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From: George Chesterton
Sent: 19 June 2026 11:43
To: Licensing EDDC
Subject: Re: New Premises Licence application - Finn's Devon Ltd

Categories: Lucy, Phillippa

Dear Lucy,

Thank you for providing us with a copy of the representation received in respect of our premises licence application for Finn's Deli.

We would like to respond to the points raised and outline a number of measures we are willing to take to address concerns, whilst respectfully submitting that the application promotes the licensing objectives and should be granted.

Finn's Deli has operated responsibly for a considerable period and has held an off-sales alcohol licence for over one year. During this time, we are not aware of any incidents of crime and disorder, public nuisance, littering, anti-social behaviour, public safety concerns or issues relating to the protection of children from harm associated with the sale of alcohol from our premises.

In addition, we have operated more than 15 Temporary Event Notices over the past 14 months, involving the sale of alcohol and occasional entertainment. These events have taken place without incident, complaint or intervention from responsible authorities. We believe this provides a strong indication of how the premises is managed in practice and demonstrates our commitment to promoting the licensing objectives.

The representation raises concerns regarding public safety in relation to the River Coly and the adjacent riverbank. We recognise the importance of maintaining a safe environment for customers and are prepared to install a physical barrier together with appropriate warning signage adjacent to the outdoor seating area to discourage access to the riverbank and shingle area. Staff will continue to monitor the outdoor area and remind customers to use the designated customer areas responsibly.

The representation also refers to incidents involving stone throwing and damage to machinery. We are not aware of any such incidents having been reported to us, nor has any evidence been provided linking such activity to customers of Finn's Deli. We also have evidence that the accumulation of shingle and stones on the riverbank is a natural consequence of flooding and river movement within the River Coly, rather than activity associated with our business.

Concerns have also been raised regarding customers taking alcohol into nearby public spaces. We would respectfully note that Finn's Deli has already held an off-sales licence

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for over a year without evidence of such issues arising. While we cannot control the actions of individuals once they have left the premises, we are willing to display notices requesting customers respect neighbouring properties and the local environment, provide suitable waste facilities and undertake regular litter checks in the immediate vicinity of the premises.

The premises will continue to operate as a food-led deli, bakery and café. Alcohol sales are intended to complement the primary offer and do not alter the fundamental nature of the business. The premises is not intended to operate as a pub or vertical drinking establishment.

In relation to occasional live music events, these have already been delivered successfully under Temporary Event Notices without complaint. The purpose of the premises licence application is to provide a transparent and consistent licensing framework rather than rely on repeated temporary permissions.

Finally, we respectfully note that planning matters are separate from the licensing regime and that the determination of this application should be based upon the four licensing objectives.

We remain committed to working positively with local residents, neighbouring businesses and the Licensing Authority and hope that the additional measures outlined above assist in addressing the concerns raised.

Many Thanks

George,

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