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Black Cow Vodka

Cllr. Belinda Bawden [REDACTED]

Wed 12/07/2023 15:56

To:Aileen Powell [REDACTED]

Hi Aileen,

I met Archie and Guy of Black Cow this morning at the old cinema. Their plans for a coffee and cocktail bar with adjoining shop seem really interesting and achievable.

They're taking things in stages initially just focusing on coffees and a drinks bar with small snacks, using locally sourced produce. Their vodka is made from the (waste) by-product of cheese making.

The shop will have cocktail ephemera, Black Cow produce and locally sourced produce. They aim to be attractive and accessible for locals and want to create a relaxed atmosphere all year round.

They aim to open upstairs later on as an event and meeting space for all-year round use. The licence is for alcohol to 11am as they felt that was appropriate for their location in Lyme.

I'm very happy to support their venture and the licence application.

We badly need somewhere selling local, fresh fruit and veg and the shop will complement the new Deli and the Pop-up Restaurant nearby, as well as all the other hospitality businesses we have with quality and environmental sustainability at their core - the Galley, Red Panda, Lilac, Tom's.

Lucky Lyme!

Many thanks,

Belinda

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Summary of emails received on the Black Cow Vodka Bar proposal in the Regent Cinema

1. Wed 02/08/2023 16:26

Dear Belinda,

I just wanted to write a letter in support of Paul Archard's Lyme Regis venture at The Regent. I was supposed to go and visit him at The Black Cow Saloon this afternoon but he tells me that there has been a hitch and they are now unable to open the venue for at least a month due to a technicality with the council.

I know how helpful you have been to him and I am sure you have received many supportive letters so I thought I would add another. It would be so lovely seeing The Black Cow Saloon open in The Regent. What a fabulous, underutilised site. I'm not sure what else I can do in support other than write but if there is something please let me know.

I do hope you and your family are well.

Very best wishes

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2. Thu 03/08/2023 16:47

Dear Counsellor Bawden,

Just a short note to express my support of the opening of the Black Cow pop-up at the site of the old Scott's Regent Cinema in Lyme Regis.

The entrepreneurial and creative spirit of this wonderful area never ceases to amaze and inspire me, and it's wonderful to see a local business like Black Cow bringing life back to such a much loved premises.

I'm sure they'll do it justice, and provide locals and visitors alike with an alternative to the many excellent pubs we already enjoy in Lyme.

Yours sincerely,

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3. Thu 03/08/2023 19:58

Just wanted to say how delighted we all are that Black Cow are opening a bar in Lyme Regis
They are great operators and we need more life in town for sure
More please

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Founder

4. Thu 03/08/2023 20:06

Dear Cllr. Bowden,

Just wanted to write a quick email to say how pleased we are to see something being done with the old cinema. About time too.

The vodka bar is a great addition to Lyme Regis and offers something a bit different, fun and cool!

I hope it's here for a long time.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

5. Fri 04/08/2023 13:36

Dear Councillor Belinda Bawden,

It has come to our attention as business owners of Pebbles Boutique, the new exciting Black Cow Saloon at the Regent Cinema building are coming up against a few hurdles preventing them from opening. We find this rather disappointing, as the owners have made such a beautiful job of renovating a potential eyesore to fabulous Lyme Regis. Guy Chittenden and his colleagues have kept us informed of what is happening throughout the transformation, we feel they are adding a vital source of customers to this end of Broad Street with their offering.

It is good to see the iconic building being put to good use once again, giving locals and tourists alike a completely new venue to enjoy. They have our full support and look forward to enjoying Black Cow Saloon along with the locals and tourists of Lyme Regis, also bringing visitors from nearby towns to Lyme enabling more support to our town.

Kindest regards

[REDACTED]

6. Tue 08/08/2023 12:07

Hi

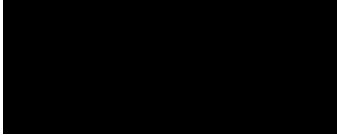
I am emailing to offer my support for the Black Cow bar in the old cinema. It has been wonderful to see the regeneration of a building which has sat empty for far too long and the bar would be a very welcome addition to our town.

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The owners are a local family who do a lot to support the community.

I do hope to see the bar open very soon.

With best wishes



7. Tue 08/08/2023 12:29

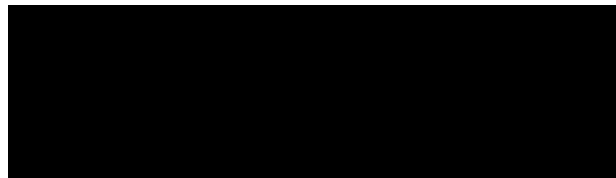
Dear Dorset Council,

I am emailing in massive support of the Black Cow Vodka Saloon Bar in Lyme Regis. I am local to the area and feel very lucky to live in such a thriving foody area. I am in my early thirties though and to keep attracting more people to live and holiday we need these new and exiting places to keep the locals and also attract the newcomers! Its also fantastic that this is a local brand and company, instead of filling our high street with chains.

Many thanks



Director



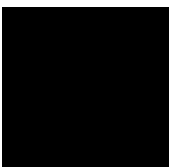
8. Tue 08/08/2023 12:23

To whom it may concern.

I am writing in the hope that it can be looked on favourably to grant a licence in order for Black Cow distillery to open on the site of what was previously the cinema in Lyme Regis.

It would be hugely beneficial to the town to add another attraction to our lovely town.

Kind regards,



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9. Tue 08/08/2023 12:07

I am emailing to express my support for Black Cow Vodka and the opening of their new bar in Lyme Regis. I feel that they will bring more choice of where to go for a drink when visiting Lyme. It is also surely better to support outlets being open and put to use as well rather than the buildings being left to decay.

Regards

[REDACTED]

10. Tue 08/08/2023 12:08

Please can you encourage this venture with the old cinema to go ahead. It's been empty far too long. We need to encourage new ventures in Lyme to go ahead.

[REDACTED]

11. Tue 08/08/2023 13:02

Good afternoon

I'm writing to add my support to Black Cow Vodka opening their venue on the site of the old cinema in Lyme Regis. I think they will be an asset to the town and hope many people support this new venture.

It's unfortunate that some people (who do not live in the area) seem to think they should be able to bring their personal views to influence the council against local people trying to bring business into the town. The local people are trying to make a living, which is not that easy in the current climate and we should be doing all we can to support them.

I hope the views of local people are the ones that are listened to in this instance!

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

12. Tue 08/08/2023 13:52

FYI.

Many thanks.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 August 2023 13:47

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To: Cllr. Belinda Bawden [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Black Cow Vodka - We Need Your Help

Thanks for the update Belinda.

I heard that it was listed, and I also heard that when a multi-screen rebuild was proposed, it was turned down as it didn't reflect the same offering as the original building. Which if true is a massive missed opportunity. Nice multi-screens are popping up all over the country and Lyme would have been well set to receive the benefits of having on in situ early on. It also keeps locals and visitors alike in the town on rainy days.

As for The Black Cow venture, it's never sensible for a business to plough on in the "hope" that strong support will follow alongside planning consent. Especially so using a listed structure. I admire their chutzpah and enthusiasm to utilise the empty site and get something positive started quickly, but maybe they should have been speaking to you guys' early autumn than now. That therefore rules out the summer boost and casts doubt over its viability through the winter period, which is a shame.

There will always be objections to something like this, you just have to weigh up the possibility of greater impact on residents than the situation is now which, as I said, if well managed, I don't think will be a problem. Lyme needs all the help it can get to see it through this period of high inflation and cost of living crunch, so that it remains sustainable as a great beacon of fun and life on the Dorset coast - year round.

All the very best.

[REDACTED]

From: Cllr. Belinda Bawden [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 August 2023 13:20

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Black Cow Vodka - We Need Your Help

Thanks, [REDACTED]

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As the Regent Cinema is a listed building, the planning consents required are more complex and therefore more time is needed to undertake the necessary legal consideration by planning as well as licensing teams.

Unfortunately, the Black Cow Vodka team did not apply for planning permission which is why they were unable to open as early as they had hoped. The team is working very closely with me and the Dorset Council experts to ensure all the legal processes are followed.

There have been objections, which also have to be carefully considered.

We hope this can be resolved soon but it is unlikely to mean any summer holiday launch, which is a shame.

Thanks,
Belinda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 1:08 PM
To: Cllr. Belinda Bawden [REDACTED]; Licensing
<licensing@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Black Cow Vodka - We Need Your Help

Hi Belinda

I appreciate your rapid and quite positive reply.

All the very best with the process.

Take care.

[REDACTED]

From: Cllr. Belinda Bawden [REDACTED] >
Sent: 08 August 2023 12:53
To: [REDACTED] >; Licensing <licensing@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED] >
Subject: RE: Black Cow Vodka - We Need Your Help

Hi [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your well-argued email.

Whilst I have to remain objective in considering both the planning and the licence applications, I agree with your sentiments and will certainly ensure both the town council and Dorset Council teams see all the comments received.

[REDACTED] is not the licence applicant but the Black Cow Vodka venture.

Thanks for writing in,

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Warm regards,

Belinda

Green Party Dorset Councillor for Lyme Regis and Charmouth

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 12:45 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>; Cllr. Belinda Bawden
[REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Black Cow Vodka - We Need Your Help

Dear Councillor Bawden

I write in full support for [REDACTED] application for a long-term licence at the new venture Black Cow Vodka at The Cinema in Lyme Regis.

The site has already been sitting rotting away for the last six years, which is a great pity. If support isn't given to something at that site, then I fear it will end up becoming a similar situation to the complete eyesore that is the abandoned Three Cups Hotel. A very big black mark on Palmers Brewery's copy book for allowing that to remain in that state, right in the middle of Lyme high street for decades. Shame on you guys for not pushing them into some sort of action/investment also.

The loss of the cinema was a significant blow to the population of Lyme Regis. Especially as it had only recently opened after refurbishment. It seems highly unlikely that another cinema will emerge as I heard that only a single screen would be allowed. I've no idea why this should be a precedent as multi-small screens is most definitely the future. You should encourage it if someone is willing to invest.

Regarding the Black Cow venture, I think it's a great idea. Apart from being a further Lyme Regis attraction, it is providing something quite different for locals and visitors, is becoming a nationally known brand which is a coup for Lyme and aside from anything, provides further employment opportunities for locals. There is already a lively pub and restaurants in the upper end of town and I cannot see why there should be any further disturbance from this venue if well managed.

I ask you to give this your support as I fear Lyme may start to resemble many other seaside towns with many closed shops and venues rotting away.

Thank you.

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[REDACTED]
Lyme resident.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 August 2023 11:57
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Black Cow Vodka - We Need Your Help

Dear all

Thank you all for your support

I have been asked to remove the petition which I am happy to do but I have also been asked if we can get as many people as possible to send friendly, positive licensing@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk emails of support to [REDACTED] and

We really want them to be in the town. Thank you for your support

[REDACTED] started this petition on Ekō Petitions. If there's an issue close to your heart that you'd like to campaign on, you can [start your own petition here](#). It's free and easy.

You are receiving this message because you signed the petition "[Black Cow Vodka Saloon - Lyme Regis Need & Want You](#)".

If you don't want to receive emails from the "Black Cow Vodka Saloon - Lyme Regis Need & Want You" campaign in the future, please [unsubscribe](#).

13. Wed 09/08/2023 17:13

Hi [REDACTED]

As far as the licence application is concerned it is being resubmitted, following some adjustments to the original application.

You are welcome to comment up to 28 August –

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/business-consumers-licences/licences-and-permits/alcohol-and-entertainment-licences/comment-on-a-licence-application/current-licence-applications>

Planning permission needs to be applied for and Dorset Council's officers have been providing advice and support to enable the Black Cow Vodka team to submit the required change of use and listed

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building applications. There is a three week public consultation period once the application has been checked. You will also have the opportunity to comment during this period.

In the meantime, I'm collating everyone's comments and will ensure both the town council and Dorset Council's planning and licensing teams see them.

Thanks for emailing in with your support.

Best wishes,

Belinda

Green Party Dorset Councillor for Lyme Regis and Charmouth

[REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] >

Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2023 3:54 PM

To: Cllr. Belinda Bawden <[REDACTED]>; Licensing
<licensing@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: Black Cow in Lyme Regis

Good Afternoon,

How are you?

I am a local resident supporting this new venture and curious as to what the issue actually is?

Surely, any new venture is both good for the town and brings in revenue for the council??

Ever,

[REDACTED]

14. Thu 10/08/2023 08:36

Hi Belinda

Please could you express my support for the above venue opening ASAP

Seems crazy that in a town that has a derelict building for over 30yrs (The 3 Cups)

That there are complaints for investing in a derelict building & bringing it back to life for the towns use by I well established local company hopefully this can be resolved

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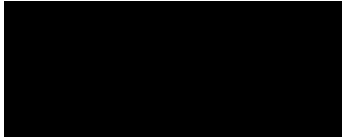
15. Wed 09/08/2023 10:04

Hello

I'd like to register my support for the Black Cow vodka bar hoping to open in Lyme. I think it will be popular with locals and visitors, adding a new dimension to the drinking/dining scene in the town without causing significant disruption to anybody.

I've lived here since 2017 and was a frequent visitor to the town before then.

Thanks and best



Collated 15 August and sent to LRTC Planning Committee and Dorset Council's Licensing team.

Belinda Bawden

Green Party Dorset Councillor for Lyme Regis and Charmouth

