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Hi Ed,

Thanks for the email (and thanks David for the conversations to pull this together).

The applicant is happy to include a condition that states that patrons will need to be out before closing time and that is a sensible addition, in my opinion.

For context, the premises is not planning to open late at this point. They prefer a 10pm close time, but have mentioned that additional expenses incurred during the set up of the cafe and delayed start means they may have to try and make up the shortfall at a later date by extending their operating hours beyond 10pm.

The applicant is committed to preventing any issues related to street drinking and does not believe his eatery will add to this issue in any way.

Thanks and kindest
Simon

On Mon, 16 Dec 2024 at 11:14, Eddie Fisher <> wrote:

Dear Simon

As a Responsible Authority I am contacting you about this application for a small premises in Bletchley that will operate as a café until midnight with no regulated entertainment.

There is always a fear with applications like this that they could become a bar, and so please can I invite you to offer a restriction that confirms it won't be. An idea might be 'supply of alcohol will be ancillary to the operation of the premises'. We can agree a wording that you can live with, but I note the Police have requested something similar which I would support.

I can see from the application that the licensing policy of the Council has been considered, therefore please accept a restriction that the premises shall be clear of all patrons by the closing time specified on the licence (so midnight now). 90 Queensway is in a residential area it would appear, so patrons need to be out by closing time.

There is no outside area as part of the application and so to minimise potential for nuisance outside please accept a condition that says 'supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises shall be in sealed containers only'. This is in line with the Police representation.

To discourage excess consumption and to allow patrons to leave by midnight please will you also accept a restriction that supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises shall cease before the terminal hour on the licence. At the moment your client wants to sell alcohol to be consumed on the premises when they are closing. This is in line with the Police representation.