

## Jones, Nadine (Licensing)

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**Sent:** 21 October 2014 16:07  
**To:** Licensing  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** octagon, PE27 5BH

**For the attention of Miss Sarah Mardon: -**

Dear Miss Mardon,

I would like to formally object to the Licence Application in relation to the 'Octagon', Station Road, St Ives, PE27 5BH. I am aware of the *conditions agreed with the police* and *conditions agreed with Environmental Health* with regard to this application. I am assuming that these conditions relate to a new glass and brick structure as illustrated in the accompanying documentation to the Application. As no planning consent has been given to this structure, I am also assuming that any licence granted would be void if any structure other than that illustrated was to be built. Please would you advise me on this point.

My objections are: -

1. **Prevention of crime and disorder.** The very conditions agreed with the police indicate that there is a serious risk of crime and disorder. The history of where late night alcohol and music provision has been in St Ives emphasises this concern. In addition, this is in the middle of a public car park adjacent to underlit streets of listed residential properties.
2. **Public safety.** As mentioned above, the Octagon site is situated in the middle of a public car park very close to parking bays that would be used by members of the public who have no involvement with the venue building. This makes it very different from car parks that are part of a venue property where people park accepting any inherent risk and normally park for free. Members of the public leaving their vehicles, for example overnight, would be likely to park well away from the venue building. Why should they be put in that position in a HDC public car park when they have paid a fee to park? I feel that the actual risk to cars does not need to be spelt out. For the same location reason, mixing pedestrians coming out of licensed premises at any time, but especially late in the evening, with unsegregated car park traffic is just an accident waiting to happen!
3. **Protection of children.** The residential properties close to the building house families with young children (and old people!) who are entitled to feel safe from street disturbances and free from late evening noise.
4. **Prevention of public nuisance.** Being in the centre of the car park the building is in a wide open space than is not normally associated with a town centre. This makes both noise and light pollution more of a problem than when structures are nearby to deflected and diffuse these. Environmental Health appear to be applying standard conditions that do not take these fully into consideration. There also appears to be no restrictions on low frequency sound that could be experienced by unbuffered local residences.

I would be grateful if you would take these objections into consideration.

Yours faithfully

Professor Chris Lewis

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