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Dear Sirs,

I wish to object to the application for an alcohol license made by Red Panda Partnership to be operated from a converted horse box on scrub land in the centre of Croyde.

I am unsure whether this application is being supported by the council or the landowner, but it does seem to me it seems another hare brained scheme to provide off-sales of alcohol in an uncontrolled environment.

There is no defined drinking area in the application, no indoor or covered space provided and no indication as to how the alcohol will be dispensed, ie bottles, cans, plastic containers.

The area on which the horse box will be sited is not an attractive destination for drinkers, so alcohol will be taken into the village or to the beach thereby the operators will have no control over the key issues of public nuisance, prevention of crime and disorder and public safety. The facilities provided by the operator do not include any toilets.

The most concerning issue is that the application itself does not even seem to take the issues of crime and disorder and public nuisance seriously. It simply lists out a whole range of controls it intends to implement which are clearly not relevant to this operation.

Under prevention of crime and disorder it states “drinks will not be taken outside after 22.00” where there is no inside. It says “the licensable activities shall be ancillary to the main function of the **premises** as a bar” but the licensable activities is the purpose of the operation and there are no premises for customers to use. “Cameras are to be installed to observe the entrance and

exit doors, from both inside and outside perspectives” but there is no inside or doors. There are many more examples.

Under public safety it says “All parts of the premises...including sanitary accommodation etc...will be maintained in good order and safe condition” but the parts to be maintained do not exist.

Under public nuisance “customers will be asked not to stand around talking in the street outside the premises” but where else will they go to drink as there is no inside premises.

There are many other instances in the application where these type of anomalies make it clear that the applicant has not seriously considered these issues in relation to this operation.

This enhances my concerns that an off sales operation of this kind will mean alcohol is taken into the village and the beach where there has been increasingly significant late night noise and anti social behaviour together with litter being left overnight for others to clear up in the morning. Bottles and cans are an obvious danger to the public when left in open spaces and much is being done to attempt to make the beach and surrounding area plastics free.

I am strongly opposed to any off-sales alcohol operation in Croyde with the level of tourists arriving every year with an increasing proportion having little concern for the noise they make and the mess they leave.

Every effort is being made by the local community to try to keep this under control and we do not want to see the sort of anti-social behaviour that Polzeath have had to endure over the last few days.

I request that the licensing authority take these issues into account when considering whether to grant this alcohol license.

I would be grateful for your acknowledgement that this email has been received by the licensing team within the deadline of 22nd July.

Regards

Brian Whitty

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