

Representation from Stephen Rees on behalf of
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Objection to licence application for the
Ponderosa wine bar, 628 Mumbles Road.

My brother and I jointly own no 2 Hallbank Terrace, which is my mother's home. She is 93 and not in good health but enjoys living quietly in a residential area which is part of the Mumbles conservation area and the Village Lane character area.

We have examined and object to the licence application. With regard to the application document we note that :-

- Part 3 appears to show that the applicant intends to provide live and recorded music but boxes E and F have not been completed. For the avoidance of doubt we assume that music is proposed. However, the premises are too small for live music and any music would be a nuisance for neighbouring properties
- Box I indicates that late night refreshment would be supplied indoors and outdoors, but there is no outside space available other than the highway.
- Box M indicates reliance on CCTV, but its use is primarily involved after an incident has taken place. Door supervision should be specified rather than relying on the licence holder's assessment. Friday to Sunday nights, school holidays and the summer period should be included.

- Box M d. Notices are of limited use, especially when alcohol has been consumed and on past experience, will be ignored.

Given the proximity to our property, bottles in particular should not be moved etc after 9 pm.

The storage bins should be kept in the rear storage area, not on the highway.

The previous owners ran the premises as a restaurant and did not cause any problems other than cooking smells.

A wine bar will attract a different customer and the consumption of alcohol will inevitably result in anti social behaviour particularly affecting the Hillbank Terrace, Rockhill and Village Lane residential area. The problems arising from the former Antelope Hotel resulted in many complaints and discussion with the Council and Police to establish effective control measures.

We do not want to see a return of the Merribles mile mentality. For example, since Elwyn's started take away alcohol sales recently we had people urinating on the steps in Rockhill in the middle of a Sunday afternoon.

We are concerned that granting the licence will result in nuisance and anti social behaviour including :-

- Noise and cooking smells for longer periods
- Street drinking and smoking

- Urination and vomiting on the highway, particularly Hallbank Terrace, Rockhull and Village Lane.
- Loud music
- Disorderly behaviour affecting residents returning home, particularly women and after dark.
- Obstruction of Village Lane by delivery vehicles.
- Use of the side door in Village Lane would be a traffic hazard for customers particularly when stepping outside having consumed alcohol.
- Storage of bins on the highway
- Litter in general