

Re: Staples Premises Licence

External

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ago)

stephen gadd

to me

Hello Alison,

We have read the responses and are saddened that people feel this would have such a negative effect on the local area. We are not the type of business that encourages negative behaviour and have never had any complaints regarding the shop

There are a few points we would like to highlight

The photographs taken show the red van 'blocking' the alleyway. This belongs to the auction house next door and I understand that it has been in the same parking position for many years. We have asked him many times if he would be able to move the vehicle during the days we are open but he refuses. We park our vehicle on adjoining roads and on rare occasions outside the shop. There are many other businesses and residents that park their vehicles along that alleyway. It also shows two large crates which belonged to one of the houses that were doing their garden up in the summer. It was not ours. On a separate note we are trialling an electric van which will reduce noise in the morning however the road St. Mildreds Walk is a commercial street with a few businesses on it that use the pharmacy car park to turn around in the early hours.

Since we took over the building we have drastically improved the surrounding area. We have beautiful planters that are against the property. These are well kept and bring colour to the area, many local residents have praised us for lifting the area. We sweep the outside and remove debris and unfortunately the only rubbish we have had to clear along the alleyway rubbish not from our premises. The day the photograph shows one of the benches span around this bench is not located in the space. Our customers are extremely considerate.

We have invested a lot of money into making sure the property and surrounding area is safe. We have installed a new fence which blocks off the side of the building which we were told that before we took the premises over used to be an area people would come. This has put a stop to that. We have colour CCTV around the building which again deters antisocial behaviour, something that wasn't present before us. We also installed security lighting to the side and front of the building which lights a section of the alleyway up when they are triggered. Again something that wasn't present before. There is no doubt the area is more secure since we have been there. We have no control on the upkeep of the alleyway and disabled access is possible from the Eltherbert Sq entrance, we also have a disabled ramp on site.

I can understand that residents will think of the worst case scenario when it comes to an alcohol licence and we were wondering if they are aware that it would only be until 7pm? We would be serving food with alcohol and we cannot see how a 20 cover establishment would encourage 'drug dealing' in the alleyway , 'antisocial behaviour' and 'make children feel unsafe' when last drinks would be 6.30pm ?

We do not want to cause upset so we will be having a think as to whether this is something we still want to pursue . Having said that we would like the people that did object to have some of the points they raised corrected. A lot of the points are slightly excessive and we are baffled that we would cause any nuisance closing at 7pm ?! With the current situation globally, the cost of running a small business like ours is ever increasing from energy increases, food increases and staff, we always need to look for new ways to increase sales, hence our application.