

Licensing Subcommittee

17th October 2017

Appendix 2

Representation

From: Peter Lainson
Sent: 29 August 2017 11:49
To: Debbie Wright
Subject: RE: Highways Act consultation - William Aylmer

Thank you for providing an opportunity for the Harlow Area Access Group (HAAG) to comment on JD Wetherspoon's renewal application below.

This matter has been considered by HAAG members and we would wish to register very considerable concerns about this application as the applicant has consistently failed, throughout the past licence period, to enclose the allocated street café area with an appropriate barrier, as required by HDC's standard licence conditions.

With the history of the applicants past disregard for the safety of passing pedestrians, HAAG would urge that this licence application is not renewed, at least unless, and not until, the applicant undertakes to adhere fully with HDC general licence conditions, specifically with regard to the requirement for appropriate boundary fencing at all times when tables & chairs are placed in the public domain.

We trust that these comments will enable HDC to safeguard the best interests of all vulnerable pedestrians who use Kitson Way during the coming year.

Kind regards - Peter

From: Peter Lainson
Sent: 21 September 2017 16:52
To: David Taylor
Subject: RE: Highways Act consultation - William Aylmer

Dear David - thank you for your message regarding HAAG's objection to the application for renewal of Wetherspoons Street Café licence.

HAAG is not surprised to learn that you have received no reports of accidents caused by Wetherspoon's unguarded street café, but in our view that this does not illustrate that an unguarded street café does not, in itself, present very real dangers to passing pedestrians; quite the contrary: the absence of any accidents in any such instance is largely a consequence of the unguarded street café rapidly being recognised by many blind, partially-sighted, frail-elderly and other vulnerable pedestrians' as a very significant hazard with the direct and immediate effect of creating a 'No-Go' area into which many will not venture for fear of being tripped and injured.

The deterrent effect of unguarded street cafes', like many other forms of street clutter, is to exclude many members of our community from participating fully as they might wish to; clearly if all street cafes' were permitted to dispense with their required boundary fencing, the whole of our town centre would very quickly become a 'No-Go' area for a great many vulnerable pedestrians'.

The boundary fencing of street cafes' throughout the U.K. is primarily a matter of not allowing the uncontrolled sprawl of tables and chairs across public footways' to create 'No-Go' areas and exclude vulnerable pedestrians from community activities...

So, yes, please place this matter before the Licensing sub-committee at the next opportunity.

t.i.a. & regards - Peter