

Comments received from Weymouth Town Council and Cllr Kate Weller

1 – Cllr Kate Weller

This is not my Council Ward. I have spent the past 20 years promoting the economic growth and sustaining the vibrancy of Weymouth Harbour. Both South and Northern side. It must be remembered that Weymouth is a working Harbour and not just a drinking venue. I am pleased to support the sustainability of this small business. However, the alterations to the licence in my view seek to change a small cafe/restaurant into something more akin to a night club. Many of the premises closer to the town bridge on Custom House Quay have longer opening times and these are appropriate to their location. As are those on the Esplanade. There are a number of residences both holiday and permanent at this end of the Quay with hotels backing and in close proximity. This location is immediately adjacent to moorings which markets for use for overnight or short stay visitors. Many of whom are families and almost all sleep on board. I object to 12.00 midnight closing. I would suggest closing at 11.00 latest at weekend and preferable 10.30 during the week. 20 minutes 'drinking up' time should be retained. There are sufficient late night licence premises in the locality. I believe music should be allowed both internally and externally but outside music should cease at 9.00. Doors will be open so some music will escape. Alcohol may be served without food, although I would prefer to be restricted to serving with snacks and meals. I have no objection to reasonable extension on holidays eg. New Years Eve, Bank Holidays and Christmas. Only accompanied children permitted during evening opening. I have further comments I wish to make when the sitting out license is considered. Finally, I am opposed to off-sales being permitted. This is likely to encourage sitting around the Harbour drinking well into the night thus disturbing residents. Overall I support the application but with reservations as noted.

2 – Weymouth Town Council

This representation supersedes the previous one made on behalf of the Planning and Licensing Advisory Committee. The Council has no objection to the application. However, it is requested that outside music stops at 10pm, with music only continuing indoors. A switch would be needed to turn off speakers outside. The volume should also be set to low outside all the day time, and should be soft background music for the venue only. This means it should not be audible from the street or by neighbouring café tables. If too loud, it will escalate with others nearby turning up the volume as well.