

5th April 2016

Dear Sirs,

We are writing to object to the new premises licence application applied for by David Paul Davies for a venue called The Stone Grill at 272-274 Queen's Promenade, FY2 9HD.

Our objections to the application are as follows:

This establishment would be in what is a residential block with families and children; residents and non-residents entering and leaving up to and beyond midnight every night would create an increase in noise levels and disturbance at unacceptable times of the night. It is highly surprising that such a late licence could be considered at all in a completely residential area, and for seven nights of the week.

With the consumption of alcohol at 272-274 Queen's Promenade being some distance from the main entertainment area of Red Bank Road, the police would have to cover a wider area for drink related crime that the risk of this establishment poses, be it anti-social behaviour, violent conduct, or property/car damage. Do we really need people on the streets in a quiet residential area that at the moment needs little policing?

Has the impact of increased traffic and parking been considered as there seems to be insufficient parking available on the forecourt of 272-274 Queen's Promenade which will lead to parking chaos on the promenade and neighbouring streets, with customers possibly parking in the bus stop making it difficult for local residents to board buses and making it a hazard for buses to stop there. During promenade events (running races, car rallies, etc.) and throughout the Illuminations period, the parking on Queen's Promenade and streets off it are chaotic with many drivers giving little thought to pedestrian safety or preventing local residents' access to their properties – opening a public restaurant will only add to the problem.

We are particularly worried about the wording 'Provision for live and recorded music and associated entertainment to midnight Monday to Sunday' and 'Late Night Refreshment from 2300 hours to midnight Monday to Sunday' – again we feel these times are unacceptable in a residential area made up mainly of families with children who need as much sleep as possible.

Will there be a smoking shelter erected for customers and staff? With residential properties on three sides this poses a public nuisance and an issue for protecting children from harm; many playgrounds and parks across Blackpool are smoke-free zones – surely our gardens deserve the same protection?

We understand that the property was previously a hotel, but the provision of food, alcohol, and entertainment to the general public changes the nature of the building and the surrounding area; before the consumption of alcohol would only have been by residents, but this licence will grant anybody the chance to leave the premises intoxicated, and that changes the nature of the promenade, creating a 'new area of entertainment' that is not needed.

We feel that granting a licence to this establishment would be severely detrimental to the surrounding area. There would be increased noise pollution, and a negative impact on the licensing

objectives, particularly the prevention of crime, disorder, and antisocial behaviour, posing a public safety risk in what is currently a quiet residential family area.

Many thanks for your kind consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Mr & Mrs Ryan Sheldon