

6 Royal Crescent,  
Cheltenham,  
GL50 3DA

18<sup>th</sup> June 2020

F.A.O The Licensing Officer, Cheltenham Borough Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to formally object to the following New Premises Licence application:

**Application 20/00844/PRMA - 12 Royal Crescent, Cheltenham**

Since we moved to Royal Crescent eight and a half years ago, the basement of number 12 has been used to run various cafes and this has worked well, as opening hours have been limited to approximately 9am to 3pm with no opening on a Sunday.

Visitors have typically been shoppers or day trippers, meeting for a coffee or some lunch, who then move on to continue their day. Therefore there has been no adverse impact of this type of Eaterie on the Crescent.

Royal Crescent is gradually becoming more residential, with three full houses converting after successful 'change of use' planning decisions, enabling the properties to return to full dwellings, together with several flats in the street.

Of the other businesses situated in the Crescent, the majority consist of 9-5pm offices, such as Solicitors, Accountants, Charities etc. This office and residential mix works really well and is appropriate, due to the fact that the area is bustling during the day, then returning to a quiet residential area by night.

There are also homeowners in the adjacent Crescent Terrace and with the downgrading of the Bus Station in this area, plus the new build of over 60s apartments behind,(Pegasus – John Dower) there is now a sizeable amount of property and gardens which are completely for residential use.

Amongst the current owners, there are pensioners, babies and young children and we do not feel that it is appropriate to allow alcohol to be served throughout the week up to 11pm and also up to 2am.

There is obviously a plan to have outside seating and it will be inevitable that there will be high noise and disruption levels, especially if people have been drinking alcohol all evening. There will also be customers 'hanging around' outside to smoke and chat and although the proposed music and live music will be situated 'indoors,' the access doors and outside nature of some of the seating, (both indoors and outdoors has been applied for), means noise levels will inevitably become a public nuisance, with home dwellers living just a few doors away who are trying to sleep.

Furthermore, due to the Grade 2 \* classification of all the 18 properties, all are only permitted to have single glazing to the windows and doors, exacerbating the issue of unsuitable acoustics for noise and bass levels.

There is only a small area at the back of the property, so we are unsure that there will be a suitable amount of space for visitors to gather, meaning that it will be quite likely that there will be an overspill in the bigger, empty street area in front. There would also be the possibility of public disorder due to drunkenness because of such long drinking hours.

It won't be safe for the nearby children and whilst I'm sure it will be a smart and stylish venue I really believe this sort of place needs to be situated near other restaurants and bars. This is not the correct place for such an establishment. A licence for a quiet boutique restaurant with limited opening hours would probably work quite well, but what is being suggested is more akin to a small, town centre nightclub.

We are pleased that we were granted permission to restore these historic listed buildings back to their original residential use and we strongly feel that this needs to be appropriately supported by the council, by ensuring that the surrounding buildings have the right sort of permissions for business use.

Yours sincerely,

6 Royal Crescent