

REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED: Rutherfords Punting Company, 125 Histon Road, Cambridge,
Cambridgeshire, CB4 3JD.

From: Cllr Anthony Martinelli (Cambridge City - Market) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 28 February 2021 19:10
To: licensing (CCity) <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
Subject: Representation re. 125 Histon Rd Jesus Green Punting/Rutherford's

Dear Nai,

As ward councillor for Market - which is the proposed the site of consumption of alcohol delivered to the Jesus Green punting station - I would like to object to this application as presented. I am concerned that expanding provision of alcohol here will increase public nuisance and risk crime/disorder.

The variation to the licence proposes that alcohol be allowed to be consumed within the vicinity of the punt station at Jesus Green in addition to on the punt itself. Although the licensed premises itself is within Arbury, the direct effect of this aspect of the proposed licence is clearly on Jesus Green and the Quayside, which is located with the Cumulative Impact Zone. The proposed site of additional alcohol consumption is located next to residential areas, primarily Beaufort Place, as well as the historic city centre. This area already suffers with significant quantities of antisocial behaviour associated with punting, such as disturbances late into the evening, excessive noise from punt tours associated with drinking alcohol, and improperly discarded waste left on the street and in the punts themselves. Residents of Beaufort PI report - prior to the pandemic - an ongoing deterioration in the behaviours associated with the punting trade including increased levels of intoxication. I also note that provision of toilets within this area is frequently insufficient leading to recurrent reports of people urinating in the surrounding residential areas - this would be made worse by increased alcohol consumption, especially alongside the proposed reduction of public toilet provision at Park St in the near future. Despite input from the Council's environmental health team, waste remains a common complaint. Adding additional alcohol to this is likely to exacerbate these issues significantly.

In view of the above issues, licensing conditions were imposed in 2019 on Scudamore's punting company operating in the same location - these are in fact more strict than those already applied to Rutherford's. Specifically, for the former supplying of alcohol is only permitted between 12:00 and 20:00 whereas for Rutherford's it is already from 09:00-21:00. Significantly, an additional condition was imposed on the Scudamore's application that punts where alcohol was to be consumed would not pass Beaufort Place - this would be therefore be directly contravened by another colocated punting company having its customers consume alcohol on the Quayside.

I can see no issues with the second part of the application which proposes delivery of alcohol to residential properties and commercial premises.

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Alcohol and Entertainment Licencing

Cambridge City Council

Re: Licence for Rutherfords Punting Company, 125 Histon Road, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB4 3JD

Licence Holder Rutherford Punting Cambridge Ltd

Licence Type Premises Licence Application Date 8th February 2021

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(Please note that Beaufort Place Ltd was not aware of the application in 2018.)

Dear Sirs

Ref: Rutherford's Punting Company, variation to their Premises Licence – dated 8 February 2021:

I write as the Company Secretary on behalf of Beaufort Place, a block residential apartment in Thompsons Lane, Cambridge. These apartments are directly by the Rutherford Punt Station and Jesus Green and would therefore be detrimentally affected by the sale of alcohol.

The fifty apartment owners have asked me to object to the application for the following reasons.

- I i) Selling alcohol till 21:00 in a cumulative impact zone is not reasonable or fair to residents.
- II ii) The Jesus Green Punt Station is already a magnet for a lot of drunken, antisocial behaviour both during and after operating hours, sometime throughout the night and selling alcohol would make the problem worse.
- III iii) Increasing alcohol consumption in the area will result in severe noise impact from rowdy behaviour only yards away from residential premises, from which the inhabitants cannot shield themselves.
- IV iv) Litter and graffiti at Beaufort Place and surrounding area have increased with the increase in anti-social behaviour associated with the punt station.
- V v) Despite the punts and the poles being secured they are easy targets for unauthorised use by vandals, which has previously resulted in broken windows at Beaufort Place.
- VI vi) The Jesus Green Punt Station is too far from toilet facilities that would be open to cover the hours requested in the application. This would exacerbate the ongoing issue of public fouling in local area by members of the public and some of the punt operator's staff.
- VII vii) The punt operators have, until the pandemic, run virtually unrestricted operating hours way past sunset, which is their agreed time to stop trading.
- VIII viii) Punts are currently moored against the boardwalk outside Beaufort Place, throughout the day and evening, increasing the negative effect on quality of life.

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ix) Pre- trip and/or post-trip drinking would be difficult for Rutherford's to control on the Walkway or on Jesus Green and would increase the problem.

x) If the Premises Licence is approved for one punt company the others will follow, including Scudamore's, and there would be no grounds for refusal.

xi) Scudamore's application in 2019 was approved on the condition that no alcohol would be served on punts that passed by Beaufort Place, so this condition must also apply to Rutherford's and the other punt companies using Jesus Green Punt Station, as their punts have to pass Beaufort Place, so their application should be refused.

xii) Moving the punt station, e.g. to Quayside or to Jesus Green closer to the public toilets and away from the residential area would help alleviate a lot of the problems.

Thank you for your consideration.

For and On Behalf of Beaufort Place Ltd

Janet Grimwood MIRPM

Company Secretary Ltd

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 March 2021 16:58

To: licensing (CCity) <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>

Subject: Premises Licence variation - Rutherfords Punting Company

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With regard to the application by Rutherfords Punting Company, 125 Histon Road, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB4 3JD on 8 February 2021 for a variation to their Premises Licence, it should be borne in mind that on 2 September 2019, the Licensing Sub-Committee granted Scudamore's a Premises Licence under certain conditions, including:

1. That the selling or supplying of alcohol will take place only between 12 noon and 20.00.

[...]

4. That punts where alcohol will be consumed will not pass Beaufort Place.

It would be appropriate that other punting companies should have the same restrictions and for the same reasons.

In addition, the area around the Jesus Green punt station is often one of noise, rubbish, and anti-social behaviour which disturbs the local residents; provision of alcohol for drinking on land before and/or after a tour would be likely to exacerbate all of these (including urination and defecation), leading to yet more disorder and public nuisance close to residential property.

Please note that local public toilets, which are not very close, close at 20:00.

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