

**Reference: PL4 Café Bar and Club, 102 Tavistock Place, Plymouth
Application of a 24 Hour Food License**

I work locally to this proposed site for development. I also work in the hospitality trade. I have years of experience in the food industry and have experience in setting up new businesses.

I am concerned the applicant hasn't considered all aspects of changing their current license to a 24 hour Food license in this area. The bar is already situated in an area with numerous other food and drink establishments.

Beggars Banquet, Caffeine Club and Jakes already have 24 hour food licenses on the weekends, and we also have The Roundabout towards the bottom of the road. I do not see the appeal for another food premises in such a small proximity, couple this with the number of bars and clubs already in situ, it is just asking for trouble in my opinion.

I would like to ask the question, how would the applicant reduce the risk of littering? There is already a high volume of litter around the area, can the applicant ensure us that they can prevent the litter getting any worse, given that customers are going to want to leave with their food.

There is also going to be food waste, where will this be stored? 24 hour cafes can get quite busy so there would more than likely be a high waste turnover.

How will deliveries get to the premises without logistically causing a nuisance to the surrounding area; it will no doubt block Tavistock Place. Also, what are their plans for parking facilities? As I have worked in the area for numerous years, I myself struggle to find a parking space in the vicinity. There is a number of times I see traffic wardens issuing parking fines on non-permit holders in the area.

I think from a perspective of someone who knows the industry well that this application is seriously flawed.

Yours Faithfully

Trudie George

Plymouth City Council
Civic Centre
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Friday 18th December



Dear Whom It May Concern

Objection Letter

Ref: Application for 24 Hour Food License at PL4 Café Bar Club, 8 Drake Circus, Plymouth

As you can see I reside close to where the applicant proposes to open this 24 hour café. I am deeply concerned and annoyed that this application is even being considered.

The area I live in is mainly student and local residents. The noise levels are already considerably annoying and opening another 24 hour café, especially this one which is located in the core of a residential area is going to have a poor impact on people like myself.

There is already a number of 24 Hour premises within the area such as, The Caffeine Club, Beggars Banquet and Jakes Café. Not to mention late night establishments such as; The Skiving Scholar, Cuba and Bang Bang. I do not see the appeal for another 24 hour Licensed premises within the close proximity of these establishments.

Tavistock Place is a through road for cars and taxis, and having an influx of people there will prove a logistical nightmare. Noise levels are clearly going to increase. Drunken people are a nightmare the best of times but allowing them to visit another 24 hour café near people's homes is going to clearly lead to nuisance behaviour.

I believe the crime levels will increase dramatically; the area is notorious for speeding which leaves me concerned that people with cars will be more than likely to have their property damaged, or violent crime will increase!

Sometimes Tavistock Place looks a real mess with litter, especially towards the bottom end of the road; given that the café is situated at the bottom end of the road, I really feel the litter is going to get worse.

The applicant clearly has not thought about the impact it is going to have on the people that live in this area day in and day out as the application is so weak in fully considering what a 24 hour café will entail.

I really hope the application is not a success, as we really do not need any more 24 hour licensed premises in such a short proximity.

Yours faithfully

Licensing Department
Plymouth City Council
Civic Centre
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Tuesday 22nd December 2015

Ref: Application for 24 Hour Food License at PL4 Café Bar Club, 8 Drake Circus, Plymouth PL4 8AQ

Dear Sirs,

Opposed Applications

I oppose the above applications for the 24 Hour License, as I feel the application is not correct for the unit. Secondly, the licensing department and the Plymouth City Council are being hoodwinked into creating a larger premises that they are aware of.

1. The present company also runs another unit called PL4 which runs into the building next door and exits out onto Tavistock Place. I understand that the tenant has the landlord's permission to knock through, thus making a large premises. Which will have a great impact on the customer flow and will affect the "Cumulative Impact Policy" that the council have in place.
2. The rear door for PL4 at Drake Circus is also used for exit and entry point. I am aware that a certain amount of cars have been damaged from parking on the car park with patrons coming to and fro the area when the premises was known as The Tiki Bar and Exile. I believe that is not an acceptable entrance for a club which will have a 24 hour refreshment license.
3. Looking up the premises, it says Café Bar and Club. I do not think that the size of the kitchen, that there is any real intention to serve food, as a premises of that size would not be able to cope with any influx of food. I believe that this is to extend the usage of the premises as a club, which is totally not acceptable in the area.
4. I think the "Cumulative Impact Policy" should be applied to this application, and if the council is minded to grant, I think it should be under very strict instructions that the premises cannot be enlarged if the application is approved.
5. Also there seems to be very inadequate storage for the stock and waste, this will have to be looked at if the application is taken seriously. Secondly, the provision of door security will have to be attached to the license. If the application is granted the combined premises will have 3 entrances, it should be a stipulation that each entrance would have door security, namely 3 door security.

Yours Faithfully

Dear Sirs

I am writing about a new license application for PL4 Café, Bar and Club, Drake Circus, Plymouth. I am concerned about the application for the 24 hour license as there are already two 24 hour premises located opposite PL4. Living so close by, I am concerned about the noise and anti-social behaviour levels increasing. I feel there will be too many 24 hour premises in the same location, we already have two, I do not think we need another one. With more and more students arriving at the university each year, I have witnessed the increase in noise and for local residence like myself, it has become an issue. Working many hours during the day, it is already a very daunting experience walking to my home at night, and I believe others feel the same way. Allowing PL4 to have a 24 hour license will increase my hesitation even more. With opening hours between 7pm and 2am on week days, I feel this is more than enough and it will not be beneficial for any one.

Please consider this letter as my disapproval for the 24 hour licence application.

Yours Sincerely

