

STALYBRIDGE

TOWN TEAM

Working together for Stalybridge

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4th June 2021

Dear Mr Robinson

**Re: Licence Application Number Unknown
Tina Harrison/ Ohana FL Ltd
Summers Quay Units 1-3
Armentieres Square, Stalybridge, SK15 2AR**

With reference to the above application for a licence, Stalybridge Town Team have no objections to a café/wine bar and are pleased to see the potential let of the commercial units however we do have strong objections to the suggested licensing hours and music licence.

Our objections are listed below regarding the licensing hours and music licence.

Cumulative Impact Policy

Stalybridge and Armentieres Square are within the zone of this policy with the excessive existing licenced premises in the town centre. In particular these commercial units are directly underneath a newly built block of 67 luxury apartments. The applicant is applying for the licences for a café/wine bar, but we are sceptical that this could be under the pretence with these extensive licensing hours of these premises being turned into a night club until the early hours of the morning and not used for social drinking.

Site Plan

The site plan attached to the application seems mis-leading as there is no etching in colour to the units 1-3 of the commercial premises to be let, the site plan looks larger than the actual units 1-3 as it shows summers quay offices, bin store, and private carparking for the use only of the residents of the apartments. Tesco's car park cannot be considered as an option for parking due to restrictive time periods.

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Acoustics

With reference to noise coming from the units with the customers and recorded music - has the applicant forwarded a sound proofing test for the units? these units would have no sound proofing fitted in general. With music and customer noise at a high decibel level this will transfer through cavities, floors, and masonry walls, to all the apartments above.

Conservation Area and Public Nuisance

Armentieres Square and surrounding areas are linked to the upkeep of the conservation area. A late-night licence of 1.30am on the weekend nights will have a profound effect within Armentieres Square to the conservation of the area.

The absence of public toilets can lead to users of late night drinking outlets urinating and defecating in the streets.

General Assessment

These proposed late hours of licence 1.30am will mean with drinking up time and leaving the premises will be around 2.30am, which will create noise from the customers leaving who may loiter around Armentieres Square.

Taxis picking up customers will also have a disruptive effect with banging of car doors and loud noises from customers which will affect the occupiers of Summers Quay apartments and other residents in the community.

With reference to the comments within the body of the application (will put Stalybridge back on the map) having a late-night licence will have no good impact on local businesses who close at normal business hours and will not bring no more foot fall for the local business into the town centre at these late hours and will only be detrimental to the closed business of the town centre.

The applicant is not applying for an alcohol licence for a restaurant which would normally close at a reasonable time of 11.00pm when customers would leave the premises.

If the applicant is genuine about opening a wine bar and not under disguise for a night club which may bring disruptive noise into Armentieres Square, they should have no objection to the earlier closing time of 11pm or 11.30pm. The light food which is being served finishes at 9.00pm, so only drinks are available after this time. Two hours is a reasonable length of time, after the serving of light food has ended, to socially drink after a light meal.



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The applicant has suggested 'putting Stalybridge back on the map' and whilst we are all in favour of this it must be for the right reasons! We are mindful of the 'Staly Vegas' connotation connected with Stalybridge from many years ago and we are keen that this reference is not re-established. Much work has been done by volunteer groups and the local businesses of Stalybridge to put 'Stalybridge back on the map' for the right reasons to make the town a thriving, viable community throughout the day.

We are trying to discourage any anti-social behaviour by customers leaving the premises by 2.30am in the morning. The micro pubs and other licenced premises in and around Armentieres Square close at 11.00pm in consideration to the residents of the town.

We ask for the licensing committee to consider our points listed above and would like to put forward a drinks licence recommendation, Monday to Wednesday 11.00pm Thursday to Sunday 11.30pm. With a twelve months probationary period of 11.00pm Thursday to Sunday.

We have no objections to 7.00am opening time.

There are many more residential apartments within in Armentieres Square and within walking distance of these commercial units to be considered.

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Kind regards

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