

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF HEARING - NEW PREMISES LICENCE

Applicant:
Mr Anthony Apthorpe

Premises
Dolium, 7 Fore Street, Kingswear, Dartmouth, TQ6 0AD

I can confirm that I will be attending the hearing set for 10am on Wednesday 24 February 2021. I seek permission for Sophie Baylis to appear at the hearing, not as a witness, but to ensure clarity, as English is my second language.

It appears to me that the hearing is not necessary as the objections do not precisely adhere to the four licensing objectives. In addition, and of greater importance, the police are not raising any objection to my application. Nevertheless, I am obviously happy to attend the hearing to answer any questions the committee may have.

My intention is to open a wine shop that will operate between 10am - 11pm Monday to Saturday. In addition, there will be two tables allowing a small number of customers to purchase wine for consumption on the premises. This will be offered alongside an optional limited food menu.

Regarding consumption of alcohol on the premises and any concerns of public nuisance, I already hold a full licence as the landlord of The Ship Inn. Therefore, I am fully aware of the professional standards required to operate a licensed premises and the need to embrace responsible alcohol consumption.

Regarding protection of children from harm, I will request official proof of age should a customer look younger than 18 years old. This is a practice that I take extremely seriously as the landlord of The Ship Inn and I will be implementing the same level of caution at Dolium.

In regard to any concerns relating to public safety, specifically the road outside the property, I have already offered to put large plant pots either side of the doorway to create a barrier between my customers and the traffic. If necessary, I will also put clear signage on the door of my premises to warn customers that there is a road directly outside the door.

Kingswear is a small village and therefore I do not anticipate crime and disorder. However, I will keep an incident book to record details of any incidents that occur and I will pass on the necessary details to the relevant authorities.

Finally, the thrust of my business is to sell bottles of wine to the local community as well as the summer boating community at the marina. Since the local shop stopped trading, this is a service that is no longer available within Kingswear. Furthermore, when the shop was open, it shut at 6pm.

Thank you for your time.