

**Samantha Spracklen**

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**From:** Sarah Wilkinson <  
**Sent:** 01 May 2019 10:24  
**To:** Samantha Spracklen  
**Subject:** Swim Cafe Bar

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Yours sincerely

Sarah Wilkinson

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# Initial Representation

The Licensing Section

Dorset Council

South Walks House

Dorchester

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23.4.19



Dear Sirs

Re: Application to vary license WDPL0152 - *Open Application 047650*  
Swim, Marine Parade, Lyme Regis, DT7 3JH

I would like to object to the proposed variations to the existing license for SWIM for the following reasons:

- 1) From 2017, when the restaurant By the Bay changed to a nightclub called SWIM we have experienced a sharp increase in anti social behaviour in the Cobb Area of Lyme Regis.

The fact is that there are not enough Police available to protect residents or their property from anti social behaviour, which means that any further increase in alcohol sales on and off of a premises will only promote an increase in the amount of this anti social behaviour.

- 2) Lyme Regis is a family holiday resort and the holiday letting business is the sole income for most businesses. Increased anti social behaviour, particularly late at night will damage this holiday letting business for many people who own property in this area.
- 3) For customers to access SWIM they generally drive to the Cobb, down Cobb Road and park and make their way on foot along the Street ( the narrow road before the Marine Parade) , or the new Cart Road extension, both which pass numerous holiday flats and houses. When they leave in the small hours they have to reverse their journey, along the Street, and back up Cobb Road. This increases the noise of loud people in the small hours and also increases traffic roaring up Cobb Road in the small hours. If they don't leave on this route then they walk along the Marine Parade to the Square at the bottom of Broad Street, again past holiday letting businesses. An extension to the Licensed hours until 2.00 am , 7 nights a

week, will mean people hanging around at the Cobb waiting to be picked up even later, in the small hours, causing anti social noise levels and disturbance to people who live, or are staying on holiday in this area.

- 4) The application for sales of alcohol off the premises should be refused for the same reasons of anti social behaviour and the impact it will have on the surrounding area of the beach and harbour at this famous holiday resort. You only have to look at Weymouth and ask yourself, do we want to send Lyme Regis the same way? Do we want Lyme Regis to have the same problems and reputation as Weymouth?
- 5) The application to sell alcohol from the Kiosk which is next to Swim and adjacent to the sandy beach should be refused. Children who are in the area and on the beach should be protected by the Licensing Law and not put at risk by off premises sales of alcohol in an area mainly used by and for children.

What sort of holiday resort do we want Lyme Regis to be? No one wants to sit on the beach with small children next to youths who are drinking and drunk. No one wants to stay in a resort where you cannot wander along the promenade on a fine evening to relax and look at the sea, if you have to walk past a loud nightclub and the resulting anti social behaviour and drunkenness spilling out onto the promenade and beach.

No one wants to stay on holiday in a place where you cannot sleep because of the resulting anti social behaviour from late night drinking.

I would urge the committee to look carefully at the unintended consequences of granting this extension to a license which already has a negative impact on the area.

Yours faithfully

Sarah Wilkinson



Community Protection Division  
Community Protection Manager  
Graham Duggan

Mrs S Wilkinson

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25 April 2019

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Dear Mrs Wilkinson

**Swim Café Bar, Lyme Regis – Variation Application**

Thank you for your email regarding the above mentioned premises, which has been forwarded on to the applicant for his response.

We will accept points 1 & 4 as valid representations as these link directly to one of the licensing objectives. Points 2, 3, & 5 cannot be directly linked to one of the licensing objectives so are therefore invalid and cannot be considered as part of your representation.

Should you wish to expand on these points and explain why you believe they link to one of the four licensing objectives as listed below, please let us have your response by 3<sup>rd</sup> May at the latest.

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- Prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

Yours sincerely

Samantha Spracklen  
Licensing Officer

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**Sent:** 02 May 2019 10:47  
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Sent: 01 May 2019 19:18  
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Subject: Re: Swim Cafe Bar

Dear Samantha Spracklen

Thank you for your email.

I think you are mistaken about the point you refer in my last email, regarding the number of licensed premises in an area. It quite clearly is a consideration in the Licensing Policy as used by the old WDDC and I referred to this as the proximity of licensed premises is an important factor when considering the impact on an area.

The fact that Dorset Police have not raised an objection to this application is of no consequence when the Committee consider this application, because until now there has not been an extension to these premises for off premises sales before.

The Police do not patrol regularly in this area at night and are not in a position to make a judgement for or against a licensed premises when they are not in the vicinity to witness the anti social behaviour caused by easy access to alcohol late at night for young people. The police know that extended licenses and increase sales of alcohol promote anti social behaviour.

I would like this letter to be also given to all the members of the committee before the meeting, so that they may consider carefully the implications and impact on the character and reputation of the town, Lyme Regis, and the consequences of their decision.

Thank you.

Sarah Wilkinson

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