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**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** LAARG-383778805 - Contact Licensing

Product: Service

Sue Squire Clerk to Georgeham Parish Council has completed Contact Licensing form, and the reference is LAARG-383778805

The details they submitted are below:

**Contact details:**

Title	First name	Surname	Telephone number	Mobile number	Email address
Mrs	Sue Squire	Clerk to Georgeham Parish Council			

**Customer address:**

Full address	Is this information correct?
	Yes

**Do you wish to notify the team of this information?:** Yes - notify team

**Officer transferred to/advised (insert name):**

**Top-priority:**

**Information:** Good morning

For the attention of the Environmental Health Department

Georgeham Parish Council wish to make the following representations:

The Application for a Licence to sell alcoholic beverages at the Downend Cafe was discussed at the Georgeham Parish Council meeting on 25 November 2021. It was unanimously agreed that this application should be refused for the following reasons:

1. The cafe is not a restaurant with indoor seating or facilities. It provides customers with some outdoor seating at bench tables where customers may consume takeaway snacks and soft drinks, and takeaway curries.
2. The main business is a car park which runs parallel to the main Croyde Rd. Pedestrians leave the car park next to the cafe to cross the road to access the beach path. There is no marked pedestrian crossing here. Concern was expressed at the Parish Council meeting that granting a full day licence would encourage people to drink alcohol rather than soft drinks, and to take alcoholic drinks onto the beach. There are profound safety issues not only for those swimming in the sea if alcohol has been consumed but also as the cliff path adjacent to the car park and the beach entrance has several vertical drops.

3. Those who have enjoyed a day on the beach may be encouraged to drink alcohol before leaving the car park.

4. The popularity of staycationing and the sport of surfing, has encouraged many young people to holiday in Croyde. During the busy season lighting bonfires on the beach and partying until late has occurred. Easy access to alcohol at the car park may well increase litter on the beach, causing detriment to the environment.

5. During the summer of 2021 a bus which had been converted to a wine bar was parked on the car park. It proved popular but also created a noise nuisance and it was then moved on to the events field overlooking the beach.

In summary, there are concerns that allowing the takeaway cafe to hold a licence would encourage drinking (and possibly drink-driving), pose health and safety risks to the public, and encourage noisy gatherings in the car park, or on the beach.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely

Sue Squire  
Parish Clerk

**Avoidable contact:**

**Was customer contact avoidable**

No

**Case information:**

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