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Dear Steve

Proposed Café at Marlow Drive, West Christchurch

As you can imagine, the proposed location of this café is surrounded by our members. The general opinion amongst those that have contacted us and those we have approached is that the food side of the proposed venture presents no problem. A similar type of café already operates in St Catherine's Parade, Fairmile and has caused no problems of which we are aware

The proposal to sell alcoholic drinks has however caused some disquiet. Residents remember the pub that was once there, The Catherine Wheel, and the antisocial behaviour caused as it deteriorated from being a valuable community asset into a haven for drunken behaviour.

Very little information has been released about the type of food, drink, outside seating, sound proofing and clientele that the café owners intend to accommodate. We have contacted our Ward Councillor, Sue Spittle, and we believe that she has asked for this essential information to be provided. In this letter we have assumed that answers to those questions are satisfactory.

It should also be noted that in the same parade of shops the Nisa store is a ready source of alcoholic drinks for consumption off the premises until late at night whilst events at The Hall on the Hill community centre allow participants to consume their own alcoholic drinks. For these reasons we do not believe that it would be reasonable to outright oppose the granting of a liquor licence.

However, our members do feel that there should be some constraints. It seems to us that the key to this is to restrict the proposed café to selling alcohol:

- only for consumption on the premises;
- only with food;

- only between the hours of say 11.00 am and 10.00 pm.

In this way the café could become a useful social hub for the community.

The proprietors should of course be warned that if they tolerate any antisocial behaviour then their licence will be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely

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