

Additional information from Applicant (1)

Confirmation regarding proposed 4am closing time.



Wed 06/10/2021 07:00

Re: Burger Van – Bedford Square Tavistock

To Tara O'Keefe

You forwarded this message on 06/10/2021 10:05.

Hi Tara,

Thankyou for getting back to me.
Also for highlighting the closing times of the late night trade.

I have realised that when completing the Premises Application I may have been slightly over kill on the closing times. When I completed the form I have filled it in to include the timings that the van may be parked on site, not necessarily the actual trading time. In hindsight I realise this was incorrect and is what is causing the concerns. Generally we would have finished trading by 4am at the latest and that would mainly be on special events for example New Year's eve, however we need to clean down and close up, so for some reason I included the extra hours on the Licence application. I have just dug out our previous licence which states 4am, we would be more than happy to revert back to these hours if more suitable. I do hope I haven't caused to much of an issue and that it can be resolved as soon as possible as we are desperate to get back to trading.

Kind regards,

Richard Edwards.

Additional information from Applicant (2)

Copy of email sent to the Police explaining intentions for the business.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 October 2021 13:12
To: Tara OKeefe <Tara.Keefe@swdevon.gov.uk>
Subject: Fw: Burger Van – Bedford Square Tavistock

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Hi Tara,

Just wanted to email our response to the police regarding our operating hours for the premises License.

They have mentioned it will be going to a hearing where it will be decided and I just wanted to make sure you had a copy of our argument as to why it is beneficial for us to be trading for the late night trade.

We completely understand Devon and Cornwall Police's concerns and are open to suggestions for closing times, however, the late night trade from the pubs/clubs is our main income.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Kind regards,

Richard

----- Original message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2021, 16:46
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Burger Van – Bedford Square Tavistock

Dear Mrs Henderson,

Thankyou for your email advising me of Devon and Cornwall Police's situation on my Premises Licence application.

I am satisfied with the CCTV conditions set out in your previous email.

I completely understand the concerns raised with regards to the operating hours and would be open to discussions with regards to these. However, the main trade of my business is generally the late night bars, do you have a time in mind?

I am not sure if you are aware of my situation as I appreciate this is a new Premises Licence application.

I have been trading in Bedford Square carpark from 6pm to early hours since 2006 offering hot food refreshments to the late night trade. I had to cancel my premises licence due to the Corona virus, where I would normally have renewed it each year, obviously this year I have had to re-apply.

As I know the late night trade in Tavistock I wanted to take this opportunity to explain what other support I provide to individuals some of which are vulnerable due to alcohol consumption.

On many occasions Devon and Cornwall Police have requested video footage from the Burger Van in order to help them in enquiries, as I am aware it is the only CCTV available at that hour and centrally located. They also have night vision and cover the road which helps identify cars.

Often there has been situations of vulnerable women waiting for taxis on their own and I have provided them a hot drink and a safe sheltered area to wait. I have even ordered their taxis for them from registered taxi drivers to ensure they get home safely.

I have also intercepted and informed the police of drunk drivers trying to get into their cars.

The pastors who work the streets stop regularly to chat to me and I work with them to ensure they are aware of any concerning situations.

Generally speaking, the burger van is a safe place for people to go late at night when everywhere else is shut, without it there is nowhere for anyone who is scared or vulnerable to go.

I am responsible, trustworthy and have run a reputable business from this particular pitch since 2006.

I am very aware of drunk people congregating and am very good at quickly dispersing the crowds and sending people home safely with food in their stomachs.

It is not in my interest for people to be loud and disruptive and I am very efficient at serving my food for this reason.

The presence of the Burger van helps disperse large crowds that would normally be hanging around the taxi rank in the middle of the square. It helps give people another focus whilst waiting for a taxi and therefore reduce antisocial behaviour.

I do hope you will reconsider your decision and look to discuss a time that could work well for both myself, Devon and Cornwall Police and the people of Tavistock both young and old.

We have highlighted your concerns with our landlord Tavistock Town Council and Jan Smallcombe, who has been dealing with our contract, is happy to discuss your concerns and our previous trading history.

I have cc her onto this email to make any contact easier for you.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Kind regards,

Richard Edwards.