

REPRESENTATIONS LIST

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Application No: 061805
Licence Type: Premises Licence WITH Alcohol
Application Type: New Application

Application Date: 28 April 2026
Licence No: N/A

Premises: Finn's Devon Ltd
Unit 5, Umborne Bridge, Dolphin Street, COLYTON, Devon, EX24 6LU.

Applicant: Finn's Devon Ltd
Unit 5, Umborne Bridge, Dolphin Street, Colyton, Devon, EX24 6LU.

Person making Representation: Richard Board

Representation Accepted: Representation has been accepted

Reason: Public Nuisance

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Suggestion:

Person making Representation: Carolyn Board

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We would like to offer thanks in response to the additional measures raised regarding our concerns with the granting of a premises license to Finn's Deli.

While it may be the case that the occasional entertainment events have taken place without incident, complaint or intervention from responsible authorities, we would like to note that no notice was given in the lead up to said events, which would have been courteous to receive as local residents. Other businesses in the town are known to do this.

It has been stated that a physical barrier with appropriate warning signage be installed to discourage access to the riverbank. We have noticed that a rope has been fixed to act as this physical barrier, which we assume is temporary, as while it may act as a barrier for access prevention, it is not a safe structural barrier. It could still allow for accidental falls, especially where children and pets are involved. A flexible rope can easily be stepped over or slipped under, which would not act as a deterrent against the Protection of Children from Harm. Whilst staff may monitor the outdoor area and discourage access down to the shingle area, a rope across will not fully prevent it from happening.

In conjunction with the stone throwing and damage to machinery, the applicant has stated that they are not aware of any such incidents. We would like to state that this is not true, as we went over and spoke to George directly after the mower blade was broken on a lump of stone which had been thrown over by Finn's customers. George acknowledged our complaint and gave us the impression that he would stop

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customers from accessing the shingle area. It would seem that nothing changed as we continued to see customers standing on the stones and throwing them across. The way this situation in particular was handled, we do not feel comfortable in thinking that any future complaints or incidents regarding Public Nuisance or Prevention of Crime and Disorder will be handled respectfully or professionally by the applicant.

It has come back that the premises will continue to operate as a food-led deli, bakery and cafe, with the sale of alcohol intended to complement the primary offer, and that it will not operate as a pub or vertical drinking establishment. It was observed from the latest event held at Finn's on the evening of 26/06/2026, that vertical drinking took place, with a menu offering only alcohol, not food. We therefore feel that a granted premises license will continue to promote this kind of atmosphere which will consequently affect the local area and its inhabitants.

Kind Regards,

Georgia Woolley
29/06/2026

Evidence:

Suggestion:

Person making Representation: Stephen Langford

Representation Accepted: Representation has been accepted

Reason:

Public Nuisance

Details:

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I object to the application under the Prevention of Public Nuisance licensing objective.

The premises is situated less than 25 metres from neighbouring properties and all customer seating is located outdoors. The introduction of alcohol sales and music until 10:30pm on four evenings per week represents a significant change from the current daytime café operation. As there is no indoor seating and the venue operates effectively as an outdoor premises, there is no practical means of containing customer noise, music or amplified sound. Unlike a traditional licensed venue, there is no soundproofing, no enclosed customer area and no ability to mitigate noise through the closing of doors or windows. Consequently, music, customer conversations and general activity are likely to be clearly audible from neighbouring residential properties.

The application includes a statement that, "where appropriate, doors and windows will be kept closed during amplified performances." However, this appears impractical in the context of the proposal, as the premises operates without a meaningful enclosed indoor area in which live or amplified music would take place. This raises concern as to how any meaningful noise mitigation is intended to be achieved in practice.

I am also concerned that the premises does not provide public toilet facilities. This issue was raised during previous representations relating to the site and remains relevant given the proposed sale of alcohol and extended evening operating hours. The absence of customer toilet facilities increases the risk of nuisance and anti-social behaviour affecting nearby residents and surrounding public areas.

The proposed operation would result in customers consuming alcohol, socialising and departing the premises during evening hours when local residents are entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of their homes. Given the close proximity of neighbouring dwellings and the wholly outdoor nature of the venue, I believe the proposal is likely to result in regular and ongoing disturbance from customer conversations, music, alcohol-related activity and customers arriving and leaving the premises. I therefore request that the Licensing Authority carefully considers the impact on local residents and the Prevention of Public Nuisance objective before determining this application.

Kind regards,
Stephen Langford

Evidence:

Suggestion:
