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Good afternoon

Please see the email below for your attentions.

Kind regards

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Dear Sir / Madam

The response from Georgeham Parish Council is below.

Yours sincerely  
Sue Squire  
Parish Clerk

**Premises Alcohol Licence Application - Freshwell Camping for the sale of alcohol on and off the premises, Monday to Sunday 1100 – 2200 and 2300 on bank holidays.**

The applicant was present at the Parish Council meeting on 16 December 2021 and spoke under Representations from the Public.

He clarified certain aspects of his intentions and the timing of the operations.

He suggested that it would be usual to cease serving alcohol at 9.30pm but on occasions he would like to put on “events”. He confirmed that this service would be open to his campers and those of the next door ocean pitch and to the general public too.

The Parish Council clarified that there is limited under cover seating for some in an open sided tented area but there would be seating for 100 people.

Councillors commented that as with the Down End Application, there are planning application issues to consider before the siting of further containers in the field. Concerns were expressed about how security could be managed to ensure no public nuisance occurs on and off site.

At the Parish Council meeting, the following generic points were raised

- the need for the Parish Council and the Licensing Authority to take a strategic view of such applications
- any precedents that might be set by North Devon Council granting these licenses
- if the Parish Council supports one application, Parish Councillors would wish to be even handed in supporting all businesses and the Parish Council does not wish to see every pop up food outlet serving alcohol in the village
- the effects on other businesses especially food and drink outlets in the parish
- consideration of location especially relative to the beach
- whether sales were “on” or “off” license
- public safety, protection of children from harm, prevention of public nuisance, crime and disorder
- the role of the police
- the role of Parkdean (who own the beach) with regard to potential unwelcome activities on the beach
- the number of such licenses could be subject to a quota within the Parish to prevent the quiet tranquillity of the AONB being transformed into an open air party village. Especially given the distances from and time it takes to get medical and police assistance – especially in the busy summer months
- such license could be for limited periods and not necessarily renewable
- if the licensing authority, having taken into account all these concerns, wishes to grant a license, it should be preferable if any licensed sale of alcoholic drinks was on an “on licence” alongside food to be consumed within a defined area subject to security and CCTV within the context of an updated camping license and proper planning permission

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