

**Murrae Hume**

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**From:** Murrae Hume  
**Sent:** 07 June 2017 09:46  
**To:** Murrae Hume  
**Subject:** Case ref: 2017/06/00243 - For the attention of the Licensing Committee. Objection to Licensing Application

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For the attention of the Licensing Committee. Objection to Licensing Application

**Tell us more about your question or issue:**

Princes Park Café - License application reference: 050114

I strongly object to the granting of an Alcohol License in respect of the café in Princes Park for the following reasons:

- 1) The café is not new premises, it is a refurbishment of a facility that has been on the site for many years.
- 2) Traditionally the café clientele has been mainly mothers and young children during the week and families at weekends. Turning the café into a licensed restaurant or bar will substantially alter the character of this local amenity. Effectively it amounts to a change of use.
- 3) At no point in the consultation or the council's own published development plans was there any mention of the café extending its opening hours to offer service into the evening or to sell alcohol.
- 4) Princes Park is surrounded on three sides by exclusively residential streets (the 4th side being the seafront). Premises selling alcohol from 08.00 to 22.00 will increase the footfall and accompanying disturbances in the area.
- 5) The park is recognised as an area that is a haven for wildlife, particularly on the water alongside the café. As the evenings draw in there is nothing to prevent café customers wandering off onto the unlit paths that surround the lake and gardens and disturbing the wildlife.
- 6) Parking is a serious problem. As Councillor Wallis is very aware, the streets around the area, Channel View Road, Desmond Road etc. are already unable to meet the demand for parking by residents, let alone the drivers and families using the

park. Home owners must often park streets away from their houses as park visitors refuse to use the nearby car parks.

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**From:** Mike Ward <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 16 June 2017 12:44  
**To:** Murrae Hume  
**Subject:** Princes Park Cafe

Dear Murrae Hume

Licensing Application 050114

Thank you for your second letter dated 14th June which arrived this morning.

While I would be willing to meet the applicant, I do not believe it is in the applicant's power to resolve at least two of my grounds for objection to the application for the Princes Park Café.

To remind you, I objected amongst other things to:

a) Public Safety – The fact that the café is beside a large lake. As part of the renovations additional ramps and paths have been installed leading to the water's edge. In daylight these are safe but they are unlit. In the fading light there is a danger to both humans and wildlife if customers wander around this area after an evening at the café having taken alcohol.

b) Nuisance - Parking is already a serious problem during the day for residents of the adjacent streets. People using the park refuse to use the nearby car parks. But at least the cars are removed by 6pm. If the café is to be a success it is more than likely that parking by outsiders will continue into the evening, thus preventing council tax paying residents from parking their own vehicles near their homes, or even in the same street.

I might also point out that I am not aware of what the applicant's intention are regarding children. Until now the café has been mainly popular with mother and young children and families. There was even a soft play area in the building prior to the closure of the café for renovation. If this service is to continue, what arrangements are to be made to accommodate these clients which have been the mainstay of the Princes Park Café in its various forms for many years?

I confirm again that I am agreeable to my details to be passed to interested parties.

Incidentally, I am happy for you to communicate with me via email to this address. This would speed things up and save the council money.

Yours sincerely  
Mike Ward

