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Dear North Devon Council Licensing Team,

Please see attached our letter with regards to application 053726 for the premises license for Freshwell Campsite in Croyde. As noted in our letter we have met with Mike Symonds (the applicant) who is a friend & as a neighboring campsite we get on well.

We wanted to confirm our discussions in writing with you so a fair decision can be made that suits both us, the applicant and the other local businesses/ residents of Croyde.

Confirmation of receipt of our letter would be appreciated.

Thank you :)

Kindest regards,
The Ocean Pitch Team



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20th December 2021

Ref. Application for Premises Licence 053726 at Freshwell Camping, Croyde

Dear North Devon Council Licensing,

We own and run Ocean Pitch Campsite, which is the campsite directly next door to the above alcohol licence applicant. We are good friends with Mike Symonds who is the owner of Freshwell and who is the applicant for this licence. We met with Mike yesterday to discuss the application for the licence in question and thus we wanted to put in writing our discussions and our understanding of the application.

As a campsite neighbour we have no issue with a daily coffee shop where the applicant is proposing to run the licence out of. As discussed with Mike yesterday we are happy to support a friend next door with what sounds like a family orientated coffee shop serving food throughout the day. However, as put forward to the applicant our concern is spoiling the peace and quiet that this area of Croyde sits in (which is within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty), significantly in the evening/night times when local residents and both camping customers of ours at Ocean Pitch and even campers at Freshwell tend to relax enjoying the quiet, peaceful atmosphere that this part of Croyde has to offer.

Personally as a business we pride ourselves on running a relaxing, quiet campsite, which we believe ties in well with the AONB area. However, as put to Mike in our discussion yesterday we did see within the application there is a proposed bar area with seating for 100 people on the sketch and that the alcohol licence request times were from 11am - 10pm and until 11pm on bank holidays. This is a significant concern to us and is actually quite worrying, as although the applicant is keen to attract families, these late times and quantities of people will surely cause a public nuisance. In our discussion with Mike we were assured there would be no bar.

Therefore, to summarise we are happy to support the idea of a coffee shop that runs throughout the day that can serve drinks to customers when bought with food and even early evening takeaways similar to other food vans in the village closing at 8:30pm. However, for the purposes of preventing any public nuisance in an AONB area, we feel the idea of a bar and seating for such a large quantity of people will disturb the peace and is a bridge too far.

As mentioned we have politely discussed our concerns with the applicant, as we are keen to continue our friendly business neighbouring relationship, but we wanted to put the discussions in writing.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

Mr & Mrs Seybold
Ocean Pitch Campsite