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#### **Dear Councillor**

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Chief Executive

#### Regulatory Committee Membership:

G Cowan (Chairman)

J P Loffman (Vice-Chairman)

P M Brivio

D P Murphy

O C de R Richardson

#### **AGENDA**

#### 1 **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

#### 2 **APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

To note appointment of Substitute Members.

#### 3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (Page 4)

To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.

#### **PROCEDURE FOR HEARING** (Pages 5 - 9)

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To consider the attached report of the Licensing Manager.

5 <u>HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 115E - THE ELEPHANT AND HIND, 18- 19</u> <u>MARKET SQUARE, DOVER</u> (Pages 23 - 34)

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6 <u>HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 115E - THE SANDWICH SHOP, 15A CATTLE</u> <u>MARKET, SANDWICH</u> (Pages 35 - 50)

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# **DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

# REGULATORY COMMITTEE PROCEDURE FOR HEARINGS LICENSING OF A DRIVER, VEHICLES AND OPERATORS

	INTRODUCTIONS AND PRELIMINARIES		
1	Chairman	The Chairman invites all present to introduce themselves.	
2	Chairman	The Chairman advises the applicant of the reason for the Hearing and the procedure.	
3	Legal Adviser	The applicant is asked to confirm receipt of:  the agenda  Licensing Officer's report  Council's policy guidelines  procedure for hearing  extract from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974	
		HEARING	
4	Licensing Officer	The Licensing Officer:     presents the Licensing Officer's report     summarises any issues	
5	Licensing Officer	The Licensing Officer may call any witnesses.  Each witness in turn:  • will give evidence  • may be questioned by the applicant or applicant's representatives  • may be questioned by the Committee  • may, if necessary, be re-questioned by the Licensing Officer	
6	Applicant or applicant's representative	The applicant is asked to present his/her case and any particular issues (including whether the applicant accepts the facts presented or wishes to correct them).	
7	Applicant or applicant's representative	The applicant or the applicant's representative may call any witnesses (including the applicant themselves).  Each witness in turn:  • will give evidence  • may be questioned by the Licensing Officer  • may be questioned by the Committee  • may, if necessary, be re-questioned by the applicant/applicant's representative.	
8	Members of the Committee	The Committee may ask further questions of any of the parties or any witnesses for the purpose of obtaining further relevant information or clarification.	
9	Licensing Officer	The Licensing Officer may give their final submission.	
10	Applicant or applicant's representative	The applicant/applicant's representative may give their final submission.	

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DETERMINATION		
11	Committee members/Legal Adviser	The Committee will withdraw to consider its determination. The Legal Adviser may be requested by the Chairman to accompany the Committee.
12	Committee members	If the Committee requires any further information from any party or any further evidence, all parties will be recalled and the meeting reconvened.  Any Member of the Committee who has not been present during the whole of the proceedings must not take part in the decision making.
13	Legal Adviser	Any legal advice given to the Committee in private will be summarised to the Applicant.
14	Chairman	The decision of the Committee is given to all parties.  In the event of a decision to refuse, suspend or revoke an application, the applicant is told that he/she has the right of appeal through the Magistrates Court and then to the Crown Court.

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#### NOTES

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- 2. Members of the Committee are, as a general rule, expected to ask questions of the various parties in accordance with this procedure. However circumstances may arise where it is desirable for a Member to seek immediate clarification or a point made by a witness or by a party during the course of giving evidence, answering questions being put to him by another party or making a submission. This should be permitted by the Chairman provided that the question is relevant and is conducive to the proper conduct of the hearing. Where additional questions are permitted after the Applicant's case has been summed up, the Applicant or his/her representative will always be given the final right of reply.
- 3. Under no circumstances must the parties or their witnesses offer members of the Committee information in the absence of the other party. Similarly Members must not attempt to gain information from any party at the hearing in the absence of the other. These are essential requirements of the proper application of the rules of natural justice.
- 4. The Chairman may vary this procedure as circumstances require but having full regard to adhering to the rules of natural justice.

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DETERMINATION		
10	Members	The Committee withdraws to consider in private. The Legal Adviser and Clerk may be invited to assist the Committee.
11	Members	If the Committee requires any further information from any party or any further evidence, all parties will be recalled and the meeting reconvened.  Any Member of the Committee who has not been present during the whole of the proceedings must not take part in the decision making.
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Subject: LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT

1976 - APPLICATION TO LICENCE VEHICLE OUTSIDE OF

**POLICY GUIDELINES** 

Meeting and Date: Regulatory Committee – 19 September 2023

Report of: Licensing Manager

Classification: Unrestricted

Purpose of the report: To consider an application to renew a licence for a private hire

vehicle outside of policy guidelines

#### 1. Summary

1.1 Mr Ramazan Hamza of Dover, has submitted an application to the Council asking for permission to renew the licence on his Skoda Octavia as a Private Hire Vehicle. This vehicle falls outside of the current vehicle age policy; being registered on 1 June 2013. The vehicle GN13 DXX has 4 passenger seats and is intended to be used for normal private hire duties.

#### 2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1 The regulation of Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Vehicles is a statutory duty of the Council under the provisions of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.
- 2.2 The Dover District Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy states in paragraph 4.4.3 that:

No application for the renewal of a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle licence will be granted if the vehicle, when application is made, exceeds 8 years of age.

In addition, it states in paragraph 4.4.6 that:

The Licensing Manager has delegated authority to extend the time limits set out at 4.4.1 – 4.4.5 for exceptionally well-maintained vehicles by a maximum of two further years. Applicants who fail to obtain approval from the Licensing Manager for an extension or who may wish to seek permission to extend beyond the two extra years may ask to be referred to the Regulatory Committee for consideration.

Applications for vehicles that fall outside of the policy guidelines or the provisions of 4.4.6, will be referred to the Regulatory Committee for consideration.

- 2.3 Applicants wishing to licence vehicles outside of the policy should show sufficient reason for the Council to deviate from the agreed policy.
- 2.4 Mr Hamza's Private Hire Vehicle Licence expired on 31 August 2023, but a temporary extension has been granted to allow the vehicle to remain licensed until the date of the Regulatory Committee on 19 September 2023.

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- 2.5 Previous renewals of this vehicle have been authorised by the Licensing Manager, as per the Dover District Council Hackney Carriage and Licensing Policy delegations. However, as this vehicle is now 10 years and 3 months old, this can no longer be delegated to the Licensing Manager, and therefore has been referred to the Regulatory Committee. The application can be found at **Appendix A**. The current mileage on the vehicle is approximately 238,878 miles. The vehicle has been inspected by the Licensing Enforcement Officer and the report of this inspection is shown at **Appendix B**. The vehicle will be available on the day of the hearing for inspection.
- 2.6 Mr Hamza has requested that the vehicle be relicensed as he has spent a lot of money on the vehicle to keep it up to standards and he would like to recoup some of his outlay. A copy of the request from Mr Hamza is shown at **Appendix C**.
- 2.7 Vehicle licences are for a period of 12 months.

#### 3 Identification of Options

Options:

- (a) To allow the application for the renewal of Private Hire Vehicle licence to the vehicle notwithstanding that this would be a deviation from existing policy.
- (b) To reject the application as there are insufficient reasons to justify a deviation from existing policy.

#### 4 Evaluation of Options

Options:

- (a) The vehicle is over the age defined in the policy for the renewal of a licence. However, Mr Hamza is requesting that the Committee consider whether the vehicle could be licensed as he has spent a lot of money on the vehicle and wishes to recoup some of his outlay.
- (b) If such a deviation from policy were allowed then it would be necessary to make clear that this was an exceptional circumstance and that under normal circumstances such a deviation would not be considered.
- (c) If the Committee felt that there were insufficient reasons to deviate from the Policy, then the application should be refused.

#### 5 Resource Implications

There are no resource implications arising from this report.

#### 6 Appendices

Appendix A – Application form and supporting papers submitted by Mr Hamza

Appendix B – Inspection report by the Licensing Enforcement Officer

Appendix C – Written request from Mr Hamza

#### 7 Background Papers

Dover District Council Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Licensing Policy 2022-2027 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

Contact Officer: Rebecca Pordage, Licensing Manager. 01304 872279

From: no-reply@dover.gov.uk

To: DDC Licensing

**Subject:** Private Hire Vehicle Licence - submitted form ref: 1043473

**Date:** 17 August 2023 01:34:50

Model:

The following details were submitted online using the Private Hire Vehicle Licence form.

# Renew - private hire licence - £265.00

Question	Response
Type of application:	Renew - private hire licence - £265.00
Plate number:	
Title (for example Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss):	Mr
Firstname:	Ramazan
Lastname:	Hamza
Contact phone number:	
Please enter your email address:	@
Current address (including postcode):	
National Insurance number:	
Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy):	
Name of the vehicle owner:	Ramazan Hamza
Upload of Basic DBS, if owner is not a driver:	
Name of operator:	Dover taxis
If a firm or partnership, the names of all proprietors or partners or any other person concerned in the keeping, employing or letting on hire of the vehicle: (Row 1) Name: (Row 1) Address: (Row 2) Name: (Row 2) Address: (Row 3) Name: (Row 3) Address:	
Registration number:	GN13DXX
Make:	Skoda

Octavia

Colour: White

Date of first registration (dd/mm/yy): 01/06/2013

Engine capacity: 1900

Type of fuel: Diesel

Vehicle type: Estate

If changing vehicle, please provide the details of the

existing vehicle:

Upload MOT certificate: 20230817\_003442.jpg
Upload proof of vehicle tax: 20230817\_011124.jpg

Upload V5 or proof of ownership (bill of sale):

Is the vehicle adapted as wheelchair accessible?: No
Number of seats EXCLUDING the driver: 4
Is a meter fitted?: Yes

Upload the tariff card: 20230817\_012015.jpg

Are you requesting an exemption from displaying

private hire plates on the vehicle?:

No

Is the vehicle a prestige vehicle?:

If so, is the vehicle used exclusively for the provision No

of prestige chauffeur services?:

Is the vehicle insured for the carriage of passengers

for hire or reward?:

Yes

Name of insurance company: Freeway

Insurance policy number: 400040007600

Insurance expity date (dd/mm/yyyy): 26/04/2024

Upload proof of the vehicle insurance: 20230817\_005128.jpg

Declaration:

I understand and accept the above declaration

Jadu reference number: 1043473

Date and time of submission: 17/08/2023 01:34:27

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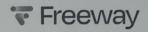
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# **MOT test certificate** 1) Vehicle identification number Driver & Vehicle TMBKE61Z1D2116778 Standards Registration number 20 Country of registration Agency **GN13DXX** GB Make and model SKODA OCTAVIA S Vehicle category Mileage Mileage history MI 234,116 miles 218,537 miles 15.02.2023 193,086 miles 01.08.2022 173,902 miles 01.02.2022 Pass Date of the test ® Expiry date 14.07.2023 13.07.2024 To preserve the anniversary of the expiry date, the earliest you can present your vehicle for test is 14.06.2024. Location of the test 1 CRABBLE HILL, BUCKLAND, DOVER, CT17 ORS Testing organisation and inspector name 88068 HOLLIS MOTORS L. S. HARE MOT test number 1974 3638 1428 Check that this document is genuine by visiting www.gov.uk/check-mot-history If any of the details are not correct, please contact DVSA by email at enquiries@dvsa.gov.uk or by telephone on 0300 1239000. Receive a free annual MOT reminder by subscribing at www.gov.uk/mot-reminder or by telephone on 0300 1239000. Issuer signature Page 1 of 1 VT20/2.0





- Policy Number 400040007600 Registration Mark of Vehicle GN13DXX Name of Policy holder
- Mr Ramazan Hamza Effective Date of the 00:00:00 hours 27/04/2023 Commencement of Insurance for the purposes of the relevant law
- Date of expiry of Insurance 23:59:00 hours 26/04/2024
- Persons or Classes of Persons Entitled to Drive Those specified below; provided that the person is driving with the consent of the insured, holds a licence to drive such a vehicle or has held and is not disqualified from holding or obtaining such a licence and is complying with the terms and limitations of such licence:

The Policyholder

Limitations as to Use Use for Social, Domestic and Pleasure purposes and in connection with the business of the insured, including use for Private Hirefor the carriage of passengers for hire and reward, transporting goods for hire and reward related to fast food delivery and parcel or package delivery but EXCLUDING use for Public Hire, racing, pacemaking, reliability trials, speed testing or use in connection with motor rallies, competitions or trials, or in connection with motor trade

We hereby certify that this covering note satisfies the requirements of the relevant law applicable in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, the Island of Guernsey, the Island of Jersey, and the Island of Alderney

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Geoff Carter Chief Executive Officer Sabre Insurance Company Limited

#### Overage report Skoda Octavia GN13 DXX - PHV154

Vehicle presented by Ramzan Hamza and inspected at Whitfield offices 22/08/2023 by PJ.

This vehicle is current to the fleet and the driver is requesting a renewal licence outside of the policy as the vehicle is overage.

The vehicle was first registered June 2013 making it 10 years and 2 months old. It had covered 238,878 miles at the time of inspection. The last MOT was carried out 14<sup>st</sup> August 2023 with no advisories identified.

The exterior bodywork was in fair condition for the age and mileage, there were no significant scratches or dents. The vehicle has had repairs and paintwork carried out to a satisfactory standard. The seats and general interior were found to be in fair condition for age and use and Mr Hamza had made a good effort to present the car in a clean state, however there was visible wear in the seam of the driver's seat and other fittings.

There was a meter fitted and all associated equipment was in order.

Mr Hamza was advised that the overage provision was for executive vehicles in exceptional condition with a good service history, it was also explained to Mr Hamza that the vehicle was over 10 years old so would have to be referred to the licensing committee for their consideration, and there would be no guarantee of acceptance.

Please scroll down for photographs.

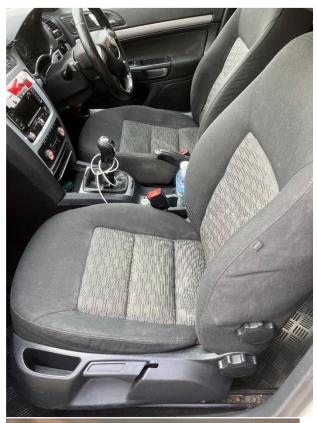
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From: 
DDC Licensing

**Subject:** private hire plate 154 reg GN13DXX

**Date:** 07 July 2023 02:02:44

#### Good morning,

I am writing and asking if it would be possible to extend my private hire plate for another year on my vehicle please,

over the last year I have spent a lot of money on the vehicle to keep it up to standards, I understand you gave me a extension on the

vehicle last year but I feel with what I have spent on it the vehicle is up to standards and will see me through to next year to try and

recoup some of my outlay, if this is possible it would be a great help.

#### Regards

Hamza

Subject: Highways Act 1980 – Section 115E – The Elephant and Hind, 18-

19 Market Square, Dover

**Meeting and Date:** Regulatory Committee – 19 September 2023

**Report of:** Rebecca Pordage, Licensing Manager

Classification: Unrestricted

Purpose of the report: Permission to site street furniture on the highway

#### 1. Summary

The regulation of the placing of tables and chairs on a highway is a statutory function of the Council under the Section 115E, of the Highways Act 1980.

#### 2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1 Harry Richardson has applied for a Street Furniture permit to allow the placement of 6 long tables with 12 matching benches, 3 bistro tables and 12 chairs outside The Elephant and Hind, 18-19 Market Square, Dover. The applicant has requested they be placed between 10:00 hrs to 00:00 hrs every day.
- 2.2 A copy of the application form and plan is shown at **Appendix A**. A map of the area can be found at **Appendix B**.
- 2.3 There is currently a permit for 6 tables and 12 benches at the Elephant and Hind between 10:00 hrs and 22:30 hrs every day. This permit has been in place since 1 July 2019. A copy of the permit is not included within this report as it is pending issue following the outcome of this committee. As these permits are not transferable, and there have been development works in Market Square, Mr Richardson has submitted a new application to supersede the current permit.
- 2.4 Mr Richardson originally submitted an application on 11 April 2022 for 6 long tables and benches, 4 bistro tables and chairs and 2 round tables and chairs. Dover Town Council objected to the application as they felt that such applications should be balanced with safe pedestrian passage. The matter was referred to Regulatory Committee on 18 October 2022, where the application was refused. The minutes of that meeting and the plan of the proposal are shown at **Appendix C**.
- 2.4 As part of the consultation process views have been sought from local businesses, Kent Highway Services, Police, Town Council, Fire Service, Planning, and other internal departments within Dover District Council as appropriate, and none have made representation, The application was also advertised at the site by way of a Notice and copies were delivered to nearby frontagers.
- 2.5 One representation was received in respect of this application (see **Appendix E**), as follows:

<u>Dover Town Council</u> object as they say that the added number of tables and chairs will cause too much overcrowding in an area of high pedestrian footfall. The likelihood of patrons pushing chairs back and the addition of a barrier will force pedestrians to walk on the roadway. They also feel that the extension of hours for the

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outdoor seating is unacceptable owing to the amount of immediately residential properties.

#### 3 Options available to the Committee:

- (1) To allow the application as applied for
- (2) To allow the application but with additional conditions
- (3) To reject the application.

### **Appendices**

Appendix A – Application form and plan

Appendix B - Map of the area

Appendix C –Minutes from Regulatory Committee on 18 October 2022 and plan of the proposal where previous application was refused

Appendix D - Representation

Contact Officer: Rebecca Pordage, Licensing Manager. Ext.2279

# DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

# HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 115

# APPLICATION FOR STREET FURNITURE LICENCE

# APPLICANT:

SURNAME:	RICHARDSON
FORENAME (S) in full:	HARRY
PERMANENT ADDRESS:	
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- 1 ×	
COUNTY:	POST CODE
TELEPHONE NO:	Code
DATE OF BIRTH:	

### TRADING DETAILS:

NAME OF BUSINESS: ADDRESS:	ELEPHANT AND HIND 18-19 MARKET SQUARE, DOVER
COUNTY:	POST CODE CTI 6 INX
TELEPHONE NO:	Code (

# LICENCE REQUIRED:

PERIOD FROM TO (MONTHS)	15/06/23 -15/03/24
PERIOD FROM TO (MOTOTIO)	13 10 37 23
DAYS:	365
BETWEEN THE TIMES:	1000 AND 0000
NO. OF TABLES:	9
NO. OF CHAIRS:	12 DENCHES, 12 CHAIRS
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF TYPE AND QUALITY OF	6 LONG TABLES (HIGH QUACITY, LABELLED), 12 MATCHIAJG BENCHES. 3 BISTRO TABLES WITH CHAIRS

# **ADDITONAL INFORMATION**

DO YOU HAVE TOILETS FOR CUSTOMERS TO USE?	YES/NO
IF YES, PLEASE SAY HOW	5 CUBICLES, I URINAL AND
	DISABLED
HAVE YOU SOUGHT THE	YES/NO
ADVICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER IN RESPECT OF FOOD HYGIENE AND	
HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS	

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN REFUSED A STREET FURNITURE LICENCE IN THIS OR ANY OTHER AREAS?

YES/I NO

IF YES, PLEASE GIVE DETAILS

WE NEEDED TO BE I'SM FROM ROAD WAICH NEW

PLEASE BE ADVISED PLANNING PERMISSION MAY BE REQUIRED, PLEASE TELEPHONE 01304 872042.

#### **ENCLOSED:**

Plan showing dimensions of area of highway and proposed layout of street furniture

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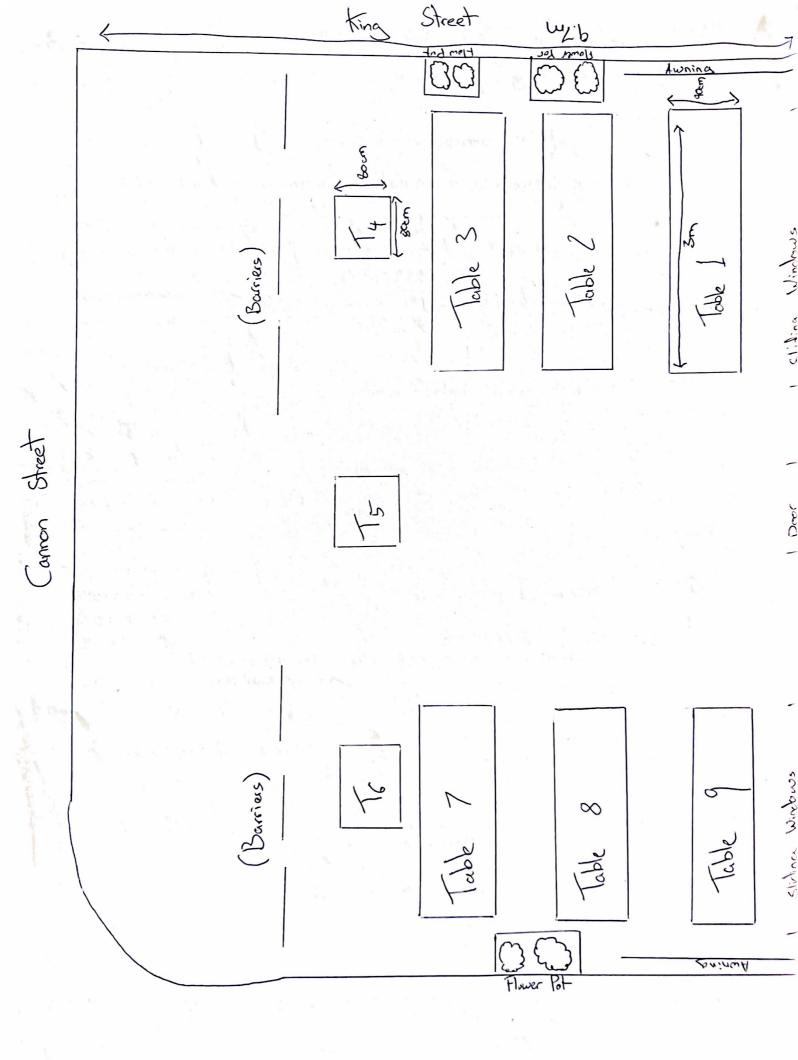
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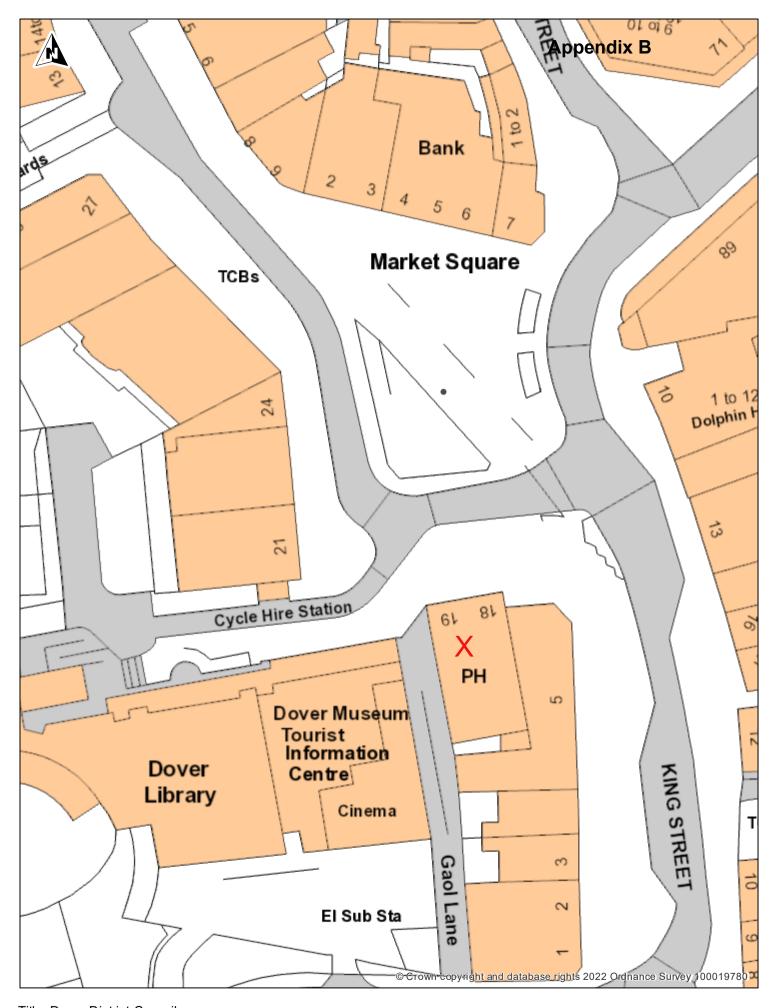
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Dover District Council Honeywood Close White Cliffs Business Park Whiffield DOVER CT16 3PJ



Minutes of the meeting of the **REGULATORY COMMITTEE** held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Tuesday, 18 October 2022 at 10.00 am.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor N J Collor

Councillors: O C de R Richardson

P M Brivio S J Jones R S Walkden

Officers: Principal Lawyer - Litigation and Regulatory

Licensing Manager

Licensing Enforcement Officer

Licensing Officer Licensing Officer Litigation Lawyer Litigation Assistant

**Democratic Services Officer** 

Also Present: Mr S Saber (Minute No.19)

Mr H Richardson (Minute No.20)

Applicant and Supporting Person (Minute No.22) Applicant and Supporting Person (Minute No.23)

#### 15 <u>APOLOGIES</u>

There were no apologies for absence.

#### 16 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

There were no substitute members appointed.

#### 17 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

Councillor O C de R Richardson declared an Other Significant Interest (OSI) in Minute No.20 by reason that his son was the applicant and would leave the meeting for consideration of the item.

#### 18 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 24 May 2022 and 19 July 2022 were approved as a correct record for signing by the Chairman.

19 <u>LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 -</u> APPLICATION TO LICENCE VEHICLE OUTSIDE OF POLICY GUIDELINES





#### 20 <u>HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 115E - THE ELEPHANT AND HIND, 18-19</u> MARKET SQUARE, DOVER

The Committee considered the report of the Licensing Manager on an application by Harry Richardson to allow the placement of 13 tables, 28 chairs and 12 benches outside The Elephant and Hind, 18-19 Market Square, Dover. The furniture would consist of 6 long tables and benches, 4 bistro tables and chairs and 2 round tables and chairs and would be placed between 12 noon to 12 midnight every day.

The applicant, who currently had a licence for 6 tables and 12 benches between 10am and 10.30pm every day (with the furniture to be removed each day), was seeking for this to be superseded.

In respect of the application one representation was received from Dover Town Council regarding the proposed layout and that the plan did not allow for the required 2-metres of clear footway due to this being a busy location. The applicant was willing to move the 3 planters that were in his ownership at the perimeter of the space to allow for the 2-metres clear pedestrian footway.

Concerns from Members included the safety aspect of moving the planters as they provided a safety barrier between the seated customers and the traffic that was permitted to access the precinct. Members who were familiar with the pedestrianised precinct were aware that at times the precinct was heavily used by vehicles. Mr Richardson advised he would use the existing barriers (as shown in photographs in the report) as an alternative barrier as they would be visible to drivers although it was accepted these would not stop a car. Mr Richardson further

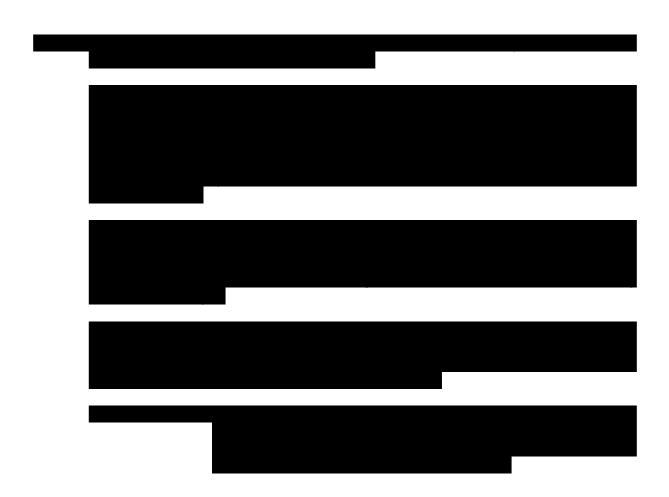
added that patrons were not permitted to wander in and out of the premises' boundary and that security were on duty to manage this.

The Committee withdrew to consider the application and upon returning the Principal Lawyer – Litigation and Regulatory advised that the Committee had considered the submission by Dover Town Council and that it accepted that the area was busy and required a minimum of 2-metre-wide clear footway. It was also observed by the Committee that the 6 tables and 12 benches under the current licence utilised the available space.

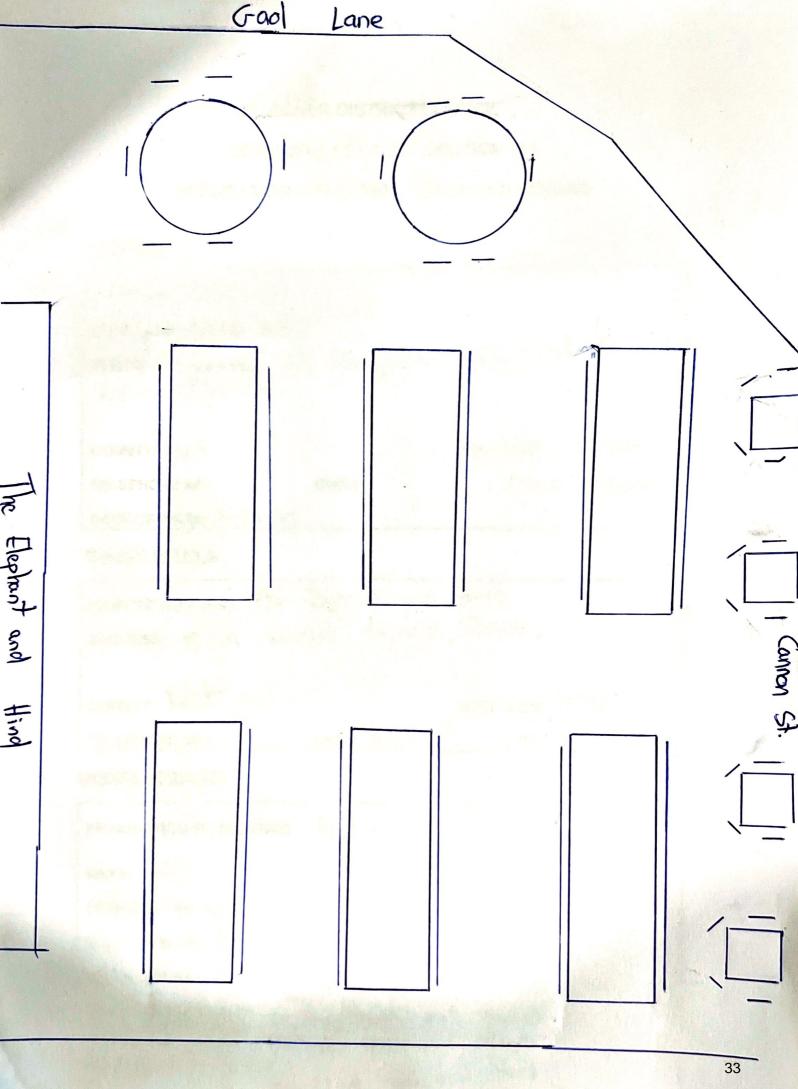
RESOVLED: That having regard to Section 115E of the Highways Act 1980 the application by Harry Richardson of The Elephant and Hind 18-19 Market Square for the siting of 13 tables 28 chairs and 12 benches between 12 noon and 12 midnight every day be REFUSED.

(Councillor O C de R Richardson declared an Other Significant Interest (OSI) in Minute No.20 by reason that his son was the applicant and left the meeting for consideration of the item.)





The meeting ended at 12.52 pm.



From:

To:

DDC Licensing

Subject: RE: Street Furniture Application - Elephant and Hind 18-19 Market Square, Dover, CT16 1NX

**Date:** 27 June 2023 13:42:52

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#### Dear licensing

Dover Town Council wish to Object to the application to place tables & chairs on the Highway at Elephant and Hind, 18-19Market Square. For the following reason:-

The added number of table and chairs will cause too much overcrowding in an area of high pedestrian footfall. The likelihood of patrons pushing chairs back & the addition of a barrier will force pedestrians to walk on the roadway. The extension of hours for outdoor seating is unacceptable owing to the amount of immediately adjacent residential properties .

#### Regards

Ms Karen Dry - CiLCA Land & Community Officer Dover Town Council Maison Dieu House Biggin Street Dover Kent CT16 1 DW

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#### **Katy McLester**

#### **Licensing Officer**

Dover District Council Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Dover CT16 3PJ

Tel: 01304 872295

Subject: Highways Act 1980 - Section 115E - The Sandwich Shop, 15A

Cattle Market, Sandwich

**Meeting and Date:** Regulatory Committee – 19 September 2023

Report of: Rebecca Pordage, Licensing Manager

Classification: Unrestricted

Purpose of the report: Permission to site street furniture on the highway

#### 1. Summary

The regulation of the placing of tables and chairs on a highway is a statutory function of the Council under the Section 115E, of the Highways Act 1980.

#### 2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1 Andrew Laslett has applied for a Street Furniture permit to allow the placement of 12 tables and 38 chairs outside The Sandwich Shop, 15A Cattle Market, Sandwich. The applicant has requested they be placed between 08:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs every day.
- 2.2 A copy of the application form and plan is shown at **Appendix A**. A map of the area can be found at **Appendix B**.
- 2.3 There is currently a permit for 12 tables and 38 chairs at The Sandwich Shop, 15A Cattle Market, Sandwich between 09:00 hrs 18:00 hrs every day. This permit has been in place since 13 January 2020, the most recent licence is shown at **Appendix C.** As these permits are not transferable, and the name of the permit holder is changing, and in addition to this there have been some development works in the area, Mr Andrew Laslett has now submitted a new application to supersede the current permit.
- 2.4 As part of the consultation process views have been sought from local businesses, Kent Highway Services, Police, Town Council, Fire Service, Planning, and other internal departments within Dover District Council as appropriate. The application was also advertised at the site by way of a Notice and copies were delivered to nearby frontagers.
- 2.5 One objection was received in respect of this application (see **Appendix D**), as follows:

<u>Sandwich Town Council</u> object to the number of tables and chairs, but say they would support a reduced number of tables and chairs comprising of 8 tables and 32 chairs.

2.6 Five representations were received in favour of this application (see **Appendix E**):

<u>Vera Goodwin</u> gives support for more seating outside this great eating place.

<u>Stephen Povey</u> expresses how important it is to allow the Sandwich Shop to have more tables outside. The local businesses need as much trade as possible and he feels that this will crete a great vibe in an empty area.

Dover District Council 35

<u>Jack Sheppard</u> is disappointed that Sandwich Town Council are not supporting this application, and would like to see Dover District Council approve this application and reinforce the café culture that our community and local economy needs to thrive.

<u>Holly Smit</u> says that The Sandwich Shop holds a prime position on the newly refurbished forecourt of the Guildhall and is an inclusive welcoming place to visit. Ms Smit says that the lengthy and delayed refurbishment of the forecourt must have had a negative effect on the business and to prevent them returning to their former glory would be a tragedy for the town.

**Ruth King** thinks this is a great little café and as a Sandwich resident she personally thinks that enjoying the ambience of the newly renovated Guildhall area from a table in the sunshine is lovely.

#### 3 Options available to the Committee:

- (1) To allow the application as applied for
- (2) To allow the application but with additional conditions
- (3) To reject the application.

#### **Appendices**

Appendix A – Application form

Appendix B - Map of the area

Appendix C – Current Street Furniture Permit

Appendix D - Representation from Sandwich Town Council with additional email received

Appendix E – Representations in support of this application

Contact Officer: Rebecca Pordage, Licensing Manager. Ext.2279

## DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 115 APPLICATION FOR STREET FURNITURE LICENCE APPLICANT: LASLETT SURNAME: ANDREW CHRISTOPHER FORENAME (S) in full: PERMANENT ADDRESS: COUNTY: **TELEPHONE NO:** Code ( DATE OF BIRTH: TRADING DETAILS: THE SANDWICH SHOP (SAMANICH) LTS NAME OF BUSINESS: 15A CATTLE MARKET ADDRESS: SATYDWICH KENT POST CODE CT 13 9AP COUNTY: TELEPHONE NO: Code ( LICENCE REQUIRED: PERIOD FROM TO (MONTHS) AUGUST - AUGUST 12 MONAS MONDAY - SUNDAY INC. DAYS: 8 oram AND 5.00 pm BETWEEN THE TIMES: NO. OF TABLES: 38 NO. OF CHAIRS: METAL TABLES BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF and CHAIRS FOR TYPE AND QUALITY OF TABLES AND CHAIRS: Please also provide photos if CATERINA possible

## ADDITONAL INFORMATION

DO YOU HAVE TOILETS FOR CUSTOMERS TO USE?	YES/NO YES
IF YES, PLEASE SAY HOW	2
HAVE YOU SOUGHT THE ADVICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER IN RESPECT OF FOOD HYGIENE AND HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS	YES/NO YES

HAVE YOU EVER	BEEN REFUSED	A STREET	FURNITURE
LICENCE IN THIS	OR ANY OTHER	AREAS?	

YES / NO

IF YES, PLEASE GIVE DETAILS

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#### ENCLOSED:

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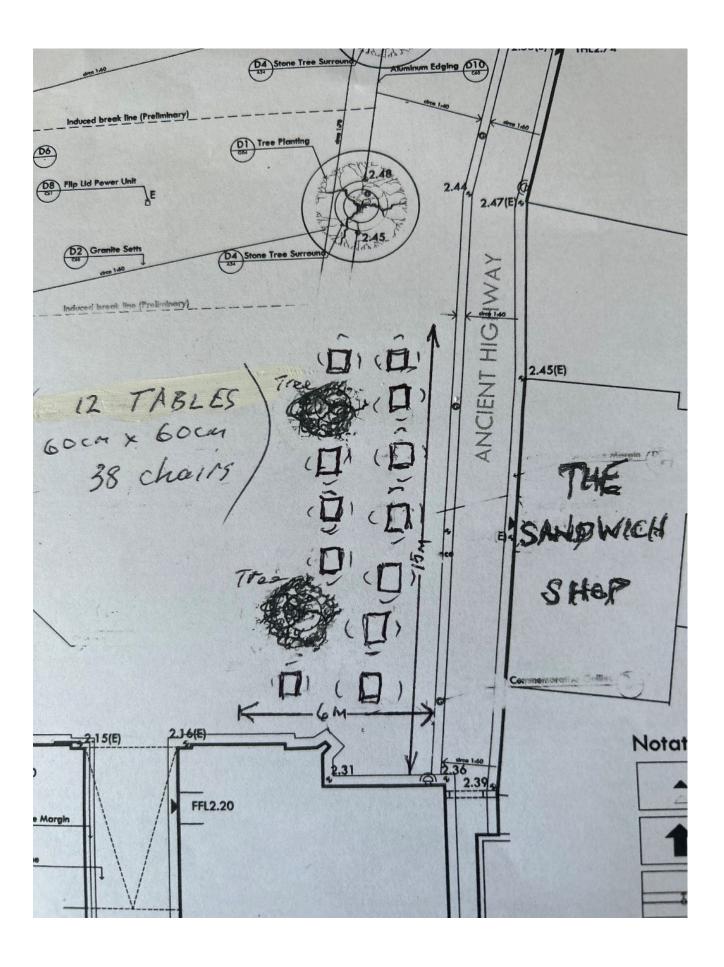
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Date: 24/07/2023

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# PERMISSION TO PLACE OBJECTS OR STRUCTURES ON A HIGHWAY

## PART VIIA HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

To:	("the permit holder	.")

IN PURSUANCE of the provisions of Section 115E of the Highways Act 1980, DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL HEREBY grants the permit holder permission to place objects or structures, namely 12 TABLES and 38 CHAIRS on the highway fronting The Sandwich Shop, 15-17 Cattle Market, Sandwich, Kent, CT13 9APfor the purpose of providing refreshment for the benefit of the public ("the permitted purpose") upon the following conditions:-

- (1) No object or structure shall be placed on any part of the highway outside the permitted area.
- (2) This permit shall remain in force for one year. In the event that there is any breach of or failure to observe these conditions the Council may revoke the permission forthwith without notice.
- (3) The objects or structures may be placed on the permitted area from 11th November 2022 until 10th November 2023 annually.
- (4) The objects or structures may be used within the permitted area only between the hours of 9AM and 6PM ("the permitted period") when the street furniture must be removed from the highway.
- (5) The objects or structures shall not be used for any other purpose than the permitted purpose.
- (6) The permit holder shall ensure that all persons using the permitted area are seated at all times on the seats provided.

- (7) The permitted purpose shall be carried on in a proper and regular manner and shall not cause any nuisance or annoyance to any adjoining premises.
- (8) The objects or structures shall be of good and sufficient quality and shall be kept in a good and sufficient state of repair.
- (9) The permitted area shall be kept clean and tidy and shall be cleansed and washed if necessary on each occasion at the end of the permitted period.
- (10) In the event of the permit holder failing to keep the permitted area clean and tidy and cleansed and washed in accordance with Condition (10) hereof the Council shall be at liberty without notice to carry out such works in default and recharge the full cost thereof to the permit holder.
- (11) The permit holder shall be responsible for all accidents claims damages injuries loss or liability occasioned by reason of (a) the placing of the objects or structures on the highway or any defects therein or (b) the acts or defaults of the permit holder or his servants contractors agents or workmen arising out of the grant of this permit (c) the causing of any nuisance.
- (12) The permit holder shall indemnify and save harmless to the Council and its officers and servants from and against any claim in respect of injury damage or loss arising out of the grant of this permit (unless the injury damage or loss is attributable to the negligence of the Council or its officers or servants) and for this purpose shall take out at his own expense a policy of insurance in the joint names of the permit holder and the Council in the sum of £5 million (five million pounds) at least and shall produce to the Licensing Manager or other proper officer for the time being of the Council the receipt for the current premium whenever called upon to do so.
- (13) In the event of emergency the Council may ask the permit holder to remove the objects or structures or may itself remove the objects or structures from the permitted area for such period or periods as it deems necessary without liability for any injury damage or loss arising therefrom.
- (14) The permit holder shall pay to the Council the full cost for the grant of this permit.

THIS PERMIT DOES NOT CONVEY APPROVAL TO PLACE ANY OTHER OBJECT OR STRUCTURE ON THE HIGHWAY OR OBVIATE THE NECESSITY TO OBTAIN ANY PLANNING PERMISSION OR STREET TRADING CONSENT OR ANY OTHER STATUTORY APPROVAL.

Mordage

Signed:	
Rebecca Pordage	
Licensing Manager	

Date: **25th July 2023** 

From: no-reply@dover.gov.uk

To: DDC Licensina

**Subject:** Make a street furniture permit representation - submitted form data

**Date:** 12 August 2023 15:06:48

## Page: About you

First name Gill

Last name Gray

Contact phone number

Your email address

Your address including postcode The Guildhall Cattle Market Sandwich CT13
 9AH

## Page: About the premises

- Name of the premises The Sandwich Shop
- Address of the premises 17 Cattle Market Sandwich CT13 9AP

**@** 

## Page: About the application

- Details of the nature of your representation Sandwich Town Council does not support the application to place 12 tables and 38 chairs on the highway in the location of the Guildhall Forecourt, o/s The Sandwich Shop, 15a Cattle Market, Sandwich.
- In your opinion can this objection be overcome by conditioning the licence or negotiation with the applicant? Yes
- Please give details Sandwich Town Council would support a reduced number of tables and chairs for the Guildhall Forecourt o/s The Sandwich Shop comprising of 8 tables and up to 32 chairs.
- Declaration
  - I understand that, if accepted as relevant, my representation (including my name and address) will form part of the documentation disclosed to 'all parties'\*\* to the Hearing before the Regulatory Committee. I understand and accept this declaration

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- Would you like to receive a confirmation receipt by email? Yes
- Please enter the email address that you would like the receipt to be sent to



Jadu reference number: 1042539

Date and time of submission: 12/08/2023 15:06:42

From: Town Clerk
To: DDC Licensing

**Subject:** The Sandwich Shop, Sandwich **Date:** 07 September 2023 07:57:46

### Good morning Becky

Further to the STC Planning Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> August there was a resolution from the Council that the application from The Sandwich Shop for 12 tables and 38 chairs was not supported on the Guildhall Forecourt/Square. It was debated and the Committee agreed that to their knowledge there has never been 12 tables out on site and the usual number is somewhere between 6 and 8. This formed the basis for their decision to propose a reduced number of tables of 8 and the number of chairs up to 32. If you require any further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Regards





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From: Vera Goodwin
To: DDC Licensing
Subject: Sandwich Shop

**Date:** 16 August 2023 12:44:17

I give my vote for more seating outside at this great eating place Regards

Vera GOODWIN

Sent from my iPad

From: Stephen Povey

To: licencing@dover.gov.uk

Subject: Sandwich guild Hall area

Date: 16 August 2023 14:49:49

## To whom it may concern

I wish to express how important it is to allow the Sandwich shop to have more tables outside. The local businesses need as much trade as possible these days and I am sure this enterprise would benefit from Extra seating and tables outside. It would also create a great vibe in an empty area.

Kind regards Stephen Povey

Sent from Outlook for Android

From: Jack Sheppard

To: DDC Licensing

**Subject:** Re: The Sandwich Shop in Sandwich

**Date:** 16 August 2023 17:00:45

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concerns following the recent events that unfolded in a Sandwich Town Council meeting.

As I understand, Sandwich Town Council decided to disapprove the renewal of The Sandwich Shops re-application for outside tables and chairs.

It comes as a surprise to me that one of our much needed hospitality venues has received this disapproval from its local council despite the collaborative efforts made from both DDC and KCC to improve our town centre and enhance "Cafe Culture".

I would like to see Dover District Council approve of this re-application and publicly reinforce the imperative Cafe Culture that our community and local economy needs to thrive.

Thank you for your time.

Kind Regards,

Jack Sheppard

From: Holly Smit

To: DDC Licensing

**Subject:** The Sandwich Shop licensing decision

**Date:** 16 August 2023 20:33:59



### Good evening,

I have just been informed of the unfortunate decision to decline the licence for 'The Sandwich Shop' in Sandwich to have their license for outside tables and chairs renewed. I am writing to emphasise what a shame I believe this is.

The Sandwich Shop holds a prime position on the newly refurbished forecourt of the Guildhall and is an inclusive welcoming place to visit. Their staff are always friendly and their food is delicious and budget friendly. For such a poignant business to be marred by the unrest and difficult relationships within the town council is a crying shame. I urge any powers that be to review this and enable the Sandwich shop to continue running their business in the manner which they have already been doing in such a lovely way. I would also like to point out the inevitable negative effect the lengthy (and delayed) refurbishment of the forecourt must have had on the business and to prevent them returning to their former glory would be a tragedy for the town.

Thank you for your time and I hope there is a way for Sandwich Town Council's decision to be disregarded!

Kind regards,

**Holly Smit** 

From: Ruth King
To: DDC Licensing

**Subject:** Application from Sandwich Shop, Sandwich

**Date:** 16 August 2023 20:49:27

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I have recently learnt of Sandwich Town Council's decision to block an application by The Sandwich Shop, Sandwich for a license for outside tables.

I would just like to say this is a great little cafe and as a Sandwich resident I personally think enjoying the ambience of the newly renovated Guildhall area from a table in the sunshine is lovely and I am annoyed our own Town Council are opposing this application.

I understand DDC has the final say and would ask that this application is passed.

#### Kind regards

