

From: [Caroline Leith](#)
To: [DDC Licensing](#)
Subject: RE: Street Furniture Consent
Date: 19 April 2022 09:00:16
Attachments: [Redacted]

Good Morning Katy,

Further to our comments for the Waiting Room in Sandwich, Councillors have carried out a site visit to assess the situation fully and report as follows:

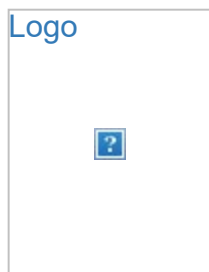
They recommend that operation time should be from 10.00 to 21:00 hours due to the location within a residential area.

Also, that a maximum of 4 tables and 8 chairs be allowed as the plan shows tables 1,2,3,4 to be placed in place of the allocated cycle parking and they believe that the cycle rack should not be disturbed or removed at all!

Finally, they ask that KCC highways consider the sharp nature of the bend for cars turning left in to Delf street and the Line of site is a safety issue in where the plan shows tables 1 to 4 to be placed.

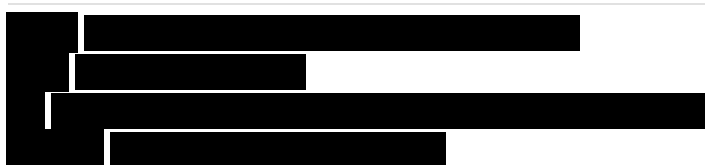
Many thanks for your patience.

Kind Regards



Caroline Leith
PA to Chief Executive Officer

The Guildhall Sandwich Kent CT13 9AH



Dear Sir,

There is an application to site 7 tables and 14 chairs in the vicinity of the new , alcohol licensed catering establishment at what used to be the East Kent Road Car Waiting Room in Sandwich.

Doubtless you have access to a map, with dimensions of the area outside this old Bus Waiting Room, you will see it is on a peninsula of land , surrounded on three sides by busy roads in the centre of Town and on a number of Bus Routes. with the Taxi Cab Rank directly adjacent.

Looking at the building from outside the Guildhall , you will see that to the left is small pedestrian space and cycle racks, to the right there is the iconic K6 red Telephone Box which has a Conservation Order on it, as well as the trade refuse bins used by the existing, long established Fish and Chip Shop. One assumes the new 'Waiting Room' will require an equal amount of trade refuse bins, plus a bottle bin (as it is licensed to sell alcohol)

Bearing in mind the above, one wonders where even one table could be placed, without impeding the progress of pedestrians,including those with disabilities.

May I suggest that much more information is made publicly available before you consider this matter

Yours sincerely

Di Jones (Resident)

Good Morning..

.Until such time as a clear diagram of where the street furniture is to be sited is available and in the public domain, for scrutiny,I object to the application for the reasons given in my previous email.

Regards

Di Jones

Hi there

I understand the above cafe has applied to put tables and chairs outside their cafe. I'm not sure if the public can object to this however this is a really tricky site and I don't think it at all suitable for tables and chairs for the following reasons:

1. People will be sitting really close to the road, which is the main road through Sandwich, and therefore extremely dangerous, especially as the cafe is going to be serving alcohol.
2. This is meant to be a pavement for people to walk on and is very narrow/cramped so I'm not sure how are people are going to be able to access the bike racks, telephone box etc? There are already a couple of tables outside Ossies fish shop during warm weather so the whole area will be even harder for people to negotiate, especially with mobility issues.
3. The other 2 bike racks in town are very rarely able to be used as the one outside Goats that Dance has commercial rubbish bags stored in it and the one outside No Name shop is also difficult to get into due to the cafe. Therefore with these proposed tables I'm presuming that bike rack is going to be re-sited?
4. The cafe will have to store its commercial waste bins outside the cafe which means even more space being taken up. Issues store their bins outside which already encroaches on the area which is a real nuisance when you're trying to walk through it park your bike.

I do hope you can take into consideration the above points please as this would seem to be a totally inappropriate place to have tables and chairs and extremely dangerous.

I'm copying in the Police licensing officer as clearly there's an alcohol licensing issue if people are going to be consuming alcohol on tables and chairs right by the roadside, with all the hazards this entails.

Mrs J Woodroffe

Hello again. Having looked at the attached sketch, the tables and chairs are not to scale as there is no way all these tables and chairs would fit on the narrow pavement around the Waiting Room and allow pedestrians to pass by.

Also their claim that there would be 1500mm from edge of chairs to edge of a pavement may be the case when no one's sitting on them but clearly would be significantly less when people are using them.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the current bike rack facilities adjacent to the The Waiting Room in Sandwich.

I would like to make note of various points as to why I, among others, feel that the bike racks should remain, and take precedence over additional seating.

I) Locals have been calling for pedestrianisation of the surrounding roads for a long time in sandwich due to cars travelling in excessive speeds. Removing the bike racks I believe would discourage cycling into the area, which I currently do instead of driving. Therefore creating more driving related issues in an already hectic town centre.

II) During summer months these bike racks are used frequently by visitors from surrounding towns such as Ramsgate, Deal, Walmer, Eastry to name a few. There are many cyclists that come to visit the town and make use of these facilities whilst then providing trade to the nearby Charity Shops, Coffee Shops and other eateries.

III) Many visitors and volunteers also use these bike racks to secure their bikes that they use to travel to various events that this town hosts, from the Town Square to the Quay for instance.

Whilst I wish every business in Sandwich success, I firmly believe that the removal of these Bike racks has a more detrimental affect than that of what extra seating will provide, for the first point alone. Seating for customers could also make use of the new benches to be installed by our local council in its revamp of the Guildhall forecourt!

I hope I have shown a compelling reason as to why they should stay and welcome any questions.

Kind Regards,

Jack Sheppard
42 Poulders Gardens, Sandwich,

Hello, I have no objection to the conversion of the premises to a licensed premises but I strongly object to the proposed removal of the bicycle racks to allow outside seating and tables on the pavement.

I regularly cycle into Sandwich and over the years I have had two bicycles stolen . One locked in the rack behind the guild hall and the other locked to the rack outside the sorting office.

I like the cycle rack outside the old waiting room as it is substantial and overlooked.I would see it as as a major loss of amenity for cyclists whether they be locals or visitors on national cycle route one.

Regards

Trevor Bates
17 Kings Avenue, CT13 9PH.

From: [Cllr-Paul Carter](#)
To: [DDC Licensing](#)
Subject: The Waiting Room, cafe/bar, Cattlemarket, Sandwich.
Date: 25 April 2022 11:56:02

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to the seven tables and fourteen chairs proposed for the pavement area around the Waiting Room cafe/bar, Cattlemarket, Sandwich.

1. I do not believe that the cycle parking bays outside this building should be taken away as Sandwich has a shortage of cycle parking which I have raised with both Cllr Sue Chandler and Cllr Daniel Friend as well as KCC Highways, these cannot be taken away.
 - 2 the pavement area around this very small building is not wide enough to allow for all these tables and chairs whilst allowing pedestrians and the disabled to move around this area!
 3. The number of tables and chairs should be reduced to three tables and six chairs maximum to allow safe movement of pedestrians and pushchairs.
 4. The times requested cannot be allowed as opposite this building are newly built accommodation as well as many flats and two hotels nearby, the time for operation should be from 10:00 to 18:00 at the most to respect residents peace and quiet.
 5. There is also the question of this business waste containers and those of the Ossies fish and chip shop which are also placed on this pavement area making this area more congested.
 6. Finally the area where tables 1 to 4 are planned to be put (where the essential cycle parking is currently) is an area on the junction of four roads and to have tables and chairs here would impede the sight lines for drivers of vehicles where many pedestrians cross from the Guildhall to the shops and public houses.
- This license should only be granted for three tables and six chairs maximum from 10:00 to 18:00 operation times.

Can you please receipt my objections by return email.

Best Regards

Councillor Paul Carter
Sandwich Town Council

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Dear Sirs,

I wish to object to the proposal to occupy the pavement outside the west side of former East Kent Road Car waiting room opposite the Guildhall Courtroom entrance and the car dealership in Delf Street in Sandwich.

The only diagram available is hand drawn and may not be to scale. With more tables proposed on the south side (as per the sketch) it is quite likely that more than the indicated number of tables will accumulate on the west side as patrons move tables together for larger groups.

The proposal seriously reduces the amenity for pedestrians in the area, and for cyclists seeking safe parking for cycles.....retrograde in view of the Government's professed transport priorities.

For pedestrians, the de facto closure of this access means crossing 3 additional streets to get to the north side of Delf Street. These crossings are at corners where visibility is already restricted by buses, and illegally parked vehicles. Crossing from the Courtroom to the former bank building means traffic is approaching from behind, as well as approaching from the left. The next street crossing from the Mermaid to the car dealership means 2-way traffic, and then crossing Harnet Street is again, one-way traffic with reduced visibility.

I do not think the current dropped kerbs support such a roundabout route for wheelchair users or others with prams etc.

Pedestrians could cross to the rather grotty lane between the fish and chip shop and the waiting room: this is not salubrious (so no tables sought here!), dingy, restricted by massive food waste bins (and presumably the café would add to these bins), and an old redundant telephone box. It can also be a rather smelly experience.

I believe there are 6 cycle racks on this space. They would need to be removed.....to where? KCC are not, I understand, ready to fund such changes, so cyclists visiting the town will also have reduced amenity.

The space is quite restricted....so it seems to me that there is a significant chance that a chair being pushed back from a table could end up dropping two or more legs onto the road: the consequences of that could be serious, especially if it coincides with a vehicle turning right to enter east into Delf street.

This loss of amenity for all is not outweighed by an increase in outdoor seating for catering for the users of the establishment.

Yours sincerely
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From: [Clare Ungerson](#)
To: [DDC Licensing](#)
Subject: The Waiting Room, Sandwich, email 2
Date: 02 May 2022 12:39:13

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<https://aka.ms/LearnAboutSenderIdentification.>]

Dear Sir/Madam,

(I realise that in my previous e mail to you on this subject I omitted to tell you my address. I have added it to this message, below my signature.)

I write to object to the proposal to place 7 tables and 14 chairs outside the premises of The Waiting Room, Sandwich.

In particular, the proposal to place 4 tables and 8 chairs where, currently, there are bike racks will mean

a) that the bike racks will have to be removed and placed somewhere else in central Sandwich
and

b) that the dropped kerb that adjoins this space will be rendered useless since, with seated customers occupying the adjoining pavement, it will be impossible for anyone on a mobility scooter, in a wheelchair or pushing a buggy, to move beyond the kerb. Dropped kerbs are few and far between in Sandwich and new ones are very expensive. At the last Sandwich Town Council meeting an estimate for a new dropped kerb was included in the papers. The cost is given as £2,300 plus VAT.

Should this proposal be passed - which I very much hope it won't be - the owner of the Waiting Room should be made financially responsible for the cost of removing the bike racks and placing them somewhere else. Similarly, given the current dropped kerb will be rendered useless, he should pay the full cost of a new dropped kerb somewhere else in central Sandwich.

Yours faithfully,

Clare Ungerson

8 Upper Strand Street
Sandwich
Kent CT13 9EE

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Dear Sir/Madam

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> I write ref: the above application for 7 tables and 14 chairs on the pavement outside this new café. At present, there is not enough room for this number of tables UNLESS the five existing bike racks are removed. If this forms part of the application then the applicant should replace them at their own cost nearby, preferably between Ossies Fish Bar and the Waiting room next to the telephone box. Any approval of the application should also ensure that the existing dropped kerbs are retained and not obstructed by any tables/chairs.

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> Regards

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> Colin Wiles

> 57 St George's Rd Sandwich CT13 9LE

From: [REDACTED]
To: [DDC Licensing](#)
Subject: Re: The Waiting Room, Cattle Market, Sandwich
Date: 20 April 2022 06:33:32
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs,

I wish to strongly object to the citing of tables and chairs on the highway at Cattle Market for the Waiting Room.

[REDACTED]

There will be noise from patrons from potentially early morning until late at night 7 days a week. This is unacceptable.

[REDACTED]

Drinkers will cause yet more noise in this area late at night and cause a nuisance and impact residents rights to peaceful enjoyment and privacy.

There is already significant local canteen / restaurant and fast food provision in the town.

There will be cooking smells. What arrangements have been made for extraction at roof height given this is a single story old waiting room for buses ?

This will cause obstruction to pedestrians in an already narrow street.

The premises are on the busiest corner of the sandwich one way traffic system - vehicle fumes for patrons is unhealthy.

There is no toilet provisions and this will lead to anti-social behaviour as seen previously.

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