

St Ives Town Council



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Rep received too late.

Christine Alison
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Huntingdonshire District Council

By email

Dear Christine

LICENCE APPLICATION – THE OCTAGON, CATTLE MARKET, ST IVES.

The licence application for the Octagon was discussed at the Town Council's Planning Committee on Wednesday 22 October. The Committee raised the following points:

Lack of detailed building plans – The Committee felt that without detailed plans for the building it was not possible to agree to any licence application. The existing building is in a very poor state of repair and lacks any facilities, such as toilets, fire alarm system etc. As these would all be required for a licenced premises the Town Council considers that no decision should be made until plans have been approved. Once these have been received there should be a further opportunity to comment on the licence application taking into account the relevant information contained therein.

Other general issues raised by the Planning Committee included:

Public nuisance

- The building is isolated from other buildings but close to town centre. This will result in noise from the building reaching adjacent residential properties without attenuation. The situation is made worse as many local properties are listed making it difficult for them to provide proper sound attenuation through double glazed windows.
- A new licence would extend the area of the town's "night economy" spreading the area affected by noise and disturbance from people leaving late at night.

The Town Council notes and supports the concerns of local residents in this matter.

Crime and disorder

- The car park is currently a designated public place with restriction on alcohol consumption. A new licenced premises would be counter to this policy.

Public Safety

- The building is located in the middle of a busy car park adjacent to a blind bend in the car park layout. There will be a conflict between car park and licenced premises users that would affect the safety of both groups.

Public Health - / cumulative impact

- HDC's licencing policy recognises the possible cumulative impact of many licenced premises close together. St Ives already has an extensive "night economy" and an additional location would increase the risk of anti-social behaviour.
- An additional premises serving alcohol would run counter to the new NHS 5 year plan to reduce alcohol consumption and improve people's lifestyle choices.

It would be appreciated if you could confirm that the Town Councils comments will be considered and also keep it informed of any updated related to this licensing application.

Assuring you of my best intentions,

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison Melnychuk". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alison Melnychuk
Town Clerk