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Dear Sir/Madam

re: licensing application at 49 Cheap street, Sherborne, DT9

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We wish to object to this application on grounds as follows:

There are many residential first floor apartments up and down the street (as encouraged by the Council to reduced housing shortage), including [REDACTED], [REDACTED] the garden of number 49, in which an outdoor cinema and bar is planned. Outdoor late night drinking, music, sports commentary at any time of day and night until the early hours will render it near impossible to let again, reducing its value very significantly.

Our long established art gallery relies on the income this apartment provides to remain viable, so if granted this would put our business in jeopardy.

Opposite is a Sherborne Boys' school dormitory, and from this standpoint alone the development is inappropriate.

Licensing late night drinking in Sherborne town centre has been tried before with poor outcomes. The last time was nearby in the Swan Inn, Swan Yard and it was disastrous, with late night rowdiness in the street and aggression towards residents. We had shop windows broken, and a break in by a drunk. It was also tried at the Cross Keys, at the lower end of Cheap street, and attracted rowdy youngsters mostly from Yeovil, and had to be shut down by the police.

There is also no overnight police presence in Sherborne, and they will have to attend call-outs from as far away as Dorchester or Bridport, by which time it may be too late to attend incidents.

Loud music and late night drinking are entirely inappropriate for the centre of a peaceful, characterful country town like Sherborne. There are plenty of drinking places in Yeovil, and one or two on the outskirts of Sherborne.

We believe granting this license would do a considerable dis-service to our town and its residents, and strongly urge you to reject this application,

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Objection Details: Prevention of public nuisance, Public safety

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to the application from Raychalle Squibb for a Premises Licence for Café/Bar/Restaurant and the sale and Supply of Alcohol from 09.00 - 00.30 every day. My objection is based on my concern that this new licence may increase the possibility of public nuisance for the many dwellings nearby, including my own. I am particularly concerned about noise nuisance and potentially antisocial behaviour which will affect any resident living in the street. The noise will disrupt sleep of both children and adults, and excessive drinking could increase antisocial behaviour in the area. I would be grateful if the Licensing team would consider my objection and make the right choice for the local community.

**Sherborne Town Council Licensing Response for 49 Cheap Street
Application No. 163098**

Sherborne Town Council (STC) **objects** to this licensing application. Our concerns primarily revolve around the following key licensing objectives:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder:

STC request consideration for an 11 am start time as opposed to 9.00 am for the daily alcohol licence to commence. There is substantial evidence indicating that extended operational hours are linked to increased incidents of crime and disorder. Therefore, STC would also like to request the end time for the alcohol licence application to finish at 11 pm as opposed to 12.30am Monday to Saturday which would help to minimise public risks and create a safer environment for residents and businesses in the vicinity of the premises. It is noted the applicant has specified 10.30 pm finish for the alcohol licence on a Sunday.

Public Safety:

Ensuring the safety of the public is paramount. Late night operations often result in higher levels of intoxication, which can lead to unsafe behaviours and escalate tensions within the community. Restricting the proposed licensing hours between 11 am and 11 pm, would help to mitigate these safety concerns and protect both residents and businesses from the adverse effects commonly associated with late night establishments.

Prevention of Public Nuisance:

The potential for public nuisance significantly increases during late night hours. Noise, litter, unpleasant odours, and disturbances can severely impact surrounding residents and businesses, leading to community frustration and a decreased quality of life. Establishing a cut off time of 11 pm for this licence would greatly minimise these disturbances and help maintain a peaceful atmosphere for everyone. STC respectfully request that any licensing considerations include a strict prohibition on the consumption of drinks outside of the premises at all times. This measure would support compliance with licensing objectives and foster a more secure and harmonious community for everyone. We believe that adhering to these guidelines is essential for preserving the integrity of our town and the safety of our neighbourhood.

Protection of Children from Harm:

Protecting children from harm is a crucial concern for STC. Late night operations can expose young people to environments that may not be safe or suitable, potentially leading to harmful situations. Restricting the licence to 11 pm will help prioritize the safety and wellbeing of families and ensure that our community remains a secure environment for children.

1. Protection of Children from Harm • The premises are directly opposite an independent boys' boarding house. The proposed hours (alcohol sales until 00:30, live music until 22:30, recorded music until 23:00) will increase late-night footfall in the immediate vicinity of the boarding accommodation. • This raises some safeguarding risks, including pupils potentially being exposed to groups of adults congregating around or passing the boarding house entrance during late hours. • This late-night venue would increase environmental exposure with smoke drifting into pupils' windows and the likelihood of pupils observing adult behaviours (e.g., smoking, congregating) directly outside their residence. 2. Prevention of Public Nuisance • The premises' proximity (approximately 5–6 metres) to school accommodation means that noise from live/recorded music and patrons leaving the venue is likely to cause disturbance to sleeping children, particularly during late hours. • The use of outdoor areas (courtyard garden, potential outside bar) and late-night dispersal activity will increase the risk of cumulative nuisance, especially given existing complaints about noise from nearby venues. 3. Prevention of Crime and Disorder • Extending alcohol sales into the early hours increases the risk of anti-social behaviour and disorder in the street adjacent to buildings accommodating a large number of children. The congregation of patrons near the boarding house raises concerns about inappropriate interactions or accidental harm. • The application acknowledges the need for CCTV and staff training, but the location and late hours present an elevated risk profile for crime and disorder affecting vulnerable young people. Conclusion and Request Given the unique setting and safeguarding responsibilities associated with the boarding house, the proposed operating hours and activities present an increased risk to the protection of children from harm, public nuisance, crime and disorder, and public safety. We would be happy to discuss these concerns further and, at this stage, request that the Licensing Authority refuse the application or significantly restrict the hours and activities to protect Sherborne Schools pupils and staff.

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I AM WRITING TO REGISTER MY
DEEP CONCERNS OVER THE PROPOSED
CHANGE OF USE OF 49 CHEAPST, SHERBORNE
FROM A SMALL RETAIL SHOP TO A -

CAFE / BAR / RESTAURANT,
FOR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL ALSO
LIVE MUSIC & LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT
ETC. IN BACK YARD - IN A TIGHT BUILT-UP
AREA.

I THINK MYSELF & OTHER RESIDENTS WOULD
FIND THIS VERY DISRUPTIVE - AS IT IS
NORMALLY A VERY QUIET AREA.

I DON'T THINK WE NEED ANOTHER BAR
IN THE STREET AS THERE IS A SIMILAR ONE
AT THE BOTTOM OF TOWN CALLED
'THE DRINKSMITH' BUT THEY HAVE
LARGER PREMISES & A PROPER OUTSIDE
SPACE.

PLEASE RECONSIDER GRANTING
THE APPLICATION FOR LICENSED PREMISES.

YOURS SINCERELY.