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To: Licensing Dept- South Hams Council

Attn: Naomi Wopling

RE: Alcohol License Application – Bantham Village Stores and Café

I live next door to the village shop and café in Bantham and wish to bring to your attention my concern about the recent application for an alcohol license for these premises.

I am concerned that there are no apparent constraints being put on this license and would hope that as the Village Shop is in the center of a residential area that some consideration will be made for the local residents as the introduction of the sale of alcohol and longer trading hours (currently the shop closes at 6.00pm) will have a huge impact on those living around it. My own garden which is literally on the other side of a fence, the peaceful character of the area and the neighbours, both through invasive noise levels and on our privacy.

Although I have no objection to Off-Sales, which seem a very sensible idea, and is not available elsewhere in the village, I would like to raise my objections to the application in its present form - reference the sale of alcohol on these premises for the following reasons:

1 Additional noise – as the main seating area is outside on a large deck area that was extended substantially last year and could potentially now seat 50-60 people. I am very uncertain as to how noise levels can be controlled when the source of the noise is outside. The undertakings of the applicant to ensure disturbance is kept to a minimum are impossible to achieve as almost all the café seating is outside anyway.

2 Later opening hours – meaning people will be sitting on the deck until late into the evening. More opportunities for parties to gather- increasing the noise level which is always far worse when alcohol is involved.

3 Additional Traffic - in the lane behind the shop and my house. My garden, as the village shops garden does, borders onto a farm track. I am concerned the additional level of business will mean cars trying to park everywhere. This will intrude on our privacy.

4 Change of use - this all but in name changes the Village Shop into a Restaurant and Bar. I am very surprised that this is being considered as we already have a very good pub in the village.

5 This is a Premises License – whilst the current leaseholders may have good intentions should they move

on, the format of this license application would allow any future tenant almost total freedom to do as they wish on the premises as the license stays with the premises.

I therefore request the following constraints be put on the license if issued:

- * Off Sales between 10.00am and 6.00pm

- * Alcohol only to be served during current opening hours and only with food – between the hours of midday and 6.00pm

- * That a clearing time for the Café deck is stipulated - to ensure evenings remain quiet and tranquil as is the natural state of this beautiful area. From 7.00pm the deck has to be emptied. Any remaining customers must then go inside behind closed doors.

- * No customers to spread out into the lane behind the shop and adjacent residences.

- * No bar to be allowed to be set up on the deck.

- * Lighting to be kept low to avoid light pollution. Bantham has no streetlights and so any additional lighting is very invasive.

Please will you confirm receipt of this email so that I know you have received it today 5th May, as I understand we have until midnight tonight to lodge any concerns and objections we may have to this application.

Yours sincerely
Jennie Morrow