



## **License to sell alcohol at Sandleigh Tea Rooms, Moor Lane, Croyde – application 055718**

Committee members of Croyde Area Residents Association met with neighbours, Parish Councillors and representatives of the National Trust on Monday to discuss the alcohol license application submitted in its current form and concerns about ensuring compliance with the 4 licensing objectives.

The issues discussed in relation to the current application included:

1. The lack of consultation with the community prior to the NT making this application, given the history of how Sandleigh was permitted to have its use changed from a two bedroom dwelling to having a ground floor Tea Room and allotments for local people. As Sandleigh is so close to neighbouring residential properties and is in a sensitive undeveloped location in the AONB there are restrictions on the opening times for the tea rooms in the planning permission granted for the tea room and allotments which permission refers specifically to a supporting statement provided by the NT on this at the time.
2. Hours of opening 10 am until 6pm
3. Hours of alcohol sales restricted to 11 am until 5pm
4. No amplified music
5. A clear plan of the designated premises with a visible red line showing the licensed premises and the entrances to be used for it
6. No Off Sales
7. Alcohol to be served with food

There was also concern about monitoring of alcohol sales and how the NT will ensure the alcohol they sell and litter will not make it out of the premises because of the sensitive environment, public safety and nuisance/potential crime issues given:

1. the nature of the main entrance (between two bends in the road and no footpath and the access opposite onto the slipway/rocks/beach/sea (depending on the tide) which cannot be viewed from the serving counter
2. the access into/from the garden straight into parking spaces and the car park, which again cannot be viewed from the serving counter
3. BBQs being different to the usual fayre of a tearoom may attract a different crowd/change the current ambience of the area
4. The NT to provide details of training and staffing and monitoring etc

If there is insufficient care and/or management procedures/processes to ensure that alcohol use is properly monitored, times for alcohol being served restricted and people being prevented from walking out of the defined premises licence area with alcohol or having had too much alcohol, the four licensing objectives are at risk of being compromised to the risk of harm and nuisance of both

the those drinking alcohol and others being affected by the consequences of that. There is also the impact that waste litter eg cans/bottles/plastic containers can have on the sensitive environment.

The application in its current form should not be granted.

It is our understanding that the NT will be withdrawing the current application and submitting a fresh one.

In the meantime please record CARA as having concerns regarding this application in its current form and compliance with the four licensing objectives, for the reasons indicated above.

Receipt of further amendments is acknowledged and CARA will respond to those when it has had an opportunity to consider them properly.

Many thanks

Phil Hall

Chair CARA on behalf of the CARA Committee