

## Venus Café- list of Objections

### Objection 1

East Portlemouth P. C., and SW Devon Licensing With regard to the application for a license to sell alcohol from the Venus Cafe in East Portlemouth.

I believe this would be detrimental to the village for multiple reasons.

The Cafe has no toilet facilities and depends upon the public facilities.

The cafe can be exited through gaps in its hedge so there would be no control of alcohol and glass being taken to the beach.

There is no police presence in the area and when alcohol induced bad behaviour occurs there is no restraining possibility or control within any reasonable time scale.

The site is potentially unsafe given the drop to the rocks along its western boarder and any intoxicated individual would be vulnerable.

The venue is not enclosed thus there is the likelihood of noise nuisance.

If it attracts more vehicles the lower road will become even worse during those busy weeks than it currently is already, being a serious hazard when emergency vehicles require access to any of the properties / beaches.

There would be no additional parking facilities, existing parking being inadequate.

### Objection 2

I would like to **object to this application being granted**, for the following reasons:

1. **NOISE:** I object to this application. There is no indoor accommodation at Venus Café and as an open air venue they have no control over noise, which could occur after excessive alcohol consumption. . This could be a public nuisance.
2. **PUBLIC SAFETY:** As everything else Venus Cafe sells is either to be consumed on the premises or taken away I don't see how they can stop alcoholic drinks being taken to the beaches. This could potentially affect the safety of the public, and in particular children, if it results in rowdy behaviour and disorderly conduct. . Beaches are used particularly by families with children and their use should not be prejudiced by any potential disorderly conduct, which might result from alcohol use..
3. **PREVENTION OF CRIME & DISORDER:** This licence would also likely allow people to stock up with extra alcohol before last orders and enable them to stay drinking on the **Private Beaches** of East Portlemouth after the licensing hours. Late drinking can lead to drunkenness on the beaches, and also lead to the risks of people trying to cross after the last harbour taxi from Salcombe using borrowed boats or other means.
- 4 **COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION:** The drinking of alcohol supplied by the Venus Café taken to the beaches would constitute a commercial exploitation of the East Portlemouth beaches which I and the other owners would not allow. The beaches are privately owned, and should be respected.
- 4 **TOILET FACILITIES:** As a licensed premises Venus Cafe should have control of their facilities. ***Venus Café has no toilet facilities on site.***  
The public WC in the area would not satisfy this requirement as it is not on their premises or under their control, and could be un-serviceable or closed. These public toilets are

already overused, particularly in the summer, and rubbish often accumulates and overflows.

By comparison, Port Waterhouse's licence to supply alcohol for consumption on the premises does not set a precedent for this application, as they have indoor accommodation and their own WC facilities. Their site area is substantially larger and is able to deal with such matters.

### **Objection 3**

A previous application was refused; there has been no material change in conditions or circumstances since.

I write as a home-owner whose house is within 30m of the Venus Cafe.

I understand that the criteria used to judge an application depend on the following 4 considerations: -

#### **1. Prevention of crime and disorder**

The nearest police station is in Kingsbridge, 9 or 10 miles and 35-40 mins drive depending on the state of the tide. Should there be any trouble, the police are a long way away. If alcohol were to be kept on the premises it could become a target for a break-in.

#### **2. Public safety**

The Venus Cafe is open air, occupying a narrow strip of land between the road and the cliff edge dropping down sheer over the rocks & concrete to the beach below; the boundary to the road is part wooden pole fencing, part boulder & shrubs; the cliff side is a basic wooden fence, not all in sound condition. The road can be busy especially during school holidays, with beach-goers and fishermen trying to park, and walkers, holiday-makers and locals going to & from the Ferry, the Ferry Steps being immediately adjacent to the Venus Cafe - in the summer the queue often reaches up on to the road.

Litter is already a big problem - this last weekend, for instance, all 3 of the public litter bins were stuffed and overflowing onto road & steps. The addition of quantities of empty drinks cans and bottles (which certainly ought to be re-cycled but won't be), and the possibility of broken glass where many people are walking barefoot, is highly undesirable.

#### **3. Prevention of public nuisance**

- More delivery lorries blocking the single track road would be a nuisance.
- The overspill of litter is potentially hazardous, and litter being put in private bins is an irritating nuisance.
- It is likely that some customers will buy alcohol to take onto the beach - it is hard to see how the staff at the cafe could prevent it (they are behind a screen in the kitchen: there is no table service); inevitably from time to time there may be a large party, relaxed on holiday, who make a lot of noise, play loud music, try & light a fire, get drunk, leave litter & broken glass on the beach. This is especially likely in the sailing weeks with later opening hours, crews wanting a drink after an exciting race, having one or two too many, and then sailing back to a mooring through the busy waterway that the estuary is in the summer.
- The Venus Cafe does not have its own toilets. They use - but have no control over - the public lavatories adjacent, which are small, and may be closed without warning for cleaning, maintenance or repair (or the next lockdown or other unforeseen crisis). More drinking either on the premises or on the beach will put further pressure on these facilities. At times when

they are closed, (as before they were built) those 'caught short' resort to urinating (or worse) on the beach, or knocking on doors of local residents to use their loos.

- The beaches are privately owned; their use by the public is under conditions of considerate behaviour. They are a major attraction of the area, but their use by the public is not a right.

#### **4. Protection of children from harm**

Alcohol and children don't mix.

The beaches of East Portlemouth attract families in droves, by car from inland, on foot from the village, and by ferry, hired or private boats, paddle boards and dinghies from over in Salcombe. The Venus Cafe would have no possibility of supervising under age drinking, either on or off the premises (there are only 1 or 2 staff and they are behind the counter); or ensuring that adults drink sensibly - most adults drinking there will not have to drive (a car) home, so may be tempted to have more than usual.

Children are frequently barefoot, not just on the beach, but around the road and ferry too, where they might step on broken glass or crushed metal drinks cans, ring pulls or bottle tops.

The above points demonstrate that there are multiple reasons why the sale of alcohol by the Venus Cafe would be deleterious to the neighbourhood, have no benefit for locals, and add nothing to the attractions of the East Portlemouth beaches as a family-friendly resort. I firmly hope this application will be turned down.

#### **Objection 4**

I object to this application on the following grounds.

The license application is for the sale of alcohol on the premises, but this cafe does not have any covered premises except for the counter where they serve food and drinks. It is not clear how the cafe can contain those drinking alcohol when their outside facilities border a busy road, beach and foot ferry landing.

The cafe also has no toilet facilities and the owners will have no control over the nearest public toilets, which could therefore be out of service or closed during cafe open hours.

There is an increased likelihood of drunkenness and disorderly behaviour on the beaches, which are often full of families and children, if people can stock up with alcohol close by.

If the last ferry back across the estuary at night to the local accommodation is missed, some may be tempted to "borrow" one of the numerous craft permitted to be kept overnight on the beaches by the beach owners.

The cafe is in Kingsbridge Rural East policing area and if anti-social behaviour is reported it could take a considerable time for police (or an ambulance) to come down the narrow and often busy lanes to attend the incident.

Since the cafe is in the open air it cannot contain noise, increasing the likelihood of this issue becoming a public nuisance.

All the local beaches are privately owned and if alcohol bought from the cafe was taken and consumed on them, the owners would consider this to be unacceptable commercial exploitation.

This application should be refused if the council's objectives of promoting public safety, the protection of children, the prevention of public nuisance and the prevention of crime and disorder are to be followed.

## Objection 5

We write as owners and residents of [redacted] in the matter of an application by Venus Company Limited for a premises licence for their Venus Café at The Ferry Steps, East Portlemouth [redacted] is situated at [redacted] which is approximately [redacted] metres south west of the Venus Café. The only vehicular access to [redacted] is on the [redacted] which passes the Venus Café.

It is our understanding that an application has been made to the Licensing Authority to supply alcohol, between the hours 9.00am and 11.00pm ( remaining open until 11.30pm), both on and off the premises.

In accordance with the Licensing Act 2003, we are making representations against the above application, on the grounds set out below.

### 1. Prevention of Crime and Disorder

(a) The Licensing Authority will be aware of the alcohol problems experienced at Salcombe which resulted in the establishment of prohibition zones in the town. We think it reasonable to believe that same problems will migrate to the Portlemouth shore, if alcohol is readily available. If East Portlemouth has no prohibition zones , this may actually encourage the movement of unacceptable behaviour to the Portlemouth shore

(b) The village of East Portlemouth is approximately 9 miles from Kingsbridge, where the nearest Police Station is situated. The journey from Kingsbridge takes a minimum of 25 minutes and it is therefore evident that there will be significant delays if a Police presence is required.

### 2. The Prevention of Public Nuisance

(b) Whilst the holding of evening beach parties is actively discouraged by the foreshore owners, it is not unusual for such parties to be held at Mill Bay in the summer months, with anti-social behaviour often being the result. Such parties normally end when supplies of alcohol run out. Further supplies of alcohol are not currently available in East Portlemouth, which tends to limit the duration of late night parties. With supplies readily available, we are concerned that anti-social behaviour may become a serious problem.

## 2. Public Safety

(a) The Venus Café occupies a small building and offers a very limited outside seating area for patrons. Observation of the current trading indicates that many patrons, after having made their purchases, consume their food and drink standing in the road. Whilst this poses a limited danger to patrons and motorists during the current operating hours (9.00am to 5.00pm), we believe that with the possibility of patrons standing in the road and consuming alcohol until 11.30pm, the dangers will severely increase and the chances of a serious traffic accident are high.

(b) There is no off road car parking provided by the Venus Café. The limited car parking in the road opposite the Venus Café was created for those people intending to use the passenger ferry to Salcombe. Since the opening of the Venus Café some years ago, there has been a very significant increase in traffic congestion in the adjacent road. This has resulted in an increased danger for pedestrians, particularly children, when exiting the ferry steps, on to the road.

(c) Whilst some patrons will visit the premises by road, we suggest that in the summer months an even greater number will arrive by water. The Salcombe to Portlemouth ferry runs no later than 7.30pm and it is therefore likely that many patrons will arrive in their own craft which will enable them to return to Salcombe at a later time. It is acknowledged that the harbour taxi may be available but this needs to be booked in advance. The stretch of the harbour adjacent to the Venus Café is the most congested part of the entire estuary, with many ship and yacht movements during the day and night. We would suggest that patrons, after having consumed alcohol, either as passengers or as conductors of small craft attempting to cross the harbour, at night, represents a very dangerous situation. The Harbour bye laws are specific on the subject of intoxication.

For the reasons set out above, we request that the Licensing Committee refuse this application.

### Objection 6

As a second home owner in east Portlemouth I would like to raise some concerns about the proposed alcohol licence for the Venus cafe adjacent to the ferry steps.

Firstly there are inherent dangers to drinkers and others by the proximity of the cafe to the road and by its site at the top of a cliff with a fence that is in poor condition. There is much evidence that those who have imbibed alcohol have an increased risk of accidents.

Secondly the increased use of the cafe will increase the amount of litter on the beach thus causing a public nuisance as well a risk of increased rowdiness.

I know that these objections can be countered by the fact that there is nothing to stop people from bringing their own to the beach but I believe that this proposal will lead to such an increase that it will be unacceptable.

### Objection 7

Name: East Portlemouth Parish Council

The Parish Council is an interested party in this application, representing members of the community who have homes in the vicinity of the Venus Café and the many hundreds of people who regularly use the adjacent lane, ferry and nearby beaches all year round.

At the Council meeting earlier this evening the overwhelming majority of parishioners and council members raised objections to the granting of the licence. The very few who did not object were in favour of a short trial period followed by a public review and removal of the licence if necessary. The Council understands that this is not something that is within your remit.

East Portlemouth is proud of its tranquil setting. Indeed, it is the peace and quiet of the area which attracts people wishing to avoid the noise and commerciality of Salcombe that lies just a few minutes away by boat. The over-riding concern of the community is that this unique character is not damaged or lost as a consequence of granting the application.

The privately-owned beaches in East Portlemouth are a long-standing haven for residents and family holidaymakers. During the summer the kiosk is used by families for ice creams and snacks and is essentially a small waterside snack bar. A commercial venue offering alcohol at this site has the potential for creating serious consequences for customers, local residents and the public in general. We consider that granting this licence would undermine the licensing objectives in the following ways:

#### **Prevention of crime and disorder**

- The consumption of alcohol has been banned in the streets of Salcombe for a number of years in order to counter disorderly behaviour there. Granting a licence to purchase alcohol on the opposite waterfront of East Portlemouth simply moves the problem over to us.
- Due to the open nature of the site, it would be extremely difficult to prevent people from leaving the premises with alcohol once it has been purchased. The only workers stay in the kiosk and tables are cleared by customers. There are no gates at the entrances and customers come and go as they please.
- If people can stock up with alcohol close by, there is an increased likelihood of drunkenness and disorderly behaviour on the beaches, which are often full of families and children.
- If this application were to be granted East Portlemouth would have more generous alcohol consumption rules than Salcombe, as there would be all day sale of alcohol, making East Portlemouth a magnet for excessive alcohol consumption. Should there be a problem with people behaving in a disorderly manner it could well take the Police in excess of an hour to access this remote site, and probably much longer during the summer months.
- The kiosk staff normally employed are young people and students. There would need to be significant management and supervision put in place to ensure compliance with the licensing regulations.
- The kiosk staff would not be equipped or authorised to deal with issues of drunkenness rowdiness and littering outside the perimeter of the site, which is a quiet residential area.

#### **Public safety**

- The East Portlemouth Venus Café is an open-air area with a kiosk offering a counter service to customers taking away their food or eating at wooden picnic style tables directly adjacent to a single-track lane. (see pictures 1, 2 and 3). At holiday times the queue of people waiting to be served at the counter spills over into the lane. The additional trade resulting from the licence would make this problem an even more serious public safety issue.
- It is not clear how the kiosk can contain those customers drinking alcohol when their facilities are outside and open-air, border a busy lane, a beach and foot ferry landing (see pictures 1, 2 and 3).
- East Portlemouth is accessible by narrow roads and at the Venus Café site the road is particularly narrow, with cars parked on one side of the road and a constant too-ing and fro-ing of holiday makers either accessing the public toilets, the ferry to Salcombe or queuing to be served. Alcohol consumption would be an additional hazard on an already over-crowded road, particularly as there is an abundance of family holiday makers with children.
- There are inherent dangers to drinkers and others due to the proximity of the tables to the road and due to its site at the top of a cliff with a fence that is currently in poor condition. The site is

potentially unsafe because there is a long drop to the rocks along its western border (see pictures 2 and 4).

- It is likely that many customers will come from the Salcombe side and will need to return after drinking. Unless they come by their own boat, they will depend on the Salcombe ferry services. As a rule, the ferries do not offer their services to weddings and other events on the East Portlemouth side to avoid the liability of inebriated people falling off the jetty which extends over the water (see picture 2). Neither do they want to give their staff the responsibility of conveying a rowdy group safely across the estuary. The weather can turn very quickly which just adds another risk factor to anyone crossing the estuary.
- There are practical problems around water transport during the Merlin Racing Week and Salcombe Regatta. Extending opening licensing hours to 20:00 could result in drinkers being stranded because the ferry is restricted and the harbour taxi is for the use of boat owners.
- An increase in disorderly drunken people aboard boats in Salcombe Harbour would also be a safety issue. This is already becoming a problem for the Harbour Master with boats originating from the Salcombe side of the water.
- The Police need to be able to manage and police the night-time economy effectively and take action against those premises that are causing problems. Due to the remote location of the premises the police could not attend an alcohol fuelled disturbance in East Portlemouth quickly, if at all, in time.
- There is no shelter for customers eating at the picnic tables.
- Vehicle movements along the single-track lane would increase; more customers' cars, suppliers' lorries and Venus Café staff would all add to the congestion. The lane is already 'log-jammed' on a regular basis over the summer; it is a 'no through' lane with limited parking at its termination. This creates a serious problem for emergency vehicles that will only worsen if the licence is granted.
- The kiosk currently has no parking area of its own, unlike the other Venus Café outlets. There would be no additional parking facilities available, existing parking being inadequate.
- There is no street lighting in the area. After sunset, the ferry steps and access to the beach which is adjacent to the kiosk are in complete darkness.
- As a licensed premises Venus Café should have control of their facilities. Venus Café has no toilet facilities on site. The public toilets in the area, which are further along the narrow lane (see picture 3) would not satisfy this requirement as they are not on their premises or under their control and could be un-serviceable or closed. These public toilets are already overused, particularly in the summer, and rubbish often accumulates and overflows.
- The local authority refuse bins beside the Venus Café are already constantly full to overflowing in the summer months and extra rubbish deposits would only add to the risk of attracting vermin.

### **Prevention of public nuisance**

- General rowdiness, particularly at closing time, would undoubtedly be a nuisance.
- Noise nuisance would be generated by late night customers at the café tables and customers taking their drinks with them onto the beaches and along the lane.
- Currently no fires or BBQs are permitted on the beach and foreshore areas which are privately owned. Sales of alcohol all day would encourage people to ignore these restrictions.
- Any street lighting installed at the café to ensure public safety would create lighting nuisance for nearby homes.
- All of the above should be considered in the context of the Venus Café being located in a quiet residential area.

### **Protection of children from harm**

- The inability of staff to prevent customers taking drinks away would lead to alcohol being drunk on the beaches all day. Any rowdy behaviour and disorderly conduct would make the beaches unsafe and unsuitable for children.
- Our beaches, all privately owned, are used primarily by families with children and their use should not be prejudiced by any potential disorderly conduct, which might result from alcohol use.
- Alcohol sales would lead to empty bottles and cans and even more rubbish accumulating on the beaches. This would further pollute the water and create environmental and health and safety hazards, particularly for children playing on the sands and in the water. The applicant could charge a deposit on glasses and bottles, but in practice this would prove difficult to operate, particularly at busy times.

We invite you to visit the site of the kiosk with a small group of representatives from the community before making your decision in order to appreciate fully the issues raised. If you agree, then we should be happy to make the arrangements.

We appreciate that the applicant wishes to develop the business of the various Venus Café outlets but has failed to demonstrate that there is a local need or indeed that benefits to local people here will outweigh the considerable problems created.

The application does not address the fundamental and specific issues associated with the location and character of East Portlemouth that are very different from the sites of the other Venus Cafés.

Essentially, the East Portlemouth site is a kiosk with outside tables, not a café in the general meaning of the word.

The only licence for sales of alcohol along East Portlemouth waterfront is at Port Waterhouse. By comparison, Port Waterhouse's licence to supply alcohol for consumption on the premises does not set a precedent for this application because they have indoor accommodation and their own WC facilities. Further, their site area is substantially larger, is well away from the road with plenty of parking spaces available and is well managed by experienced owners and staff.

### **Objection 8**

The application states that the Venus café in East Portlemouth wishes to sell alcohol to be consumed on the premises all year with extensions for the Merlin Rocket and Salcombe weeks.

We wish to object to the application for an alcohol licence for the Venus Cafe in East Portlemouth on the following grounds:

#### **The prevention of crime and disorder**

Due to the open nature of the site it will be extremely difficult to prevent people from leaving the premises with alcohol once it has been purchased, especially if in cans and bottles. The only workers at the café stay in the cabin and tables are cleared by the customers. There are no gates at the entrances and customers come and go as they please.

If incidents do occur there is no police presence in East Portlemouth.

During the summer the café is used by families for ice creams and snacks and is essentially a small waterside snack bar.



### Public Safety

The café is situated on a narrow site with the outdoor seated area running alongside a very narrow road with no pavement. Cars are parked on one side and customers regularly spill out onto the road. The café does not have any parking or its own toilet facilities. There is no covered seating.

### Public Nuisance

Customers clear their own litter to bins on the premises. How will the café staff ensure that all litter attributable to the café is 'removed'?

The ability to buy alcohol beside the beach will inevitably lead to increased drinking on the beach with the attendant litter and noise disturbance which is already a problem during busy periods.

In conclusion we consider that the venue and location are completely unsuitable for the serving of alcohol at any time.

### Objection 9

I object to the above application for a license to sell alcohol on the following grounds.

East portlemouth is accessible by a narrow road and at the Venus cafe site the road is particularly narrow, with cars parked on one side of the road and a constant tooing and froing of holiday makers either accessing the public toilets, the ferry to Salcombe or queuing to be served at the cafe. Alcohol consumption would be an additional hazard on an already over crowded road, particularly as there is an abundance of holiday makers with children .

The Venus cafe has NO toilet facilities . There is a dependence on the public toilets and historically there have been moves to close the public toilets, which would leave the cafe with no facilities.

If this application was granted East Portlemouth would have more generous alcohol consumption rules that Salcombe, as there would be all day sale of alcohol, making East Portlemouth a magnet for excessive alcohol consumption. Should there be a problem with people behaving in a disorderly manner it could well take the Police in excess of an hour to access the site from Kingsbridge , which is the nearest Police station during the busy tourist months.

The Portlemouth side of the Salcombe estuary is a magnet for family holidays, with many children accessing the beaches. On occasions , because of the tides , everybody has to walk on the road to access the beaches. This is no place for the sale of alcohol.

### Objection 10

The Venus Cafe applied for a license back in 2006 and I and two other locals attended and spoke at the planning meeting in Totnes.

The license was refused then and as nothing has changed in relation to the four licensing objectives I don't believe it should be granted now.

In terms of the four licensing objectives.

- **Prevention of Crime and Disorder**

The police need to be able to effectively manage and police the night-time economy and take action against those premises that are causing problems

Due to the remote location of the premises the Police could not attend an alcohol fuelled disturbance quickly if at all in time.

- **Public Safety**

The premises does not have a very narrow pavement outside its entrance - people queuing for drinks at busy times would spill out on to the road. See pic 1

The fence above the high cliff down to the beach is "home made" and at least one section has subsiding. See pic 2 & 3

It is likely that all customers will come from the Salcombe side and will need to return after drinking. Unless they come by their own boat they will depend on the salcombe ferry services. As a rule the ferries do not offer their services to weddings and other events on the East Portlemouth side to avoid the liability of inebriated people falling off the jetty which extends over the water. See pic 2.

Neither do they want to give their staff the responsibility of conveying a rowdy group safely across the estuary. The weather can turn very quickly which just adds another risk factor to anyone crossing the estuary.

- **Prevention of Public Nuisance**

The staff could not prevent off-premises drinking resulting in cans and glass bottles being left on the private beaches.

The noise from a rowdy group on the premises or on the beaches would disturb the local houses.

A licence would likely allow people to stock up with extra alcohol before last orders and enable them to stay drinking on the privately owned beaches after the permitted licensing hours.

- **Protection of Children from Harm**

The area is known for its family friendly environment which would not be compatible with an open licensed premises.

Queuing in the road would constitute a danger to children.

According to the "Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003" the legislation also supports a number of other key aims and purposes. "These are vitally important and should be principal aims for everyone involved in licensing work."

- **Providing a regulatory framework for alcohol which reflects the needs of local communities.**

There is no local need for this licence - it will not be seen as a benefit to the locals only a nuisance.

The only licence for sales of alcohol in East Portlemouth is at Port Waterhouse which is an on-licence within a building with its own toilet facilities. As such it should not set a precedent for this application which does not have toilet facilities under its control.

Public toilets are not suitable for disabled access. see pic 4/5

If the public toilets nearby were to be out of order (which they currently are) there would be no alternative. See pic 6

This licence will only benefit the Venus Cafe business and those from Salcombe who would find it convenient access alcohol near the beaches for consumption on the beaches which are all privately owned.

- Encouraging greater community involvement in licensing decisions and giving local residents the opportunity to have their say regarding licensing decisions that may affect them.

No doubt there have been enough representations from locals to indicate that the local consensus is against this application.

### **Objection 11**

I would like to object to the proposed alcohol licence application by The Venus Café at East Portlemouth, for the reasons given below:-

1. There is no indoor accommodation and as an open-air venue they have no control over noise.
2. As everything else they do is either to be consumed on the premises or taken away I don't see how they can stop drinks being taken to the beaches.
3. This licence would likely allow people to stock up with extra alcohol before last orders and enable them to stay drinking on the Private Beaches of East Portlemouth after the licensing hours.
4. The drinking of alcohol on the beaches supplied by the Venus Cafe would constitute a commercial exploitation of the East Portlemouth beaches which the owners would not allow.
5. The beaches at East Portlemouth are renowned for their family friendliness and are particularly popular with those with small children. This is not compatible with daytime alcohol sales.
6. Late drinking leading to drunkenness on the beaches lead to the risks of people trying to cross after the last harbour taxi for Salcombe using borrowed boats etc.
7. As a licensed premises they should have control of their own WC. The public WC should not satisfy this requirement as it is not on their premises or under their control and could be un-servicable or closed.
8. Changes to the entrance to Mill Bay Car Park mean that there is no turning place available for delivery vehicles which is already a problem with daily food deliveries to the Café. There is no turning space provided by the Venus Café itself.
9. Port Waterhouse licence to supply alcohol for consumption on the premises does not set a precedent for this application as they have indoor accommodation and their own WC facilities.

We trust that you will use your good offices to reject this proposed application, which can only lead to a significant diminishment of the amenity currently enjoyed by so many families at East Portlemouth. The only beneficiaries will be the Venus Café, to the detriment of the majority of visitors and the residents.

### **Objection 12**

I wish to object to this application on the following grounds

1. There is an inevitability of disorder when mixing alcohol and holidaymakers not only in the hours requested but also amongst any crowd with the extended hours for regattas. The Police rarely are seen in East Portlemouth and would take a ;long time to get there should disorder arise.

2.As to Public Safety you will be aware of the vertical drop from the cafe to the beach and that the low fence is in part weak.

There may be a tendency for the public to venture to the cafe from Salcombe and the ferry is the only access and mixing alcohol and the estuary is not a good idea.. History has shown how deaths can occur twixt boat and land when mixed with alcohol.

3 Public nuisance follows from alcohol consumption particularly amongst the young people on holiday. The beaches are private and there has been occasion in the past for a beer drinking competition on the beach that lead to the inevitable vomiting etc. Not good on a family beach. Whether the beach owners may be forced to close the beach if a nuisance arises I do not know but it could happen

4. As to the protection of children from harm I would hope that this would not be an issue but alcohol does lead to extremes of behaviour and there are normally in Summer a lot of children on the beach and in the cafe

5..The Cafe has no toilet facilities and is reliant on the public toilets adjacent to the cafe.. Surely licensed premises are normally expected to have there own toilet facilities ?

6. All the estuary noise in the evening is currently from Salcombe . Perish the thought that the consequence of a licence is that there is music and noise from the cafe. . It would be a shame to wreck the attraction of the beaches and East Portlemouth by the granting of this licence.

7. If a licence was granted then the cafe would have to be stocked with whatever bottles the Company wishes to sell. But this would mean more traffic and even , perhaps , an extension to the cafe premises

### **Objection 13**

We wish to object to the above license being granted for the following reasons.

1) Being co- owners of  we feel that the safety for the neighbourhood is of paramount importance.

Alcohol consumption can create unruly and worrying behaviour, on the beaches, causing considerable distress to residents whose safety may be compromised.

Buying alcohol, from the Venus Cafe, and taking it and drinking it on the beaches can bring with it many problems. For example, broken glass bottles, litter ,boats been

“stolen” to return to Salcombe, the last ferry across from East Portlemouth to Salcombe having left. People shouting and causing alarm to residents

- 2) The drinking of alcohol, supplied by the Venus Cafe, would constitute a commercial exploitation of the East Portlemouth beaches which the owners would not allow
- 3) The Venus Cafe does not have any indoor space and therefore would have no control over the noise.
- 4) The Venus Cafe does not have any toilet facilities, and a licensed venue should have, again it would be distressing for residents if the beaches were used as a toilet!!!!

#### **Objection 14**

I may not be a permanent resident of East Portlemouth but I have owned my house there for 30 years and always spend the summer months there. My concern is that alcoholic drinks will inevitably be consumed on the beaches and that litter which is already a problem for those private beaches will increase. Drink cans and bottles are harmful to the environment when left strewn about the countryside. I urge the Council to oppose this application on the grounds of limited space at the cafe for the safe consumption of alcohol, and the harmful impact to the environment of increased litter which the present waste bins at the ferry and Mill Bay struggle to cope with in the summer months.

#### **Objection 15**

##### OBJECTION TO LICENSING APPLICATION

- Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Concern that provision of alcohol may lead to increased incidents of crime with property and beach moored vessels.

- Prevention of Public Nuisance

Venus cafe have limited area for consumption of food and beverages and therefore alcohol bought here will be taken onto the private beaches. This may well lead to behaviour and noise which will be disturbing for residents and holiday makers renting in East Portlemouth both during the day and evening.

Alcohol purchased at Venus cafe will be taken onto the beaches to be consumed long after licensing hours.

The drinking of alcohol on the beaches supplied by the Venus Cafe would constitute a commercial exploitation of the East Portlemouth beaches which the owners would not allow.

The local authority refuse bins beside the Venus Cafe are already constantly full to overflowing in the summer months and extra rubbish deposits could not be tolerated.

As a licensed premises they should have control of their own WC. The public WC should not satisfy this requirement as it is not on their premises or under their control and could be un-serviceable or closed.

Port Waterhouse licence to supply alcohol for consumption on the premises does not set a precedent for this application as they have indoor accommodation and their own WC facilities.

The private beaches in East Portsmouth are a long standing haven for residents and family holidaymakers. A commercial venue offering alcohol has the potential of creating serious problems

**Objection 16**

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It was AGREED to raise concern that there was no monitoring resource at the premises nor ability to control an on-licence criteria. The issue of storage of alcohol and implementation of Challenge 25 if the seasonal staff were young and how this would be policed.