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Licensing Team
North Devon Council
Lynton House
Commercial Road
Barnstaple EX31 1DG

Dear Sirs

Bunch of Grapes, 36 High Street, Ilfracombe EX34 9DA

We refer to the recently advertised invitation to lodge objections to the existing licence of the Bunch of Grapes located at 36 High Street, Ilfracombe.

Even though we [redacted] of the Bunch of Grapes, since the existing tenants took on the lease we have been woken on a regular basis at weekends by loud music and noisy patrons who loiter outside, usually shouting obscenities to each other in the loudest possible way and more often than not indulging in a lot of drunken fists being thrown.

Whilst we did expect to experience some noise while living on the [redacted] we do not see the need for any premises, whether it be a pub or takeaway food outlet, to be able to trade until 03:00am and do think that 01:00am is perfectly reasonable as an end of trading time. The good folks of Ilfracombe do not appear to know when they have imbibed too much and those serving them do not appear to care. This only results in a lot of anti-social behaviour and given that there are a large number of people living on the High Street it seems wrong to expect those residents to tolerate this on a regular basis at weekends.

We trust you will look favourably on our objection and advise us accordingly of the outcome of your investigation.

Yours faithfully

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To whom it may concern, I am writing in regards to the Bunch of Grapes in Ilfracombe.

Unfortunately I cannot divulge my name or personal details to you for this information, because the prospect of violent reprisals is guaranteed, as such, please do not attempt to find out who I am, I have _____, and pass this information to you only in good faith, please respect my wish to remain anonymous and protect my privacy under that ethos.

The proprietors of the bunch of grapes are known as _____ and _____ the bar "managers" being _____ and _____

I am writing because I understand that the licence for this premises is under review, of which the owners/ proprietors are keeping extremely tight lipped about so that local residents may not raise any concerns.

All of the people involved in running this pub are major cocaine dealers, that's _____, his business partner _____ 7 others that live in _____ is the man bringing all the drugs in for distribution by others on and off the premises.

_____ was previously the main supplier, and _____ ended up owing large amounts of cash to _____ hence their falling out, prior to the falling out _____ was managing the Bunch of Grapes, he is a nasty violent piece of work which intimidates most residents in Ilfracombe to push his drug business, all too happy to use violence where he sees fit, which is quite often.

I suspect the police already know this information, as to whether they have or are allowed to divulge it to yourself I have no idea, but I thought it prudent you should have some insight.

Adam Squires, who is involved with the pub, is in the full knowledge of what goes on in and outside of the premises, the drug dealing and taking of cocaine is absolutely rife and in full view of all customers.

Attached is a video of another fight that spilled out from the bunch of grapes on the 26 AUG 19.

You can clearly see ADAM SQUIRES in amongst the melee, turning a blind eye to the fighting that is going on, despite being the on duty doorman.

The fighting was between two other known major drug dealers, _____ on top of another on the floor), _____ who also sucker punched an innocent bystander, and other males involved in drug supply that spend most of their time in the bunch of grapes (a _____

As you can tell there is a lot of problems with this pub and the people running it, particularly around drug supply and personal issues as a result, the fights and anti social behaviour, drug dealing and taking are constant and rife, as it is all perpetuated

by the owners/managers themselves, the pub is used to launder the proceeds of their drug supply.

When I say drug supply, I am not talking about a few deals here and there, it is business like orientated wholesale distribution by the , who have all the young lads sell it out in the pub and outside, we are talking major drug suppliers who are pushing kilos at a time, the lads who actually sell the deals are .

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above, this is all known to the police, what they are doing about it is unknown as the pub was previously raided by the drugs squad but nothing was found, this was because in the days preceding home was raided for drugs so the bunch of grapes knew and expected theirs to be raided next and alas it was, and alas it was all clean as a whistle.

As a that has to endure these problems, it is thoroughly unpleasant, many are fearful to walk past the establishment on a weekend night, because you are under constant threat of being beaten up by people in or outside the pub, drunk or high on drugs, in the knowledge that the doorman will do nothing to stop it, it is a dangerous pub full of dangerous violent drug dealers, and for a town with children it is intimidating and a no go area, I personally would like to see the pub shut down, as previously when it has been shut, it was blissfully quiet and people going out on a night out spent their time in much more pleasant establishments and surroundings, you could safely walk to co op without being fearful of being attacked.

Yours sincerely,

Member of the Public.

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