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**Importance:** High

Dear Sirs

**Objection to licence application 054716 to serve alcohol and the provision of music for a horse trailer on a car park at the rear of Blue Groove.**

I wish to strongly object to this application on numerous grounds. Licensees have a duty of care within the community to ensure that alcohol is consumed in a safe environment. This, I believe, is taken very seriously by current licensees who, in the main, have held licenses for a number of years without concerns from the community. The training that these licensees have completed and have passed on to their staff shows that we are all responsible professionals within the hospitality sector.

We operate our businesses in a professional manner taking care to work within and to the benefit of not only our community but also to the tourists. We are, as businesses, dependant to a great degree on the tourist sector which enables us to ensure that our community benefits during low off season.

It is not possible for this to happen from pop up bars with service from possibly unqualified staff. This new operator is applying for a licence to operate during the summer months only and to, therefore, take tourist trade from established businesses who are the ones who are part of our community all year round. This licence application is for a mobile unit in a car park, not sure how that can have a premises licence. Will the operator have passed the necessary qualifications as well as the staff they will employ?

The main points of the licensing act are:

**Prevention of crime and disorder** – anyone purchasing alcohol from this trader will be free to take that alcohol wherever they wish, no plans for seating and/or control to keep alcohol consumption in one area.

Indeed with the application of an off sales licence, how will the operator control public order as they are not part of the community as with pubs and bars. The location is secluded and in the past has only been accessed by local workers and not the general public. There was a ban on alcohol being drunk in the streets in Croyde but this was unfortunately allowed to lapse by the powers that be. Music and alcohol in an unregulated area? How many people will be allowed onto that site? How will they be regulated when there is alcohol and music?

**Public safety** – Once alcohol has been served from this horse box who will ensure public safety when their customers leave the car park. Will they go onto to the streets with their off sales or down to the beach and leave a mess for our community to clear up? There is a small lane to the side of the car park which is a popular route for families to the beach and for dog walkers. Who going to ensure that rubbish is not left and cause a danger to those people?

**Prevention of public nuisance** – This will surely create public nuisance. There will be music playing constantly during their open hours affecting local residents and other established businesses. There will be additional rubbish. Will they have proper trade waste collections or will they leave for the council to collect thus costs being taken from our council tax. There is no sanitation or toilet facilities in the near area, will they just use other businesses facilities? What lighting is there in the area? Who is going to monitor as there are no police officers regularly in Croyde.

**Protection of children from harm** This venue will just attract underage drinkers as the operator will not be able to observe who is buying for whom. They can just buy drinks and disappear away from the horse box and pass to children. Licensees in the area have controls on who can be served and can see who is drinking on their premises.

This licence application should be refused as the licensing act cannot be upheld. It is not needed or wanted by the community as the current pubs, bars and restaurants in the parish are sufficient for locals and tourists alike.

Yours sincerely  
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