

AGENDA ITEM NO 8

**BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE
7 June 2016**

Report to consider an application for the Grant of Street Trading Consent(s) at Sea Walls, Adjacent To Public Conveniences Circular Road, Durdham Down

Applicant: Steve Bellot

Report of the Service Manager – Regulatory Services

Purpose of Report

To determine an application for the grant of a Street Trading Consent at the following location: **Sea Walls, Adjacent To Public Conveniences, Circular Road, Durdham Down**

Background

1. With effect from 1 May 2009 the above location is designated as a consent street for the purpose of street trading legislation. Any street trading at that location other than under a street trading consent issued by the Council would constitute a criminal offence.
2. The land is owned by Bristol City Council.
3. This location is part of an area known as Durdham Down which, together with Clifton Down are managed by the Downs Committee, a statutory body, established by an Act of Parliament known as The Clifton and Durdham Downs (Bristol) Act 1861 (Downs Act). This body are empowered to make byelaws in order to fulfil their statutory duties to manage the land under the Downs Act.

4. Byelaw 6 states *'No person shall on the Downs, without the consent of the Downs Committee, sell or offer or expose for sale, or let to hire, or offer or expose for letting to hire, any commodity or article.'*
5. The Downs Committee have given consent for trading to take place at this location and the Council as landowner has granted a contract for use of its land which includes conditions governing matters such as prevention of litter and rubbish accumulation, quality and design of product and vehicle, and power supply to be electricity only.
6. General conditions which would normally be attached to a licence/consent if granted are at Appendix A, however the position in relation to The Downs is unusual in that the council has made a byelaw that enables another public body (the Downs committee) to regulate street trading on most of the Downs. It is not clear that the council has ever had cause to consider the effect of there being two street trading regimes operating on the Downs and it may be that Members will wish to revisit in due course whether it is necessary and proportionate for street trading controls to remain in place for this area given the issue is covered by the byelaw referred to in paragraph above. Meanwhile the controls exist and the application must be determined, but the Committee is advised that:
 - a. If a street trading consent is granted the Council should take care not to impose conditions that are inconsistent with the conditions imposed through the consent already given by The Downs Committee;
 - b. when deciding whether or not to grant a street trading consent, the views of the The Downs committee, being the body with a statutory duty to manage The Downs, should be afforded appropriate weight; and
 - c. given the objections that have been received and that do not appear to have been before the Downs Committee, Members may wish to seek the observations of the Downs Committee prior to making their decision.
7. Photographs of the proposed trading site are attached at Appendix B and a site location plan at Appendix C.
8. On 18 January 2015 Mr Steve Bellot applied to sell the following goods:
Burgers, Chips, Hotdogs, Roasted Meat, Sandwiches, Hot

pressed bread, paninis, rice dishes, charcuterie, kebabs, soup, tea, coffee, soft drinks

During the hours of 0600 – 2200 Monday to Sunday

Photographs of Mr Bellots's trading unit are attached at Appendix D

The applicant has demonstrated that consent exists for the activity from both the landowner (Bristol City Council) and under the byelaw (from the Downs Committee); however it appears that those two permissions do not extend to the hours between 6 and 7 a.m. Trading between 6 and 7 a.m. would be a criminal offence, therefore if the applicant maintains the application to commence from 6 a.m. Furthermore those consents are not in given in favour of the applicant, but refer to a company. whilst it is appreciated that the applicant and the company may be related it is important that this committee does not give consent to trade that would be contrary to the byelaw

Members are therefore advised to defer determination to obtain the observations of the Downs Committee in relation to the application

Consultation

9. The Council's policy states that normally consultation will take place with the following interested parties:-
 - a. Local Residents
 - b. Local businesses
 - c. Bristol City Council – Highways officer
 - d. Bristol City Council – Planning Team
 - e. Bristol City Council – Food Safety Team
 - f. Bristol City Council – Pollution Control Team
 - g. Bristol City Council – Councillor
 - h. Avon and Somerset Police

Standard consultation was undertaken in respect of this application

Consultation Responses

10. The following responses have been received.

A high number of representations from local residents and local councillors were received in respect of this application, which are included at Appendix E.

Officer Considerations

In light of the comments received the committee may wish to seek the observations of the Downs Committee on this application prior to determining it

11. Schedule 4 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 deals with street trading consents. Subject to certain exemptions that do not apply to this application, Paragraph 7 enables the council to grant a licence/consent if they think fit. The council may attach such conditions as they consider necessary, which may include among other things conditions to prevent obstruction of the street or danger to persons using it, nuisance or annoyance etc. Consent may include permission for its holder to trade in a consent street from to trade from a stationery van, car, barrow or other vehicle, or from a portable stall. Unless such permission is included the act prohibits a consent holder trading from a van or other vehicle or from a stall, barrow or cart.
 - i. If such a permission is included then the council may include conditions
 - (a) as to where the holder of the street trading consent may trade by virtue of the permission; and
 - (b) as to the times between which or periods for which he may so trade.
 - j. A street trading consent may be granted for any period not exceeding 12 months but may be revoked at any time. The holder of a street trading consent may at any time surrender his consent to the council and it shall then cease to be valid.
12. The applicant has been provided with a copy of the report and has been invited to the meeting.

RECOMMENDED The committee is recommended to seek observations on the application and objections received from the Downs Committee including clarification of whether the trading applied for, at the times sought and by this particular applicant has the necessary consent under the street trading byelaw for which the Downs Committee is the regulator.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985
Background papers

Contact Officer: Ms A Holman, Senior Licensing Officer

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Appendices:

Appendix A	General Conditions
Appendix B	Photos of site
Appendix C	Location Plan
Appendix D	Photos of trading unit
Appendix E	Representations received

STREET TRADING CONSENT - GENERAL CONDITIONS

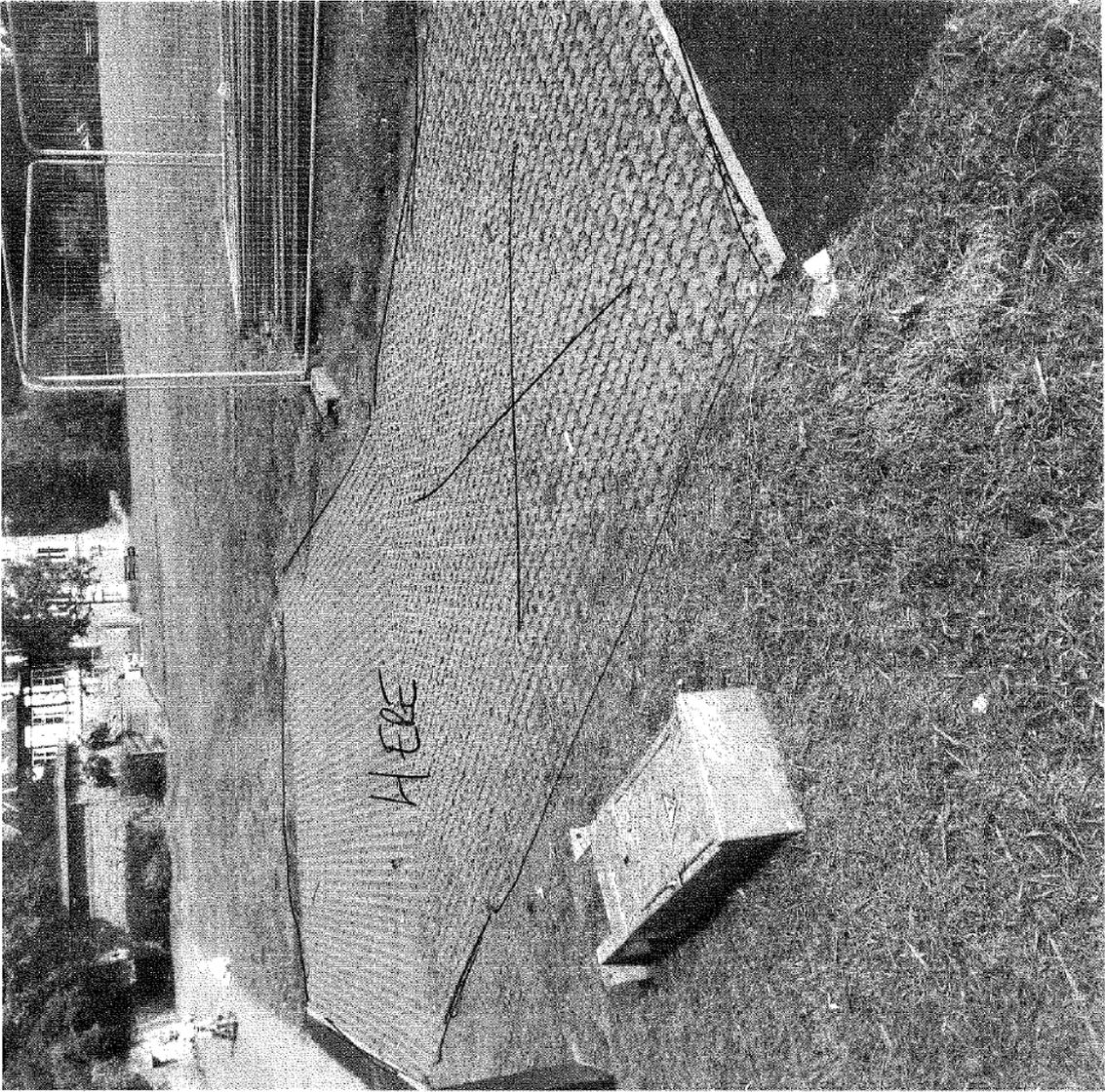
1. The consent holder shall only trade on the days and between the times stated on the consent.
2. The consent holder shall only trade in the description of articles stated on the consent.
3. The consent holder shall not carry on business on any street so as to cause obstruction or cause danger to people using the street.
4. The consent holder shall not carry on business from any vehicle or erect or place any stall or other structure in any street except in the area mentioned in the consent.
5. The consent holder shall not sell, offer or expose for sale any goods or articles other than those described within the principle terms of this consent.
6. The consent holder shall on all occasions, when carrying on business, be strictly sober, and conduct him/herself in a proper, civil and courteous manner, and he/she shall not carry on his/her business in such a way as to cause annoyance to the occupier or person in charge of any shop, business, resident, or any person using the street.
7. The consent holder shall at all times conduct his/her business and position any vehicle used by him/her in connection with his/her business in such a manner that no danger is likely to arise to persons trading or intending to trade.
8. The consent holder shall at all times conduct his/her business in a clean and tidy manner.
9. The consent holder shall ensure that a copy of the consent is clearly visible to the public.
10. The consent holder shall not permit any person to assist him/her in his/her trading unless the details of that person have been supplied to the Licensing Authority. Any such person shall be issued with an identification badge by the Licensing Authority.

11. If, during the currency of any consent any material change occurs in the facts of which particulars and information were contained in, or given along with, the application for the consent, the holder of the consent shall report such changes to the Licensing Authority within 72 hours of that change.
12. Any motor vehicle used for the purpose of street trading shall at all times be in a roadworthy condition and have the relevant documents i.e insurance, tax and MOT to make the use of that vehicle on a road legal. These documents will be produced by the consent holder to any police officer or authorised officer of the Council.
13. Neither the consent holder nor any assistant shall display merchandise which is likely to cause offence or distress to any other person or which would be deemed an offence under any other legislation.
14. A consent holder selling food shall at all times comply with any food hygiene regulations in force at that time, and when required by the Licensing Authority, shall produce appropriate food handling certificates.
15. The city council reserves the right to alter or amend these conditions at any time.
16. The subletting of any consent is prohibited.
17. The consent holder shall be responsible for the temporary storage of refuse, liquid and other material accumulated or created whilst trading and its subsequent removal from the site. The removal and disposal must be to the satisfaction of the council.
18. The consent holder shall not cause any nuisance or annoyance to persons using the street.
19. The consent holder, if intending to sell food from a stationery vehicle/stall shall operate from a purpose made vehicle/stall constructed and managed so as to comply with the relevant hygiene regulations currently in force within the provisions of the Food Safety Act 1990, and any subsequent changes to those regulations.

N.B This consent is issued without prejudice to any other statute, by-law or regulation. This consent does NOT over-ride any regulations regarding parking, food hygiene, obstruction, etc

Appendix B

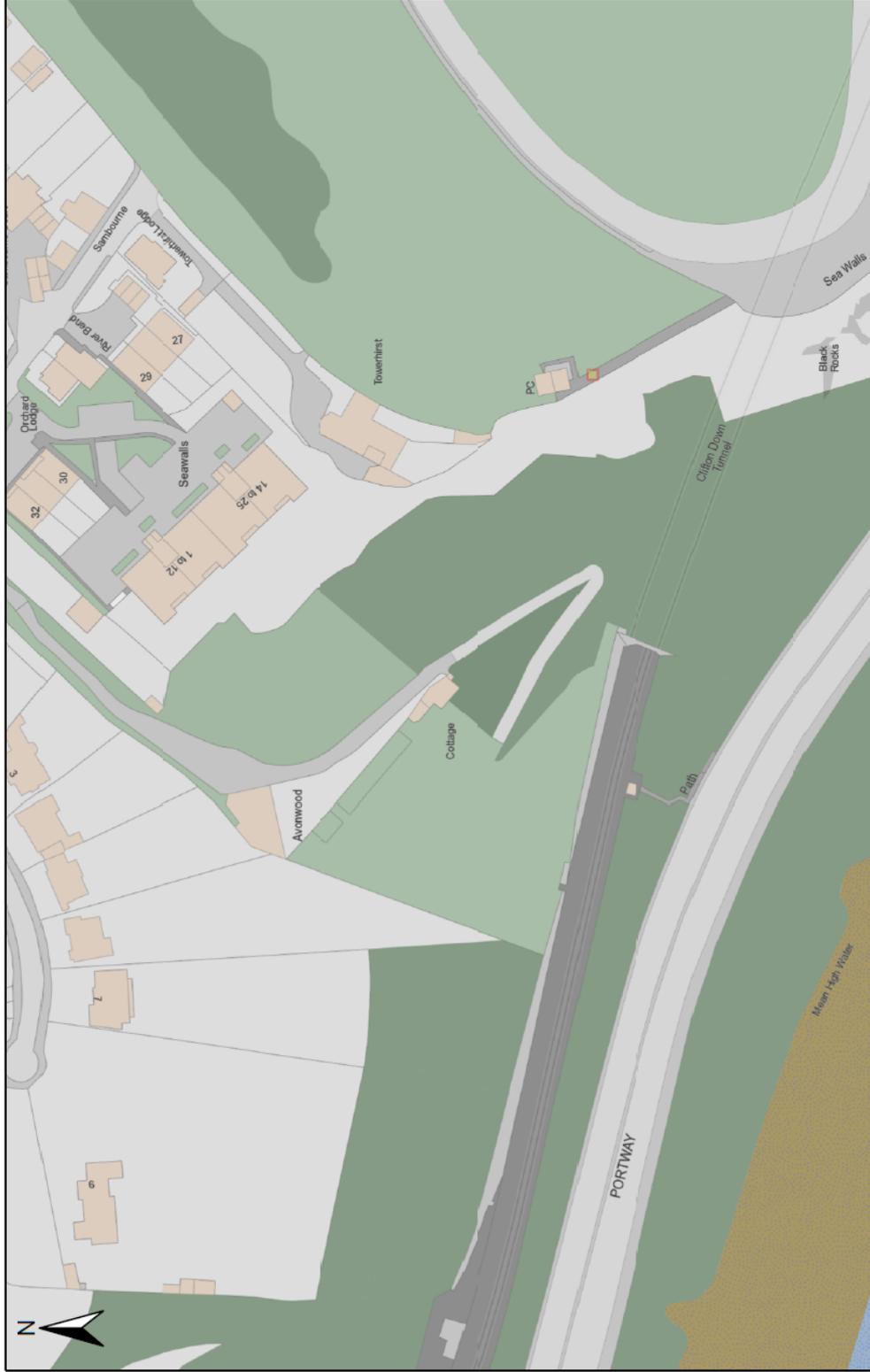
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Appendix C

Appendix E

Representations received

(personal details have been redacted)

Rep 01

I am objecting to the above application. Please can we keep the atmosphere of that part of the Downs as it is. At the moment it is frequented by young families, who bring their own picnics and buy an ice cream from the ice cream van which is always parked there. The presence of a cooking van would introduce unpleasant smells and litter significantly changing the environment.

Rep 02

We strongly object to the proposed fast food outlet being positioned as shown for two reasons:

LITTER We anticipate a substantial amount of litter would be generated, at least some of which would be tossed over the wall and be blown into the gardens of our flat.

SMELL We anticipate strong cooking smells being blown towards our block of flats, spoiling our enjoyment of our balconies and gardens.

Rep 03

I write with horror of the proposed license being given for what is in effect a "burger van" to be placed at the Sea Walls.

Having seen what was caused first hand by the kebab van that used to be in Sea Mills, I write with the strongest and utmost objections to this proposal.

I appreciate everyone needs to eat, however, this is NOT an appropriate place for this type of van and we already have to pay out for the sex and drugs litter to be cleared up from the Downs and this will just make a mockery of trying to keep our green spaces green.

Further more I am the only resident in the entire block of flats that would have to put up with being able to see this van out of the windows on the side of my apartment that overlook the Downs and Sea Walls.

Rep 04

I feel sure that all members of the Downs Committee, however they may have voted on the burger van, would oppose a license of 7.00am to 10.00am.

Very many thanks for your email. I support your proposals.

For action by Lord Mayor (Chairman Downs Committee) & Sarah Tyler (ParksDept)

Dear All

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THEREFORE I SUGEST THE FOLLOWING

The application is withdraw for proper public consultation to be conducted.
(as a member of Downs/Council I am prepared to move a formal "call In" or move what ever process is required to achieve this.
And /or, the application be rejected, by licensing, for the reasons outlined in a number of objections already submitted.
And a over riding objection of " Lack of Public Consultation"

I am calling on the Lord Mayor and Officers to take action.

If you would wish to support this call, please email the the above informing them of your support of this action. I have included cross party Councillors this not part of any political action.

Please feel free to forward this to any interested person.

Regards
Peter Abraham
Cllr Stoke Bishop.

Rep 05

We refer to the above application and wish to register our objections to the proposals.

We are owners of flats at Seawalls, Sea Walls Road, Bristol BS9 1PG. This block of flats is close to the proposed location. In fact the gardens and amenities of Seawalls extend below both the existing public conveniences and the proposed location of the vehicle on the Downs.

The reasons for our objections are:

- a/ The proposed site is a natural beauty spot, attracting tourists from far and wide.

b/ The proposed pitch is located above a Site of Special Scientific Interest, where a large variety of bird species and animal wild life co-exist.

c/ With our gardens being below the proposed location, we already suffer from some dumping over the Downs railings of plastic packaging, paper and even glass rubbish. This problem would surely worsen.

d/ Crows and seagulls, which abound on the Downs, already regularly pull out rubbish from the bins provided in search of food, scattering the mess far and wide on windy mornings. This problem can only increase.

e/ There would be a constant smell of greasy cooking pervading the atmosphere.

f/ The peaceful and tranquil tone of the Downs would be dissipated, and noise levels from increased traffic and revellers late in the evening would increase.

g/ In Stoke Bishop, only a few hundred yards away, there already are restaurants, a fish and chip shop along with a retailer selling sandwiches, etc., and soft drinks.

Would you kindly give due consideration please to our sincere objections.

Regards,

Rep 06

I can find no reference on your website for people to object to the issuing of a licence. I understand an application has been made for a "burger Bar" type permanent building to be erected on the Circular Road by the toilets on Sea Walls.

This would be most unpopular for the residents of this area who are already subjected to refuse being thrown over their walls. The noise and smell from this from early morning to, I believe, 10pm at night would be most unpleasant, and totally inappropriate for this area.

Having acquired special traffic regulations to enable the safe travel of the open top bus around the Circular Road and not congested parking, the presence of such a facility would encourage HGV and other large vehicles driving around this road, parking and probably damaging the grass, in order to gain access. I feel this road is totally unsuitable for vehicles of this type, and could cause damage and possibly erosion to the cliff face of the Avon Gorge, a popular beauty spot and the gateway to Bristol.

I would therefore ask you to oppose the issue of a licence, which I believe is being requested under the above reference.

Rep 07

I am writing as a resident with regard to the above planning application for a burger van to be located adjacent to the public conveniences on Seawalls.

I live at the top of Seawalls Road and believe the van will have a very negative impact for a number of reasons:

There will inevitably be increased noise when it is in operation, both from the van itself and customers. Because the Downs dips down towards Seawalls Road, noise carries to the houses and flats and is already often a problem. This will be made worse from 6am to 10pm every single day if the van is in place.

The smell of stale chip and burger fat is not pleasant and will drift across the area, blighting the air not only for local residents but also for everyone who comes to the Downs to enjoy the fresh air.

There is already a litter problem on the Downs - I used to cycle to work around the Downs early in the morning and the amount of litter in summer made the area look like a municipal tip. I recognise that the rangers do an excellent job of clearing this up, but more litter would be inevitable.

On a more general note, this is a spectacular viewpoint overlooking an area of SSSI. A burger van would be a blot on the landscape and ruin a very special place. It strikes me as being completely inappropriate.

I am also upset that a local resident informed me of the planning application only yesterday and we have had no correspondence about it despite living very close to the site.

I object very strongly to this application, and hope that you do not allow one small commercial enterprise to ruin a very special part of Bristol's landscape.

Rep 08

The Bristol Downs, particularly along the Avon gorge, are areas of the city of which residents, and my wife and I are ones, are rightly proud.

Here we have our wild life, falcons & kestrels and rare plants. Many people come here to enjoy their summer morning, afternoon and evening walks.

The thought of a burger van's cooking smells and the rubbish that users would scatter around the area are abhorrent. The vehicle would likely bring in and become a stopping point for passing carmen, vans and lorries. We also know from the last rock fall that the cliff face is fragile.

To allow a burger van in this lovely area would be a failure of our stewardship of the Downs.

Rep 09

I write in my role as Chairman of the Neighbourhood Partnership for Stoke Bishop, Westbury on Trym and Henleaze.

I share the very real concerns expressed by Councillors Abraham and Goulandris below.

I am very concerned at the apparent lack of proper consultation and local engagement.

and I fully support the proposals made below by the Councillor Abraham and endorsed by Councillor Goulandris.

Please confirm that you will take action to investigate and implement these vital and very reasonable suggestions.

Yours sincerely

Dear Peter,

I wholeheartedly support your suggested way forward.

May I add that I think it would also be helpful for the Downs Committee to debate the issue once more and be a little more prescriptive about the type of concession and its hours of operation.

There may be a willingness (by all concerned) to agree to a concession, which enhances the Downs with sensible hours of operation.

Thinking very much on the hoof, an environmentally sensitive concession, which blended into the background of the Downs, situated in an appropriate location, selling tea, coffee, sandwiches, cakes (but not cooked/fried food with its concomitant malodorous stench) and operating on a 9am to 6pm basis might be acceptable to most people. Measures to mitigate nuisances such as litter and noise would need to be a condition of any approval.

Kind regards,

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Rep 10

I would like to object to the selling and presence of the vehicle selling food on the downs on Durdham Downs.

I am a nearby resident and I am strongly against changing the ethos of the downs which is a play recreation area of natural beauty not a place that starts selling food and changing the use of the downs.

Please do not allow this.

Rep 11

As a local resident I am writing to object in the strongest possible terms to the proposed burger van/transport café on Bristol Seawalls.

I was born and bred in Bristol (as were my parents before me) and have lived my life of more than 80 years here. We are most fortunate In having The Downs as a green and open space to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city and its endless traffic problems.

People enjoy to stroll along Seawalls to admire and take in the beautiful views of the Avon Gorge and Suspension Bridge and their visit would certainly be marred by the unpleasant smells and fumes created by the proposed food outlet.

This area is also very popular with joggers and keep fit enthusiasts who I'm sure would object to the sight and smell of such unhealthy fare, particularly at a time when we are supposed to be encouraging healthy living.

The lorries and coaches would also be drawn to the area, bringing the traffic and pollution already complained about in the city onto the Downs.

I live close to Seawalls and the communal gardens are directly beneath the site in question. The constant fumes and odours emanating from this motorised vehicle

would completely ruin the pleasure of working and sitting in the grounds below. The ice cream van already trading on Seawalls can actually be seen quite clearly from here.

Lastly, I would like to mention that the letters, although dated April 20th, were left by hand in the lobby of the flats on April 26th with the closing date for comments being May 5th. This is an extremely short time considering the coming weekend is a bank holiday and people who are away for any reason would not have the opportunity to reply and comment on this appalling suggestion which I am surprised that The City Council and Downs Committee are even contemplating.

Rep 12

We have received notice of a planning application (Application ref number 16/00366/STCON) which, in our view, seriously compromises the ambiance ecology and environment of The Downs in Bristol and felt that you should be aware of the proposal.

The comments below are our response to the Licencing Authority:

To The Licencing Authority

We strongly object to the application to locate a burger van adjacent to the public conveniences on the circular road.

However before we detail our objections we do feel that there may be some misinterpretation of the proposed location. Although the application states that the site is "adjacent to the public conveniences" the exact location as marked by the red outline is actually on the new footpath approaching the conveniences. That path is less than 3m wide and hence a motorised van would block the path entirely and indeed two of the wheels would rest on the grass and hence become a real problem for the operators in rainy weather. We believe that the exact location is more likely to be the hard standing area (the slightly darker grey area on the map with "Sea Walls" printed on it). There is already an ice cream van at that location and we suspect that this application may be to change that van from being a purveyor of ice creams to one purveying burgers etc. In any event our objections cover both locations.

A General Point:

Whilst many people in our area will have received your notification of the proposed application users of The Downs come from all areas of our city and indeed from around the country. It is impossible to let them all know about the proposed application but it does mean that most of the users of The Downs will be deprived of a chance to comment. Whilst we cannot be sure, we believe that the vast majority of those users would echo our views.

An Eyesore:

The Downs is one of the most beautiful areas of Bristol and is a real gem in the city's crown. To the allow a burger van in the exact place where people come from all

over the country to admire the view of the gorge and the iconic Clifton Suspension Bridge would be an act of gross social vandalism. The current ice cream van does not produce any smells but a burger van would produce the smell of onions, frying and left-over food polluting and depleting the ambiance of this wonderful location with its unique views and historic aspect.

Rubbish:

The current ice cream van does produce some rubbish but most people remove the wrappers from the ice cream and deposit them in the bin near the van. However people who buy the burgers etc would need to keep the wrapper on until they have finished the food by which time they will have walked some distance from the van. Sadly many people do not act responsibly when disposing of rubbish (exacerbated by the paucity of rubbish bins on The Downs) so we are likely to see a carpet of plastic, polystyrene, paper and part eaten food covering large sections of The Downs. Again this would pollute and deplete the ambiance of this jewel in the city's crown.

Vermin:

As a result of the above we would see a significant increase in the population of foxes, crows and rats etc. Whilst the former two are acceptable to a degree (and indeed are a pleasure in moderation) the latter and a significant increase in the populations of the former would be unpleasant for users of The Downs and represent a real threat to the other wild-life of the area. It is also likely that the inevitable increase in the rat population would lead to more instances of the vermin invading nearby homes during the winter with the consequent threat to the health of local residents. In addition the large number of dog walkers on The Downs (we include ourselves) are likely to find that their dogs pick up all sorts of rubbish that smells of cooked food which represents a risk to the health and wellbeing of our beloved pets.

Site of Special Scientific Interest.

As we are sure you know, The Downs have been designated as a SSI. People and scientists alike come from all around the country to admire and research this wonderful area. Surely we could not allow an application that would denigrate the reputation such a superb Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Other Outlets:

There is already a café supplying hot and cold food and snacks on an eat-in or takeaway basis at the Water Tower which is not far from the proposed location. In addition there are a number of similar outlets at the top of Black Boy Hill, again only a short walk from the proposed location.

European Green Capital Award:

What a travesty it would be for the international community to see a city that has been awarded the European Green Capital Award act against the tenet of that award

by damaging the environment of a city that generally tries hard to improve and sustain our green credentials.

We would be grateful if you would take our heartfelt concerns into account and refuse this application.

Thank you for your time and trouble.

Rep 13

My concerns are as follows,

Noise pollution, the constant noise from the generator will detract from the natural sounds of the Downs.

Increased traffic, There is a strong possibility of increased numbers of 'joy riders' congregating at Sea Walls playing loud music throughout the day and late into the night.

Parking, parking is already an issue around The Downs. Encouraging 'stopping areas' will only add to the problem. It may also endanger children's lives.

Litter, there is obviously going to be an increase in the amount of litter from the various forms of take away packaging. As it is there are not enough litter bins and those that there are are left overflowing at night. Litter encourages vermin. It also endangers wildlife for example the local foxes. The many dog walkers should be very concerned about their dogs eating discarded food especially chicken bones and rice.

Aroma, the smell of fried food will detract from the ambiance of The Downs.

The Downs is a place of beauty many people visit for various reasons, to buy a 'takeout' has never been one of them! It's peace and tranquility is much loved because it is a break from the hustle and bustle of town. Lots of people go to The Downs specifically for exercise and to keep fit. We are always being encouraged to keep fit. Being able to purchase unhealthy food everywhere we go should be discouraged.

To reiterate I am OBJECTING to this application

Kind regards

Rep 14

Regarding the application for a burger van on circular road, I am writing to strongly object to this application for the following reasons:

Litter/food rubbish that would be produced as a result, we already have litter issues on some areas of the downs this would worsen the situation. The smell produced as a result would also not be attractive to tourists visiting the area

Noise - once people are aware of this this could create noise and unsocial behaviour around the area,

Police resources - this could result in the police being required to increase patrols in the area.

Trucks/lorries could park up to get breakfast creating even more traffic and noise problems.

Rep 15

I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the proposal to allow a fast food outlet to set up at or close to the Sea Walls observation point. Apart from the risk that the 6 am start will attract contractors to call in for fried breakfast and turn the place into a "Truckstop", the last thing I or any visitor wants on arriving at the parking bay to enjoy a breath of fresh Channel breeze, is the stench of fried burgers, bacon or onions. The Ice cream van disturbs little and is infrequently in place, and above all emits no ghastly smells.

I also am concerned about the greasy litter that could accumulate and the impact on the visual aspect. At least the Parry's Lane burger van is fairly shielded by trees, but that is at times a lorry park and could be an eyesore without them.

I cannot understand, apart from purely mercenary aims, what on Earth the Downs Committee, who should be the guardians of the Downs, are thinking of, to even contemplate allowing this downhill step.

On a personal basis I am appalled,

Rep 16

I OBJECT to the above planning application on the following grounds:

Litter is already a problem on the Downs and this application would make the problem much worse - discarded rubbish will be dispersed widely causing problems for wildlife and for people.

The length of opening hours is a concern - why does it need to be open at 10 at night? This is likely to encourage more anti-social behaviour.

Noise.

Inappropriate to the environment of a well-known local beauty spot.

Thank you

The location of a burger van in a local well known beauty spot will have an adverse effect as many have in other beauty spots.

I strongly object to this application and would recommend it is not passed.

Rep Cllr PA

For action by Lord Mayor (Chairman Downs Committee) & Sarah Tyler (ParksDept)

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Rep Cllr GG

I write as Councillor for Westbury-on-Trym and as a past Chairman of the downs Committee. I believe all wards that surround the Downs and the Councillors that represent them have a shared responsibility to protect and maintain the Downs to ensure that it is available to all to enjoy.

I find the proposal for a burger van at Sea walls from 6am to 10pm to be shocking. It is an inappropriate proposal that would please a very small number of individuals to the detriment of a substantial number of residents of neighbouring wards and the wider city who value Sea walls for its peace and its heritage and who use it regularly.

I support the views already expressed by Councillors Abrahams and Goulandris as the local ward councillors and wish to put on record my disappointment that this proposal was not consulted on widely and that most local residents surrounding the

Downs and many users of the Downs will not be aware of what is being proposed. I urge that this proposal is rejected, or at the very least deferred for a full consultation to take place with Councillors and residents outside of the local election period.

Rep Cllr JG

I wholeheartedly support your suggested way forward.

May I add that I think it would also be helpful for the Downs Committee to debate the issue once more and be a little more prescriptive about the type of concession and its hours of operation.

There may be a willingness (by all concerned) to agree to a concession, which enhances the Downs with sensible hours of operation.

Thinking very much on the hoof, an environmentally sensitive concession, which blended into the background of the Downs, situated in an appropriate location, selling tea, coffee, sandwiches, cakes (but not cooked/fried food with its concomitant malodorous stench) and operating on a 9am to 6pm basis might be acceptable to most people. Measures to mitigate nuisances such as litter and noise would need to be a condition of any approval.

Kind regards,

Dear All

As most of you are aware a sub committee of the Downs Committee agreed a Burger Bar (Van & Trailer) at the Sea Walls, Parks have submitted an application for a Street License, a great many residents and others are deeply concerned about this application.

I wish to make the following points

1. The closing date for objections is next Thursday (5th May)
2. Very few people knew of this application until recently.
3. No reference to Neighbourhood Partnerships.
4. Agreed under tendering at a full Downs Committee
5. The time of operation 6am to 10pm is not acceptable.
6. This will be sited in the same area as the ice cream van (over intensive catering concentration in this space)
7. The parking implications have not been considered.
8. Not environmentally acceptable at this location and the Downs in General.
9. Close to a residential area.
10. Will detract from the iconic spot this occupies which has National importance.

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Peter Abraham
Cllr Stoke Bishop

Rep 17

I am responding to this application as a resident.

The houses in Avon Grove which have south facing gardens overlooking the Avon Gorge will be in direct line of sight and smell of this proposed large mobile burger van/kitchen. The Seawalls flats and 'Towerhurst' will be similarly affected. To be continually down-wind of frying food, onions etc. at all hours of the day doesn't bear thinking about.

The proposed location is therefore completely unacceptable and inappropriate for an outlet of this nature, being so close to a prime residential area.

If this facility is really needed on the downs (there is already a well used cafe by the water tower and an established mobile food outlet nearer white-tree roundabout), then perhaps a location in, say, Ladies Mile or near the 'peregrine watch' viewing area could be considered - both well away from domestic housing. In any event, additional littering problems would be inevitable and undesirable.

I strongly object to this application.

Rep 18

Regarding the application to locate a Self Contained Motorised Vehicle 3m x 5m adjacent to public conveniences, Circular Road, Durdham Down, Sneyd Park

I would like to object to this commercial van being given permission to trade on The Downs.

The Downs were given to the people of Bristol City as a natural parkland where no commercial buildings were to be placed. The Downs increasingly is being used as a venue for a number of public activities either for a day once a year, or two or three days a year for fun runs etc. This is acceptable but still very disruptive to local residents.

However to start trading on The Downs with one van will set a precedent and others will follow. An ice cream van is very different and not permanently on The Downs.

The Downs are an attractive location for motorcyclists and car enthusiasts who drive around very fast, making a great deal of noise late at night and if a commercial burger van was operating 7 days a week from 6am - 10pm it would encourage more to come up, have loud music, deal drugs, drink, and participate in other activities etc. This behaviour is on the increase even without it. There are very few places of

natural beauty that are unspoilt and commercially undeveloped - The Downs is one of them. One of the great attractions is that people can bring picnics and come prepared.

Please don't go down this route on The Downs.

One issue I would like to raise is that we only received this notification on Monday 2nd May and have to have a reply in by Thursday 5th May - 3 days. This is not right and many people will not have received the notice with the right amount of time to comment. We have only received a copy because friends have copied it to us.

This is NOT a democratic way to operate.

Sincerely,

Rep 19

I have heard about the outrageous application to open a sales van trading 16 hours every day of the week on public property. Apart from the smell and noise generated by the proposed trade it would lower the whole tone of one of Bristol's most attractive areas. I am particularly afraid of the noise caused by the gathering of numbers of people during evenings next to a residential area. I can see clearly, not far away, the Ice Cream van from where I am writing,

Rep 20

I wish to object in the stongest manner to the above application for a self-contained motorised vehicle to be placed by the circular road and to sell hot food from 6.00 a.m. until 10.00 p.m. seven days a week.

My reasons are:

1. Commercial need: there are plenty of fast food outlets in the area at the top of the Downs, a good cafe only ten minutes walk away and an existing concession on Parry's Lane.
2. Prevention of public nuisance: it is difficult to imagine who would be using this during the week, before midday and after 6.00pm or during the hours of darkness. Walkers, runners, families, naturalists, sports players will presumably not, so that leaves those who currently enjoy the Downs as a free race track or suitable spot for non-Downs specific activities. Litter will be inevitable as witness the mess made on quiet roads in Sneyd Park by visitors in cars who eat fast food and then jettison the remnants and containers or indeed on the wterfront and city centre. The cost of clearing up may well eat into the £10K revenue suggested by the Bristol Post as the key driver in this matter...rather ironic. Noise from summer night time revellers on the Downs is also a current problem and one that the Police should not have to face seeing increase when they have more serious matters to deal with. The smell of fast food is unpleasant and not at all appropriate to a beauty spot that has national status.
3. Lack of consultation: notice seems only to have been given to a few random nearby residences yet noise from the Downs can be heard very clearly and full beam headlights viewed from houses. The Downs belong to all the people of Bristol and therefore the introduction of a burger van at this beauty spot should be subject to the

scrutiny of all stakeholders from user groups, NPs, to Natural England etc.

4. Appropriateness of site: the Seawalls is a well-known vantage point and beauty spot which offers all visitors spectacular views of the Gorge, the Avon and of some of the wildlife. There are very good interpretation boards. It is not appropriate in any way for it to become a 'place to grab a burger'. Those who visit Lands End will know what happens when commercial interests override all others. I might add that a relative who lives in another part of the country that has iconic viewpoints and who knows the Seawalls spot was astonished when told about the fast food van plan: 'And you are the Green Capital of Europe and would like European heritage status for the Downs and Gorge...what a joke!'

Lastly, I am astonished that the Downs Committee, who are charged with protecting the Downs, should have contemplated such an idea. There are plenty of ways to raise £10/15K (ref Bristol Post) as any decent fund-raiser could have told them, had they asked.

You also asked for address details to verify this letter but gave no such details of the applicant. Is the applicant always secret in licensing matters? My details are embedded in this email and I am a resident and not a business.

Yours faithfully,

Rep 21

I write to state my objection to oppose the granting of a license for a burger an on The Downs near to the toilet block.

I can't think of a more stupid thing to do. Already we have cars parked there every night with their occupants throwing rubbish out of the car windows and leaving it strewn all over the floor. It seems to be a meeting place for people who do not know how to respect the area of outstanding natural beauty.

It is already a bit of a no go area to walk in at night as there is rubbish and a very discernible smell of dope emanating from cars oddly parked around there full of young occupants. Further along the Downs towards the Zoo we have men in cars with internal lights on - displaying, I believe, that they are available - that's the local knowledge. Please don't make another area worse by having a burger van. It is already an eery unpleasant area in the evenings because of the unsavoury characters around spending many hours there.

I feel because of the smell, noise, busyness and type of people it will attract, will detract from this beautiful area. I feel sorry for the people who live on the downs and those nearby the toilet block. I bought a house in this highly desirable area many years ago and paid a premium to live in this area. If I had wanted to live in an area with late night burger vans I would have paid a great deal less and lived somewhere entirely different. I think this is completely out of keeping with the character of the area and absolutely unfair to those living nearby. You would be altering the nature of this area and this is not what the downs was intended to be used for. It is not a youth club for those without a room to be in.

Please refuse this application.

Rep 22

I wish to object strongly to the above application for a burger van on the downs - particularly the times of 6:00am to 10:00pm. I am a local resident, and a regular user of the Downs. The Downs is a wonderful resource for all the people of Bristol and it is difficult to keep it clean and tidy due to regular littering from parked cars in the evenings. A burger van will increase this problem dramatically.

I further wish to complain that this application is not accessible on your website. The latest list of applications for street trading up to 28 April is empty! It was only a neighbour's notice stuck on the wall by the gate near this location, posted just yesterday, that this application was brought to my attention. And the deadline for objections is tomorrow! It is standing by this gate that I am sending you this email.

Rep 23

I am writing in objection to the application for a late night burger van at the sea walls on The Downs. I understand that there is a public wish for hot refreshments and that this is a popular location, as well as it creating good income for The Downs' Committee but feel that this sort of provision is not in keeping with the area and will create litter, noise and nuisance. Although some would wish for no provision here at all, I would have thought that there is a more acceptable alternative which is more healthy and suitable for the area.

Rep 24

I object very strongly to the introduction of a fast food mobile to be situated on the Downs. The area intended for the van is one of the most strategic parts of the Downs. Many tourists come to view the Avon Gorge and suspension bridge from this point. They do not need to eat a burger and chips while doing this. The retreat café and facilities on nearby Whiteladies Rd can provide refreshments and indeed would benefit from the business.

A fast food outlet particularly late at night would attract people who are not necessarily interested in looking at the view, as well as creating a potential rubbish problem.

I live very close to the area in question and believe it would spoil the natural beauty of the area.

Rep 25

As local residents, we wish to register our objection to the proposed Burger Van on Circular Road on the Downs. Apart from the negative impact on the environment re, rubbish and noise pollution, we are appalled that the city is promoting and financially benefiting from unhealthy eating .

This objection is brief due to the lack of time between learning of the proposal and the closing date.

Rep 26

I wish to object to this application for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed hours of trading and food range are excessive. Like the ice cream van, the concession is for the benefit of visitors to the Downs and not a destination in its own right. Early morning and evening trading hours could encourage undesirable activity into an otherwise peaceful location to the detriment of residents living nearby. There are many dining opportunities in the vicinity without the need for another and a limited range of snacks would be more appropriate.

2. The kind of food offered could result in the site becoming a pit stop for lorry and coach drivers, attracting them onto the Circular Road, which is unsuitable for large vehicles and a potential danger to Downs users. The part of Parry's Lane bisecting Durdham Down is a more suitable location. Here, the road is wide enabling larger vehicles to park and manoeuvre safely.

3. There is already a litter problem on the Downs, particularly at weekends and bank holidays and the concession will exacerbate this with the ubiquitous polystyrene food containers, plastic bottles and cutlery and cardboard cups. In this windy location there is a tendency for litter to blow far and wide including into the Gorge itself and marring the scenic spot. Not a good advertisement for Bristol, European Green Capital.

I would urge the Council to refuse this application in favour of a more suitable location, such as that mentioned in 2 above.

Rep 27

It has just come to my attention of a proposed food truck near the public loos at SEA WALLS. Please take note as a local resident I strongly object to this. As a long term resident I insist upon being informed of the proceedings moving forward.

Rep 28

To the licensing committee re 16/00366/STCON

As a frequent walker on the Downs I strongly object to the licence application for trading from a fast food motorised van at Sea Walls. I request that the licence be refused with no further public consultation.

This is on the grounds that:

The proposed site of the fast food outlet is too close to a residential area and is within an area of outstanding natural beauty.

The location well known as an historically famous beauty spot and viewpoint is totally unsuitable. The visual impact of the van, table and chairs etc. will detract from the views and enjoyment of the natural environment.

There are other refreshment outlets in the vicinity of the Downs as a whole.

The long opening hours every day and handy parking could result in Sea Walls becoming a transport café layby.

The natural environment, wildlife and users of the Downs could be affected adversely by food waste, litter, pervasive odours and noise from the van etc.

The cost of monitoring the situation and ensuring the clearing away of the extra rubbish also has to be taken into account.

I am concerned that if a licence is granted, however carefully the operation is monitored, that it will be setting a precedent. Such an environmentally sensitive and beautiful area needs to be protected from any future development.

Thank you for consideration of my submission that the licence application should be rejected.

Rep 29

I wish to register my strongest objection to the proposed application.

1). Two days notice is NOT sufficient time in which to register an objection. The residents in 42b would wish to object very strongly but are on holiday for one week and are not contactable.

2). The proposal goes against the very ethos of the Downs, and in particular the view point as a place for quiet enjoyment by the people of Bristol. 22 hours trading 7 days a week must surely attract a rowdy crowd with little or no regard for the residents or families wishing to enjoy the Downs.

3) As a resident on Downleaze I am already struggling with very restricted parking outside my own home. I received a parking ticket outside my house after visiting my husband in hospital. There was NO PLACE to park.

4) Noise, smell and rubbish will destroy the very thing that the Merchant Venturers, The Downs Committee and the City Council have been charged with protecting.

The Downs Committee and other supporters should be ashamed of themselves for even contemplating the proposal.

Rep 30

I am writing to object to license application 16/00366/STCON for a burger van to trade at Sea Walls on Durham Downs.

I am a daily user of the Downs and am a Bristol resident.

I object to this application for the following reasons:

1 It would be likely to attract more road traffic to that part of the Downs.

2 It would be likely to generate more litter.

3 It would detract from the beauty of the location.

4 It is unnecessary as there is already an excellent cafe on the Downs selling food and drinks.

Rep 31

I am writing as a local resident in the strongest terms to this proposed licensing application.

This is an entirely inappropriate application for this location on a number of levels. This is one of the most beautiful parts of our city...why on earth would you want to ruin

this amenity? Have you not considered the rubbish that is generated by fast food outlets? Take a look outside any fast food retailer and you would need to have your eyes shut not to see the problem. What is the justification for a license from 06:00 to 22:00? Are you trying to turn it into a truck stop?

We already have a problem at this site with its use as a meeting place for boy racers and ancillary debris....discarded drug products.

What planet are you people in the council on?????

Could you let me know where the notices were posted for this application? I walk on the Downs daily and have only seen a notice put up by a resident this morning (with deadline for today).

I understand that these are meant to be put up within a certain distance from the site...100m? Where are the notices????? If you were cynical, you would think that this was done intentionally to stop any adverse comments.

Please explain.

Yours sincerely

Rep 32

I am writing to object strongly to the application for a burger van at Sea Walls on the Downs. My reasons for objecting are as follows:

- it will lead to anti-social behaviour especially in the evening. This area of the Downs already attracts groups of people, often in convoys of cars, whose behaviour (including revving of engines, drinking, drug taking, littering, loud music) adversely affects the amenity for other users of the Downs and local residents and intimidates people from going there. The area is already subject to other forms of anti-social behaviour and adding to it will not help the overall usability of the area.

- Littering is already a significant issue on the Downs, especially in the summer, and a hot food takeaway will compound this issue.

- the smell of fried food etc. will pollute the natural ambience and affect local residents.

- the weight of traffic on the Downs is already high, and has increased significantly in recent years, especially in good weather, and this will compound the issue, and affect the ability of walkers, families etc. To use the Downs.

- the Avon Gorge is a site of special significance and unique for a city to have such natural beauty to be so close to the city centre. A burger van will ruin the natural feel and ambience at the main look out and viewing point. The commercialisation of a place of beauty is wrong. It compounds the increasing urbanisation of the Downs which should remain a beautiful natural landscape and not an urban park.

Rep 33

I am writing to express my objection to the above planning application for the following reasons:

The mobile burger bar will lead to increased litter in the area. I already see the bins overflowing on busy days.

There will likely be an increase in rats and mice.

There is no need for unhealthy food at one of bristols largest recreational area.

Food is already available from the cafe near the water tower or from black boy hill - there is no need for any more food.

The bar will be unsightly and will smell.

There is already an obesity crisis in this country - please don't contribute to this. In addition red meat i.e. the meat that will be served in the burgers is a known carcinogenic!

I strongly urge you to reject the burger bar application.

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Rep 34

Terrible idea. There is already lots of rubbish there every morning. This is very unpleasant for we who regularly walk there

Rep 35

Application number 16/00366/STCON
Mobile Burger Van, Clifton Downs

Please note my objection to the above application.

Rep 36

The committee should refuse the application for the mobile burger bar at Circular Road, BS9 on any single reason below.

1. Malfeasance - Failure to post notice of the application and/or advise local residents as required by the Council's application process. The council's requirement for an applicant at a single location to provide adequate notice of the application to local residents and/or to other impacted parties was not met. This is a prima facie evidence of an attempt to avoid due scrutiny and has given insufficient time for potential objectors to respond to the application. The committee must reject the application on this ground alone - failure to reject on this ground will make committee members subject to collusion and they will be directly accountable for this malfeasance.

2. Contravenes Bristol's "Green Capital" aspirations. As there is no "passing trade" at this location, the vast majority of potential customers will drive to this site causing an increase in vehicle use and exacerbating the congested roads leading to this area - this is in contravention of the council's stated "Green Policy" of reducing vehicle use in the city.

3. Noise/odour/litter - the proposed application will introduce cooking odours and increase the noise nuisance in the adjacent wholly residential area. Inevitably the proposed burger bar will also result in an increase in litter. This alone is also sufficient for rejection of this application.

4. Anti-social Nuisance

This Circular Road area is already experiencing a significant increase in noise nuisance and in anti-social behaviour, especially in the evenings when it has become a "meeting point" for some individuals engaging in vehicle stunts and other anti-social activities. The proposed Burger Bar will act as a "magnet" for further individuals engaging in such behaviour. Therefore the committee must reject the application on this basis.

5. Loss of amenity. This location is known for its relative seclusion and tranquil outlook. The proposed Burger Bar will detract from this and drive away revenue-generating tourists.

6. Proposed bar unnecessary - Equivalent outlets already exist in close proximity. The proposed Burger Bar is unnecessary - there are food outlets at other locations

on The Downs and in the streets approaching The Downs. Any visitor to The Downs can purchase food at any one of these alternate locations.

7. Health - Bristol is rightly earning a reputation for high quality food and related services - in the face of the well publicised "obesity epidemic" the committee should consider the consequences for visitors' health of licensing another "fast food" outlet, especially in a location visited by families with children.

Please consider all of the above reasoned objections before contemplating this license application.

Rep 37

I am writing to object the application for a burger van on the Downs.

I agree with all the points made by Cllr Goulandris. In particular I am concerned that enjoyment of this beautiful, wild and iconic place will be spoilt by cooking smells and increased traffic. The Downs should be somewhere for people to relax, get away from the noise and stresses of the city, and enjoy the awe-inspiring views.

Rep 38

To whom it may concern,

I live on Knoll Hill in close proximity to the downs and like most people who live here or regularly visit, greatly appreciate and value this common open space, and particularly how sensitively it is managed.

Please do not spoil this by allowing vending in this area, so that we can keep this special green space as natural as it is. There are too few areas in Bristol that are free of consumerism as it is.

Rep 39

I am writing to object to this proposal.

A late night licence would attract customers who would likely want to bring alcohol to the area, thus increasing the likelihood of anti-social behaviour, as well as increased rubbish.

I wouldn't object to a daytime concession, as long as it kept the same hours as the ice cream van.

However, I think a much more suitable venue would be on the slip road off Saville Road, where a van used to be located. As far as I could see, that van didn't cause any problems.

Rep 40

I live on Knoll Hill and have become aware that an application has been made for a mobile burger bar to be stationed on the Downs, off Circular Road near the public facilities.

As a local resident I have grave concerns about the proposed hours of operation and would therefore like you to please note my OBJECTION to the idea and the

application.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Rep 41

I wholeheartedly object to the proposal to permit a hot dog van, also selling kebabs, burgers, chips and 'roasted meats' near the public conveniences on the Sea Walls, that could be operational from 6am - 10pm any day of the week.

The area is already a destination for people consuming alcohol and probably drugs and the last thing that we need is a place for them to prolong their stay by nourishing them for extended sessions in what should be a beauty spot.

Litter is already a great problem, as people think nothing of dropping papers, bottles, tins and packaging, and lighting portable barbecues on the grass.

Granting such a licence can only worsen the existing problem and turn this corner of the Downs into a party venue far into the summer nights.

Bristol sightseeing buses to this landmark site will be treated to a scene that will disgrace the city.

Rep 42

The placing of a burger etc van at the Seawalls corner of the Durdham Downs will be a recipe for a very undesirable clientele in that area, particularly late at night. It will change the area beyond recognition. The litter problem will magnify in an ecologically sensitive area, as will the noise.

Please reject the application, or reduce the hours to 6.00 at night, if total rejection is not possible for some reason.

We have been regular Downs visitors, ever since our children were young, and now have a mother living at Seawalls flats, and are concerned at increased commercialisation of this beautiful area.

Rep 43

I am writing to protest against plans for a burger van adjacent to the Public Conveniences, Circular Road, Durdham Down, Sneyd Park.

As a resident of Henleaze, I have used that area of the Downs for 20 years for walking and for taking visitors to admire the view. In my opinion, a burger van will completely spoil the beauty of the area and the peaceful atmosphere by its looks, smell and the rubbish its customers will inevitably leave over the grass of the Downs. Seagulls and foxes will be drawn to discarded food scraps and dogs playing nearby may be a danger to themselves and motorists by being drawn across the road by the smell of cooking meat.

I look forward to hearing that you have turned down this application as you have sensibly done in previous years.

Rep 44

Dear sirs re the above application. I am a local resident, Sea Walls flats, & wish to object most strongly against the above proposal. The Downs are for recreational & country style walks. A quiet retreat from the city. To bring it would bring noise litter Smells & constant congestion in the immediate area. This is completely against the concept of our quiet & non commercial area. Please reject this Yours Faithfully

Rep 45

Further to the application for a late night burger van with seating at the Sea Walls end of the Durdham Downs, I strongly object to this application and wish to register my objection.

This represents a slow encroachment on the open space and tranquility of the Downs. The ensuing traffic, parked cars and rubbish this van will attract will have a negative impact on the enjoyment of this viewing point of the Downs for the majority of the public.

A number of rare birds nest near the Sea Walls and they will be driven away by the presence of people milling around for prolonged periods of time.

Rep 46

There appears to be something sneaky and underhand about the above application. Locals and the public in general were given little or no prior warning of your intent. Is this what you call Democracy ?

We are told that Bristol is the second richest city in England. And that The Downs is one of the finest open spaces in any city in the British Isles. Please don't let us down by granting permission that would undoubtedly intrude on the natural beauty of this unique place. You would be dragging this special, historic location down to the level of a pop corn culture. Surely Bristol City Council is more responsible than that - and the Downs Committee too.

Rep 47

I am writing to protest as strongly as possible regarding the proposed application to sell hot food such as burgers, chips, kebabs, hot dogs etc from a self contained motorised vehicle on the gorge near to the Ice cream van. The hours applied for are all day from 6am - 10pm. I think that the application, if granted, would have a huge impact on the Downs itself and people's enjoyment of this wonderful space for the following reasons:

1. This is an area of stunning beauty which is enjoyed by hundreds of people of all ages during the year, and in particular during the summer months. This is very much a family space for rich and poor alike. Many bring their own picnics and barbeque

where permitted. Parents organise children's birthday parties. The air is clean and fresh, the views superb... particularly at sunset.. and with the noise of children playing and people enjoying themselves there is a sense of fun, relaxation and tranquility.

A permanent burger van is hardly likely to increase the beauty of the Downs! There will be considerable additional litter as people discard their polystyrene/cardboard containers on the ground, behind the public toilets/in the wooded areas, over the sea-walls fencing etc. This can already be a considerable problem in the summer as a) there are insufficient litter bins; b) many people simply don't use them anyway and just leave them for your refuse collectors to pick up. Common sense suggests that a permanent all-day/evening fast food outlet is not going to make the problem any better!!

In addition, cooking odours are likely to be a considerable nuisance particularly for those residents close to the area where the van will be stationed. Is the permanent smell of hot cooking fat and onions really going to add to the attraction of this lovely space? Are our many overseas visitors going to be impressed? I doubt it.

2. Historically, parking, has been a problem but has been much improved due to the sensible restrictions now in place. It remains to be seen how this stacks up when the Downs become busier in the summer months but so far, so good. Certainly the football season has been well managed by drivers and traffic around Circular Road flows far better. This of course includes the very important Open Top Buses which do such a good job for tourism in Bristol.

The introduction of a burger van will inevitably increase the volume of traffic considerably as some visitors will come simply to use that and I suspect that any parking restrictions at that end of the Downs will simply be ignored causing poor traffic flow, congestion and damage to grass, kerbs etc. Additional traffic also causes potential road safety hazards for children, the elderly and animals. Will lorries be excluded from the area as this becomes yet one more 'breakfast/lunch/supper stop'? 'Boy racers' from other areas of Bristol are a bit of a feature late at night, particularly in the summer months and my concern would be that this traffic would only increase with the lure of a late night food stop.

There are no doubt points that I have missed. However, I do ask the Council to think very carefully indeed before allowing this application or even the watered down version which I suspect is being angled for. We are so very lucky... and by 'we' I mean all the residents of Bristol who use this wonderful space.. to have the Downs as a recreation area. It is incredibly well loved and well-used and I am personally very proud that my City looks after it so well.

Besides, there are already loads of fast food places in Whiteladies Road and the surrounding area. Where is the need for this fast food van? It's hardly the healthy eating/good food for which Bristol is now becoming well known eg Food Convention of last week.

Above all...why risk spoiling such a wonderful amenity in this way?

Sincerely

Rep 48

I object to the above application. The Downs is an area of outstanding beauty and should not be spoilt by a late night burger van with associated noise and litter.

Rep 49

We are residents of Sneyd Park, Bristol and are writing to object to the proposal for planning consent to put a Hot Dog Van selling burgers, kebabs, etc, on the Downs right at this prime site of Sea Walls overlooking the Gorge.

It truly must rank as of the premier views in Europe, and can you imagine any European country putting such a downmarket vending van in such a beautiful and sensitive area?

The hours asked for, too, apparently 6am to 10pm, are quite ridiculous. It would attract lorry drivers early and lads out for the evening late.

Avon Grove, where we live, faces out up the Gorge, and the smell would undoubtedly waft over to us, as well as spoiling the experience of all of us walkers on the Downs.

Please! Ensure that this application is turned down. We love our district and want to preserve its integrity. Such a proposal as this completely inappropriate so near to residential properties.

Yours sincerely,

Rep 50

I am very concerned to hear today of an application for a mobile burger bar to be placed at Seawalls between the hours of 0600 and 2200 hrs daily.

The Downs Committee would appear to be trying to get this "through the back door" by not posting notices around the area, requiring any objections to be received by tomorrow, 5 May 2016, and which has not as yet come to the notice of the local community. This would appear to be in contravention of the Council's own application requirements.

The noise and smells from the burger bar would drift, not only across the Downs, but also along local roads and into the houses and flats of those living close to Seawalls. The Downs is enjoyed as a recreational area by many who appreciate the peace and quiet and fresh air, along with thousands who take regular exercise and lead healthy lives, and having a burger bar by Seawalls is the complete opposite of a healthy lifestyle. I had been under the impression that George Ferguson was trying to keep cars away from the Downs and this underhanded application seems to completely contradict his Green City dreams. The extra traffic and noise driving up to Seawalls to visit the burger bar at all hours of the day and night would seem likely to have no consideration for the peace and tranquility of the Downs, as can be seen on some occasions already. Cars and motor bikes park on the grass and litter is left around - this is inevitably going to become a much larger problem and the litter involved would be greasy and smelly and attract seagulls, which in large numbers can of course be a danger to young children. It would be very sad if families felt it was not a safe

environment to come to anymore.

I sincerely hope that the Downs Committee, and the Council, will think again about the aims of the Downs which has not changed for many years and has up until now had strict laws relating to behavior on the Downs. It would be a very sad day if the Committee was allowed to approve giving a small plot to anyone who is prepared to pay rent. I have always been led to believe that the Downs Committee were there to protect the Downs but this would now appear to have been overtaken by a need to raise money at whatever cost to the environment.

Rep 51

I wish to object to the above license for a food wagon on the loop of the Downs.

I'm concerned that this will encourage undesirable behaviour and extra litter on an area of wild life and scientific interest.

The area is also a designated 'dark sky' and the lighting from this wagon will pollute this.

There will be additional noise pollution.

I'm appalled by the lack of consultation over this.

Rep 52

I also strongly object to the above application. To consider installing a burger van on this beautiful site is madness. There are hundreds of outlets where burgers may be bought, and surely this is not one of them.

Rep 53

I wish to object to this proposal. I do not live very close to the Downs, but I have always believed that it's use is for all of Bristol residents and as such feel that there should have been far more awareness of this proposal. It would have been sensible to have erected a notice of intent at the site of the proposal. However, that would not have influenced my view, but it would have given others the opportunity to voice their concern.

1. The amenity of the Downs bears no resemblance to that of the sea front at Weston Super Mare, yet a burger stand is exactly what you would expect in that location-

the Downs provides exactly the opposite type of amenity. It is a green lung in the city, a place where people relax, recuperate, enjoy some tranquillity. We go there to admire the wildlife in it's glory, to chat to dog-walkers and to recover from the tensions of daily life.

2. I strongly believe that should the Burger Van permission be granted it will lead to increased social disorder. It is highly likely to become a focus for nefarious transactions during the early and late hours.

3. There will inevitably be increased litter problems.

4. It will cause, directly, malodour.

5. There will be more people sitting in their vehicles with their engines running. I walk there every day and even now, in Spring, half of the parked cars have their engines running. Imagine in winter, as they all eat their burgers in their overheating cars, before flinging out the wrappers. Few will bother to get out of the car to look for a bin. That is not supposition, I see it every day, but a new food concession will without doubt increase the problem.

6. The Downs is not solely a wonderful amenity for Bristol people but an iconic location. Visitors to Bristol head there to look at the wonderful natural vistas. There are lovely illustrated signs showing the natural History of the Gorge, who would think of spoiling that?

7. I do not even think that the hours of proposed opening are that important, any Burger Van would be in direct opposition to this location.

8. It is somewhat ironic to consider burgers or even ice-cream outlets when both local and central governments are so concerned with the costs incurred by the ill health caused to our population by consumption of such 'foods'. Maybe, should there be any need for a snack outlet it would be for a fresh juice bar, but really, can't we manage without food and drink for half an hour?

9. Please leave the Downs as the semi-wild location it is. City life is not for cissies and I am sure many have been saved from despair by the opportunity to breathe fresh air in a reasonably peaceful environment.

Rep 54

I cannot find any reference to this application on the BCC website. I cannot find the application nor the conditions applying to it which is strange as I understood that today was a possible day to comment. Maybe something Democratic Services should address?

So I write directly to you and to Democratic Services to object.

This is the wrong place to put a Burger Van.

The associated noise from 6 am until 10 pm, and the inevitable litter will spoil the ambiance of this iconic beauty spot which is visited by tourists from Bristol, UK and The World to look at the peaceful and beautiful Avon Gorge. It is just the wrong setting for such a facility. What is the Council and Downs Committee even thinking of entertaining such a step?

Rep 55

As a user several times a week of the Downs, I object to the temporary permission given to operate a burger van at Sea Walls.

This is an area of exceptional natural beauty, with unparalleled views of the Avon

Gorge and the Clifton Suspension Bridge. One sure way of wrecking this beautiful viewpoint is to have a vending van parked there all day. The natural beauty is already diminished by ice cream vans parking there, but burger vans are even more obtrusive. The smell of onions frying and meat searing is a very unwelcome intrusion into people's enjoyment of the wonderful large open space. Experience of fast food litter elsewhere in the city, no matter how many refuse bins are provided, makes it highly likely that the Downs too will be littered with wrappings, plastic cutlery, polystyrene boxes and uneaten remnants of food purchases from the proposed van. A wider area than immediately around the van will be blighted as people walk away eating their purchases.

How can the Council even contemplate such a contemptuous treatment of this wonderful and historic public space? Mobile food vending outlets are a blot on the city, and are totally unnecessary when there are plenty of other high street food outlets.

I urge the Council to rescind the concession for a temporary van, and to refuse a trading license.

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Rep 57

As a member of the public who enjoys walking across the Downs, I would be very sorry indeed to see a burger van parked at such a beauty spot. Quite apart from the foul stench it would produce, it would also inevitably generate rubbish and dumped food to encourage rats and other vermin. This is no place for a

burger van.

Rep 58

I am e-mailing to register my objection to your recent approval of this application to site a take away van near the seawalls on the Downs.

I have lived in this area for the past 25 years, and walk to the seawalls almost every morning. This is a beautiful and fairly wild space currently, which will be completely ruined with the sight, smell and presumably sound (generator running?) of a take away unit. Quiet open spaces are very rare in this city, and it seems perverse to ruin this one.

There is a large quantity of rubbish, mostly take away containers, currently thrown from cars and left on the ground in this area. This situation is surely going to be so much worse when food is available at the site. The current provision to have rubbish taken away is inadequate, and will surely be much more so if this is to happen.

This road appears to be used as a shortcut, with traffic rarely observing the speed limit. This is unpleasant and dangerous for the many children and adults walking here. Again, this can only increase traffic and parking in the area. When parking is short (recent Suspension Bridge celebrations, balloon festival etc) vehicles often pull off the road and drive/park on the grassland, where as I'm sure you are aware, rare plant & flower species grow.

It would be a great shame to turn yet another area of the city over to commercial activity - let's keep it wild.

Rep 59

Re: Application to site a hot food outlet on the Downs at Sea Walls.

May I register my objection to this proposal in so much as it would go against the original remit for the Downs.

The space must be presented and nurtured as a natural open space where the impact of man is minimised!

The visual (and it must be said, olfactory) impact would be unsuitable in this location.

If visitors are desperate for food or drink the cafe is available near the water tower.

The issue of litter is another concern.

I would be grateful if this objection could be acknowledged.

Rep 60

I wish to object to the siting of a late night burger van. The Downs should be encouraging healthy eating.

Rep 61

My e-mail is an objection for a burger bar to be put in Bristols Beauty Spot of the Downs at Seawalls, Please cant it go off Saville Road where the coach and buses

REP 62

Less than ~100 metres from the proposed site.

I wish to express my strongest opposition to this licensing application on four grounds.

1. The failure of the Licensing Authority to conduct its democratic duty of consultation with local residents, or even the Neighbourhood Forum and Partnership.
2. The inappropriateness of such a business in a nationally renowned beauty-spot and the fact that it is unnecessary.
3. The nuisance following the operation of such a business.
4. Potential impact on public order and policing.

I enlarge on these below.

1. Lack of public consultation. I live within 100 metres of the proposed site. (The third house on the left beyond the wicket-gate to Seawalls Road.) I heard of this proposed licensing by chance two days ago, and any objections have to be made by the 5th May. We have discovered that no notification was given to any of the 6 houses at Seawalls, nor to the house and flats opposite us. Only half of the Seawalls flats were notified. Nobody in The Avenue was notified. Nobody in Avon Grove was notified, Nobody in Cook's Folly Road was notified. All of these properties are within earshot (and smell downwind) of the Seawalls site.

The Seawalls flats only received notices on 29th April with an absurdly short consultation period deadline - over a bank-holiday weekend - of 3 working days. Mr Seager at Towerhurst got his on the 30th April. A notice period for objections is 14 days - on this ground alone the application is invalid and must be rejected.

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3. This proposed business will create the following nuisances that will severely degrade the experience of those visiting the site for its beauty.

- o Visual Nuisance - A large van completely inappropriate to the beautiful parkland surroundings and gorge, present every day from 6.00am till 10.00pm.

- o Noise Nuisance - It will require a generator and the noise of serving customers will have a severe impact on the audibility of birdsong in the trees - as well as severely disturbing the local residents, especially in their gardens. The proposed opening hours 6.0am till 10.0pm mean the nuisance will be all day - an intolerable burden which will have an immediate effect on property values in the area.

- o Smell Nuisance - Cooking smells (including onions) will travel on the prevailing wind directly to the private flats, houses and gardens nearby.

- o Litter Nuisance - This corner of the Downs already has a severe litter problem - which I have drawn to the attention of Councillors before. Fast-food buyers are notoriously messy, and I myself frequently take a plastic bag round the area to collect fast-food debris from as far afield as Black Boy Hill. The new burden of discarded packaging will be intolerable to residents and visitors alike.

- o Parking Nuisance - Parking on the Downs has recently had to be severely

controlled. This proposed business will attract lorry-drivers for fry-up breakfasts from 6.0am and late-night, after-pub eaters in the evening. It will further restrict parking available to visitors who come to enjoy peace, not to fill their stomachs.

4. Public Order. There are substantial public order offences already committed in this corner of the Downs. I have witnessed drug-dealing, criminally excessive speeding by 'boy racers' (this has caused deaths in the past), dazzling of oncoming traffic by parked 'cottagers' with headlights on, letting off fireworks. Others inhale nitrogen dioxide - which can affect driving. This business will attract far more night-time traffic to the area with concomitant magnification of problem, antisocial and criminal behaviour.

Conclusion

Council officers have a duty of care to both the residents and the natural fabric of this great city. The Downs Committee have a responsibility to ensure the preservation of the Downs for the enjoyment of all. It appears that the prospect of a fat leasing fee has biased thinking in favour of this wholly inappropriate business. If this is the case the officers do not deserve their posts. To damage one of the finest beauty spots in the country within months of ceasing to be European Green Capital would be a crime that Bristolians will not forget. I call on the Lord Mayor, Downs Committee, Councillors, Avon and Somerset Constabulary and the Licensing Committee to refuse this license.

REP 63

I am writing as a local resident to object to the proposal above. I was only informed of this proposal by a neighbour this morning and have not seen any notices published for this application.

I think it a totally inappropriate use of the Downs facility. This is a place of outstanding beauty. A fast food outlet is unnecessary, inappropriate and out of keeping with the setting. It was surely not envisaged by those who originally planned the Downs and in a place that has become such a valued facility for the city. Such a food outlet would probably contribute to litter and evening antisocial behaviour.

Please can you note this objection.

REP 64

I will object AGAINST this application.

The "Downs" was left to the people of Bristol as a recreational area.

It should not be used as a market place for fast food.

As a resident of the area we do have a high level of noise, this comes from speeding cars and motor bikes. There are a number of 'parties' held on the downs quite near the housing.

Why should the downs area now suffer from the smells of roasted meats, hamburgers chips etc. I am sure the planning committee will not impose the type of restrictions for cooking smells on the Downs and you would for Park Street or any other City Centre fast food outlet.

I am all for new businesses in Bristol. This is the wrong type of business in one of the most beautiful and iconic areas of Bristol.

Rep 65

As a local resident I am writing to object to the siting of this burger van on the downs. I do not think that this is appropriate in this conservation area with the inevitable accompanying rubbish and cooking meat smells notwithstanding the early to late opening times. I think that it is totally inappropriate and at first I thought it was a joke. I still can't believe that this is being proposed.

Please register my strong objection.

Rep 66

I am writing to object to the application for a Burger van to be licensed to operate at the Sea Walls view point on the Circular Drive on the Downs. As I live in The Avenue I am a local resident and am very concerned that I only found out about this application by chance and at the last minute. I do not feel there has been a proper consultation on the matter.

I believe this:

to be an entirely inappropriate facility for the position.

will attract more people of an unsociable nature, who already use the area at night for racing cars. I can hear them now!

will attract vermin to eat up discarded food and therefore increase their numbers.

REP 67

I have just been advised of an application to site a burger van on the downs as outlined in this street trading consent application.

I would like to register with the Licensing Team that I am strongly against such an application being approved. I am responding as a resident of the address given below.

The Downs are a scenic venue and a key recreational space. I don't believe a burger van is necessary: this, despite a current Ice Cream van, is not a destination spot for eating, nor en-route to one.

The Downs already has a lot of cars stopping, parking, 360 degree turning in this area and provision of another potential reason for impulse stopping cannot be helpful in terms of obstructions or safety.

The Downs also has enough litter (despite significant effort from the council to clear up behind those citizens unable to take their rubbish home or dispose of it sensibly) without adding a fast food outlet, a type of operation clearly recognised as adding significantly to litter problems.

I live in Seawalls Road, so the closest point of residences to the proposed parking

spot. Noise and any smells (fumes or otherwise) from this area will be very apparent to us - and out of keeping with what is a generally tranquil and peaceful environment after early evening, much enjoyed by anyone using the open green space to get away from built up streets.

I was a bit surprised to learn that a Green city has a policy of tacit consent for street-trading on most roads, especially for those special places like the Downs which I am convinced most users want to see retained as unspoilt as possible. I cannot see how a burger van is not going to detract from the quality of the environment nor that any van set up for cooking for 16 hours a day can be considered environmentally sustainable.

REP 68

We understand that the above application has been made to locate a street trader vehicle on the Downs by the public conveniences, Circular Road, with trading hours being Mon-Sun 0600-2200. As regular users of the Downs, we value their peace and openness and the absence of commercial activity. This makes it both distinctive and extremely attractive and the proposed location of this vehicle would detract from the special character of the area, in particular the view from the Downs towards the Suspension Bridge and Avon Gorge. The proposed extensive opening hours are likely to increase nuisance and noise disturbance in this quiet area that is bordered by residential housing and used by walkers and the public throughout the day. We note that the vehicle would be removed offsite during non-trading hours but the routine opening and closing of the vehicle in itself is likely to cause disturbance, especially during summer daylight hours. The proposed sale of hot food, including odours and disposal of food containers, goes well beyond the minimal disturbance from the existing ice-cream van. We therefore wish to register our objection to this application.

REP 69

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REP 70

I am was very surprised to learn about the above application for a fast food outlet on the Downs. I live in the second nearest dwelling to the proposed place of this vehicle, and nobody thought it important enough to let the neighbours know what was going to happen!

I want to register my strong opposition to the approval of this application, as the peace and tranquility of this beautiful area would be taken away. I find it unbelievable that a GREEN city would even consider such a proposal that would spoil an area of outstanding beauty and turn it into a commercial venture.

The extra traffic , smells (cooking greasy food for 16 hours a day will produce terrible smells), noise and litter (most people just drop litter all over the place and don't seem to be able to take rubbish back with them), although the council does a good job to keep the Downs clean!, will spoil one of the most beautiful places in Bristol.

Every week thousands of people come here to enjoy the scenery, peace and tranquillity of the place, not to forget the fresh air, which is cleaner than in most areas of the city. The people in this area enjoy the peace and quiet in the early evening, to get away from city life.

I do hope the police will oppose this application as well, because I fear that the late opening hours might encourage more anti social behaviour.

REP 71

I most strongly object to the above mentioned application for a burger undertaking on the Downs. What a grotesque idea. It would spoil the whole of the area not just because of the debris left by certain people but the smell it involved just to mention some things.

Thank you and I hope it will be turned down.

REP 72

I have just heard about this application and wish to object. Recent changes to parking on the Downs appear to have been brought in, largely to combat the poorly thought out introduction of resident parking zones which turned the Downs, and now the side roads next to the The Downs, into a park and ride. Having a burger van which will attract drivers to an area where parking is restricted will inevitably cause parking problems. In the height of summer a number of people ignore parking restrictions anyway and park on the green areas, and as far as I can tell the restrictions have historically been poorly enforced and i see little reason to suppose this will change leading to problems for everyone else.

In the summer The Downs near the Sea Wall become a huge rubbish tip, again poorly regulated, and I cannot see that a fast food outlet will do anything other than add to the problem.

During the winter and the summer evenings the road around The Downs becomes a racetrack, and the Sea Walls area a magnet for people in cars who appear to have

very little interest in the view from their car window. I cannot see that the introduction of the proposed burger van will do anything to improve safety in what is essentially a park with a road running around it.

The proposed hours of business have nothing to do with the enjoyment of The Downs as a public amenity: the fast food outlet will be exactly that, run on a commercial basis for profit, and its location chosen for access to customers, not to improve The Downs.

Finally, at a time when the public health message is one about taking more exercise, eating more healthily, reducing the burden of disease, it is too hard to imagine a less suitable initiative which will ultimately encourage travelling by car, less healthy eating, and at the same time contribute to parking issues and an increase in the amount of rubbish in a place of outstanding beauty.

Thank you for considering my objections

REP 73

I am writing to voice my strong concerns with the application to have a burger van on the Circular Road. I live adjacent to the Circular Road on The Avenue and my first floor flat looks onto the Circular Road so this will directly impact on my environment... This is a beautiful area which has no place for a burger van. There will be far more rubbish being left on the Downs if a Van is there, this is bad for our environment and for our wildlife.... Also this kind of street food will encourage drinking and anti-social behaviour which we don't want. There is already an element of it so it is important that this is minimised.... There are other cafes and eating outlets nearby for people to use.

People can bring BBQs and picnics and there is an Ice Cream van already there.. So plenty of scope for people to eat and drink while enjoying the Downs. Parking and extra traffic are also likely to cause more issues and dangers... There are many cyclists, people jogging, dogs and young children using that area and the road is very narrow with no areas to turn

REP 74

I am a local resident and regular walker on the Downs and am unhappy that we have not had notice of this application as it affects a large number of people.

I object very strongly to this application. It is one thing for visitors to enjoy an ice-cream at this spot on a sunny day (vans are only present for a short period during the day)- this will have much more effect.

There will inevitably be a smell and litter and having lights on over this extended period could have a very negative effect on local wildlife.

It is an iconic and unique spot, with its view of the suspension bridge and a food vehicle will significantly detract from its charm. People have been happily enjoying picnics on the Downs for a long time and it is not needed. If hot food is required, it is available at the Downs tea rooms. In addition, this part of the Downs is much used by those seeking to improve their health through (free) exercise - a van serving burgers and chips undermines the council's commitment to supporting healthy lifestyles.

Please refuse this application and any others of this type.

REP 75

I feel this application is quite out of keeping with the area and will create a terrible rubbish problem and dog walkers nightmare. I dread to think of the drunkenness it would bring let alone the side effects of that on local properties, parking, noise etc

REP 76

It has been drawn to my attention that an application has been made to site a "fast food" van close to the edge of Seawalls on the Downs.

This is quite inappropriate and will be not only an eyesore, but if it is to be open between 6.00 am and 10,0 pm become a mecca for lorry drivers, who will park their vehicles on the roadside,at one of Bristol's most iconic view points.

I also seems that the Council has been very lax in informing the residents, I did not receive a copy of the letter, it was forwarded to me by a neighbour Only one side of the block of flats "Seawalls " received a copy of the letter, and the six houses on the estate did not receive letters either.

We would all suffer from the noise and smell, if this were to be allowed. The Ice Cream Van in the Summer is quite alright,It is always gone by early evening.

We are already going to have the noise and inconvenience of "Music Concert" from the 29th August to 8th September. No doubt people will park their cars all around the side roads of Sneyd Park, no doubt blocking driveways.

I agree the Downs are for everybody, but can the events no be sited on the part of the Downs that are not surrounded by houses

REP 77

I am writing as a resident in close proximity to the site of the proposed application for trading consent.

We object in the strongest possible terms to the application. We believe it would lead to a substantial deterioration in the amenities of the Downs and cause pollution in waste from the food sold and risk to the wildlife in the vicinity. The odour from the cooking would spread and affect a large number of properties in the area.

The proposed facility would attract gatherings late into the evenings with the risk of disorder and damage to property.

We would urge you to reject the application

REP 78

I am writing on behalf of XXXXX who has received a notification that an application has been made for a street trading licence for a van selling hot food and drinks to be situated near the public conveniences at the area known as Seawalls on the Downs. The application is for trading to take place between Monday and Sunday during the hours of 6.00 am and 22,00 pm.

MXX XXXXXX and I are strongly against this application. Eighteen hour trading, seven days a week is excessive here as it could cause problems with vehicle parking on the Downs itself, litter, noise and smells from the hot food, plus the inconvenience to nearby residents. The site is totally inappropriate. Why would anyone want to go to Seawalls for a burger and chips, when there are many outlets in Whiteladies Road where these may be obtained?

To allow this application would spoil a very special area of Bristol. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful green space in the City.

REP 79

I object strongly to this proposal on the grounds of its impact on the user experience of natural green places by very large numbers of leisure seekers without commercial interference. It is unclear what need this meets but it is pretty obvious what impact it would have on a highly valued leisure resource. The Downs deserves much better treatment than this. There is a well managed and effective café near the Water Tower and this caters for those requiring simple meals so it is unclear what benefits this will bring.

I have seen no notices relating to this proposal in the vicinity of the site and it appears that an underhand process to grant the licence without gaining user opinion is in play.

Please ensure this opinion is voiced at your meeting

REP 80

I have just heard about the application to sell fast food on the Downs at Seawalls. I would like to object strongly to this application. The potential noise from such an operation would be totally unacceptable. It would attract even more late night revellers to the Downs - we can already hear the noise from people doing doughnuts on the grass late at night and people already take fast food bought elsewhere to consume at Seawalls. Is this really the place for a fast food vehicle? The Downs is a family friendly place where you can walk, play games and enjoy oneself without the necessity for fast food. What happened to the good old picnic? The ice cream van is a welcome sight but not a smelly greasy spoon.

Please note my objection.

REP 81

To the Licensing Authority:

I wish to protest in the strongest terms possible to a licence being issued for a burger van on the Downs for the following reasons:

1. The area is a beauty spot visited by thousands of tourists and Bristolians. A burger vendor is highly inappropriate in such a place.
2. The proposed hours of opening are ridiculously long and will not only result in the area being a truck stop but also showed that this was intended anyway. Ordinary visitors and tourists do not need hours such as these.
3. Burger vans create an overall smell of cooking onions and meat which will be intrusive to quite a distance given the open space and the windy position.
4. There will inevitably be a litter problem as purchasers will wander away to eat the

food.

5. Cafe tables and chairs are, again, inappropriate, for this location. There are a few benches for walkers.

6. There is already an ice cream van which creates little or no litter, does not give off nasty odours, is not there all hours of the day, and is more appropriate for families.

7. There has not been consultation over this proposal as far as I am aware and it has not been announced at the Neighbourhood Partnership forums.

8. The Downs Committee are supposed to protect this space and have made a detrimental decision which should be against all their guardian principles

REP 82

I should like to make an objection to the above application which I believe would be an inappropriate addition to a unique, indeed iconic, location in Bristol.

The ambiance of the area will not be enhanced by the provision of fast food, virtually round the clock, with its associated litter potential, smells and the inevitable attraction of scavengers.

Visitors to the Downs have hot food available at a number of locations adjacent to the Downs where the aesthetic of the landscape is not adversely affected and the willingness of families to bring a picnic to enjoy in the area followed by an ice-cream is well-established.

I am surprised that this passed the scrutiny of the Downs Committee and can only assume this was seen as a way of raising income, but was misguided at best, cynical at worst.. What next - charge the joggers doing laps of the area?

I am resident in Stoke Bishop within walking distance of the Downs - not within 100 metres of the proposed location - but for obvious reasons few would be.

REP 83

I would like to disagree to the self contained vehicle being placed on the durdham downs as it would give way to late night noise and it would give rise to rubbish being discarded a round the area of the van.

There is no need for the van to be placed within the area of the downs as there is a cafe by the water tower and further cafes and food outlets at the top of Whiteladies Road.

There is also parking issues within the area of the application and this would make matters worse

REP 84

I am writing to strongly object to the licence application to station a mobile burger bar at Seawalls on the Downs.

It is frankly preposterous that the application has been accepted: a bar of this kind is not in keeping with the character of the Downs; it would create greater volumes of traffic, exacerbating noise, pollution and waste; the long, 24/7 working hours are highly antisocial and run counter to the spirit of relaxation at the proposed site; the increased traffic and customers would scare away wildlife in what is an outstanding

area of natural beauty. Several unique species (including peregrine falcons) inhabit this area and need as much protection as possible.

It is also utterly ludicrous that the residents of the local area have been given less than a week to register their objections. This is completely unfair. I found out about this only now through an informal notice, and feel that all residents should have at least been sent a formal letter from the council.

REP 85

I wish to register an objection to this application because I have concerns about:

Litter, Smell, Food Hygiene, Increased Traffic (including big vehicles whose drivers will see it as a perfect spot for early morning breakfast as well as other meals).

The area would suffer traffic congestion and resulting damage to the ground / grass as vehicles manoeuvre.

Late night drivers already speed along this road - and on the grass - and there is evidence of drug-dealing, with cars parking window-to-window.

Drivers will congregate, playing loud music with the added attraction of buying food and drink late into the night.

This area is on the fringe of the Sneyd Park Conservation Area and these activities would impinge on the residential streets so nearby.

Please turn this application down!

REP 86

Noise pollution from chuck wagon generator

Smell from cooking

Extra Litter to pick up - if bins are put out and left there is a risk of vandalism and arson

Attracting more young people around the "Loop" which will encourage antisocial behaviour and loud music. They already leave takeaway food litter thrown out of their cars

REP 87

I strongly object to the licensing of a burger van on the downs. I am a resident of Downlease and am extremely concerned by the additional noise, rubbish and traffic this will create. The area is already used in the evening by people racing cars around the downs and smoking. Nothing has been done to stop this and a burger van will only create another pull factor.

Again I very strongly object to the granting of this licence

REP 88 -

We strongly object to the granting of a trading license for a burger van on the Circular Road, Sea Walls by the WC.

REP 89

I have to-day learned of the above proposal and as a local resident wish to register my objection on

The following grounds.

It is an entirely inappropriate use of this much treasured facility and will be an environmental

Scar on the landscape and be a nuisance to visitors and local residents.

Please note my strong objection

REP 90

I wish to register my objection to this proposal for the following reasons.

1. The proposal is not in the interests of council tax payers. The location of the proposed burger van is in one of the iconic areas in Bristol and a unique position on the Downs at Sea Walls with spectacular views of the Gorge and suspension bridge. The tax payers of Bristol expect such an area to be protected from commercial intrusion, particularly from totally unacceptable visual intrusion in an area of great landscape importance. There has been no public request for this and its provision is simply an income generating proposal of the Downs Committee. The amount of income is trivial and does not warrant the alien intrusion and harm to this outstanding location.

2. There has been wholly inadequate public consultation on this proposal, which, given its extremely adverse affect on the appearance of the Downs, is unacceptable.

3. Adequate provision for food and drink for users of the Downs is provided by the cafe on Stoke Road which is located in the centre of the Downs. A further facility is unnecessary.

4. The provision of barbecue areas on the Downs further reduces the need for visually intrusive retail outlets on the Downs.

5. The proposal to open until 10pm is unacceptable. There is already a problem in the evening with unsocial gathering in this location and car use involving speeding and loud radio noise. The location is remote from public transport and the facility will result in car trips unrelated to recreational use of the Downs and result in increased anti social gatherings late into the night. The generation of car trips to this location after 6.00 pm when recreational use of the Downs is negligible is not acceptable for reasons of safety, public nuisance and environmental considerations.

6. The proposal is contrary to three of the four licensing objectives.

a) Prevention of crime and disorder - the proposal is likely to result in increased disorder into the night because of the unnecessary late night opening.

b) Public Safety - The increase in car trips to this location at night along Circular

Road, with its poor alignment and lack of street lighting, will give rise to increase hazards to all road users and will therefore be detrimental to public safety.

c) The prevention of public nuisance - The increase in night time traffic along residential roads leading to the location will result in additional disturbance to residents and dangers to road users.

I hope it's not too late for there to be a complete re-think of the decision to locate a burger van at Sea Walls. I can understand the attraction of additional revenue and I'm sure this decision was made with the best of intentions. However, I would ask that the public reaction, that the protection of this area should come before minor monetary considerations, be reflected in a decision not to proceed with the location of a burger van at Sea Walls.

If, for some reason this is not possible, then, at the very least, the operating hours should terminate at 6.00pm

REP 91

I wish to object to the above application on the following basis; 1. There is already an ice cream van present and see no further need for additional food vans.

2. Allowing a licence until 10.00 at night will detract from the area, as it will encourage late night gatherings.

3. Unfortunately I feel this will create more litter on the Downs which is an area of natural beauty for the people of Bristol and should not be allowed to be damaged. Of course I appreciate this will produce more revenue for the City but at what cost to the City.

I trust my objections will be noted,

REP 92

I would like to object to the introduction of a burger van on the Downs, especially the site which has been chosen.

This may be a suitable site to generate greatest income, but it will also prove to generate more noise, air pollution and litter. This site has a beautiful aspect, the honey pot of the downs and a tacky food outlet feels entirely inappropriate. There are already two food outlets on the Downs, one a 10 minute walk from this site.

This is a place many people come to to enjoy the natural phenomenon of the gorge and the iconic view of the suspension bridge. People will drive there for a burger. You will be creating a traffic increase and parking problems in an area where there are pedestrians, kite flyers, informal recreational sports and children playing.

The Downs offers families and sports teams the opportunity to get fresh air and exercise increasing fitness and wellbeing. Burgers are hardly a suitable food to encourage.

Please deny this application.

REP 93

We are aware that the opportunity for Residents to respond has been compromised

by lack of notification and inadequate time, these issues have been highlighted by our local Councillor and the subject of an official complaint.

In addition our local Police representative has written to confirm that if invited they will respond along the lines that they have sufficient issues in this location without adding to them.

Our Phone/Email volumes reflect the article in today's Bristol Post and today BBC T.V. have today been in attendance.

The Bristol Waste workers expressed disbelief that such a project had been supported and suggested we attend Bristol Town Centre at 6.00a.m. this Sunday to witness the mess they have to clear in and around the Fountains. The Licence Holders have the benefit of turning the key and walking away.

The Bristol Post article makes estimates of the Gross receipts from this Licence, it makes no mention of the attributed financial costs. Looking at the surface upon which the purchasers will mostly congregate it is a Tarmac- patterned by light coloured pea gravel which already is loose. The use of Power Washers to remove build up of grease and rotating cleaners even at reduced pressures will soon reduce the desired pattern effect.

As it is, a 'Take Away' Food facility, a percentage of the Food will be eaten on the move with the outcome being residual food to attract vermin and wrapping going to the four corners of the local community. As this residue is the result of 'Fly Tipping' I presume the local Residents will expect the Council to respond to calls for them to collect as they are the Authors of the problem. The residual packaging and food merely placed over the railings is in an area of near vertical drops with signage that the railings are unsafe for securing descent. So any debris placed here will fall on the cliff face and destroy the Mayor's recent comments on the approach to our delightful Green City created by the benefits of the new Woodland Trust site.

The approval of this project would in Planning terms create a 'Precedent' so College Green/Sion Hill view point and others would expect equal treatment. Is this what is seen as Financial benefits to the City?

Assuming the issue will be correctly addressed it is important that we have the Minutes of the meeting that passed this Application in order that we can address those perceived benefits that influenced the outcome

REP 94

I was amazed to hear of the proposed burger van being allowed a licence to trade at the Sea Walls on the Downs and am prompted to object on the following grounds:

1. This is a conservation area (a beautiful open space to quote your own website) and a van selling burgers, chips etc will be totally out of keeping
2. The extra litter that will be produced will be a hazard to wildlife and will spoil the enjoyment of the area by the hundreds of families and individuals who use the Downs
3. There is already a cafe on the Downs within a 5 minute walk of the Sea Walls, so

why is there a need for a van as well?

4. Even if the licence is granted, why does it need to run to 10pm. There are houses nearby and the increased traffic, noise and litter will be a real nuisance to them.

I trust my objections will be noted.

REP 95

It appears that NOTHING has been learnt from Bristol being 'Green' city in 2015 - we have a government extolling healthy eating and a crisis in the NHS with obese people and yet, Bristol Council seems to think it fine to encourage this in considering to grant a licence for a burger van on the Downs.

I walk on the Downs every day and find it extraordinary even now at the number of cars, vans and buses that sit with their engines running, either whilst on their mobiles or sitting eating ice creams. To give any further encouragement to this practice by letting a burger van trade there seems incomprehensible in this day and age.

Apart from the pollution and smell, there will be the inevitable litter problem - there aren't enough litter bins on the Downs as it is, and, come summer with the advent of the Bar-B-Q season, sometimes walking on the Downs on a Saturday or Sunday morning makes me ashamed to be a Bristolian - by allowing a burger van will surely only create yet even more mess.

We are so privileged to have the Downs so close to the city centre - why does the council want to spoil it - it is the very lungs of the city; the last thing it needs is the smell of burgers to spoil it - keep the Downs a green, clean space - if you need to do anything there, employ more people to do something about the existing problem of diesel pollution that seems to be getting worse by the day.

I (and I know of many others) wholeheartedly oppose the granting of any permission for a burger van on the Downs.

REP 96

I oppose this application in the strongest terms for the following reasons

- o This is a Conservation Area _if all the efforts put into establishing this mean anything it is surely not this facility etc.
- o Immediately adjacent, over the railings, is a SSSI
- o Large areas of the Downs are now despoiled by traffic, parking of lorries, coaches and intense all day parking e.g. at the top of Parry's Lane. This facility will despoil one of the better areas.
- o This site is one of the best view points of the famous Avon Gorge, which may eventually become a World Heritage Site.
- o Many visitors come to this site; a parked van selling such goods would not enhance it, It would be an eyesore.
- o Such a facility as described will inevitably generate litter, some of which will blow, or be thrown, over the fence. to the gorge. where there are rare plants.
- o Dropped food and the smell of meats etc.will encourage vermin such as rats and Herring Gulls.The smell of cooking food detracts from the ambience of the place There are, no doubt, many other reasons against granting a licence to such a facility at this site, The.image for tourism could suffer.

It is only by chance that I heard of the application. There are many other interested parties which are omitted from your list, particularly conservation groups which may have a view on the matter.

REP 97

We wish to register our objection to a burger van on the Downs. Most inappropriate.

REP 98

I writing to officially object to the application 16/00366/STCON.

I am a local resident and also on the management committee for the Towerlease estate of which there are 24 flats. I have liaised with the management committee and we act on behalf of the owners and residents.

Please therefore take this e mail as authority on behalf of myself and the 23 other residents/owners that we are objecting to the licence application for a mobile burger bar on the Downs. We feel that this would put the safety of local residents and visitors at risk, increase rubbish, increase the use of the downs for criminal activity such as consumption of drugs and deter the residents of bristol (who this land was left to) from using the downs as it was planned.

REP 99

My home is on the edge of the Downs near Sea Walls.

It is distressing that there has been an application to have a burger van at Sea Walls. Families bring picnics. BBQs at designated points. The Downs is used and enjoyed by thousands. The commercial food outlet is neither needed or wanted.

The thought of litter and smells disturbing the beautiful Downs should not be considered.

I feel very strongly about this and wish to express my disapproval of this application

REP 100

I wish to report that I am extremely against the above application for the following reasons.

I list below my concerns.

1. There is already a local fish and chip shop. Also within 500 yards is an outlet selling kebabs. Within 200 yards there is an outlet selling sandwiches etc. together with hot and cold drinks. Therefore this proposal is unnecessary.
2. I am concerned that customers would discard packaging which in all probability will land in my garden. If not directly but certainly by the wind.
3. As the application will be very close to the Malago stream, which is already prone to rats, these rats will encroach closer due to the sale of food.
4. The smell would be horrendous, especially at night.
5. I am concerned about the level of noise which would rise from potential customers, again especially at night.
6. Parking is a problem in the area and this outlet would increase this problem. Somermead is a one way street and is already used as a rat run. We do not need any further traffic.
7. There is a primary school very close by and the extra traffic would be a danger to

children travelling to and from school.

8. It seems the bus would be parked on the road which is another danger as Parson Street is a very busy thoroughfare.

9. I am a pensioner who has lived in the area for many years and I certainly do not want this sort of food outlet at any time of day or night disturbing me

I hope the above concerns are taken into consideration when making a final decision on this unnecessary application.

REP 101

I am writing to state that I oppose the proposed installation of a burger bar on the Downs with every fibre of my being.

This area is one of outstanding natural beauty, so has no place at all for cheap, tacky fast food venues. Indeed the residents of this neighbourhood are middle-class and educated, and would therefore show very little interest in such a place; the proposal makes no commercial sense!

Furthermore, it is more than a little alarming that the good people of this area have been informed of the plans at such a late stage: they deserve far better. Should the plans go ahead, the opposition will be tremendous and the anger electric

REP 102

I think the application for a late night burger van should not be allowed.

It would only bring unwanted traffic and people to the area late at night. The area is currently quiet and many families and mature people live in the area. There aren't any local pubs nearby and the burger van could act as a magnet for people leaving pubs late at night.

I just can see anyway how this could be a good idea. Please reject this proposal and keep the downs special, day and night.

REP 103

I have only found out about this application today and am aghast..... As I am sure are most people in our neighbourhood.

For clarity I am resident of Avonwood, Seawalls Road, which is one of the directly neighbouring properties of the site. We are regularly affected by anti-social behaviour at the proposed location and very often find that litter has been thrown over the railings into our garden - this will undoubtedly become more problematic should this facility go ahead.

Catering of some sort here is, probably, a good idea, a van serving burger and chips at 10 pm is, however, totally inappropriate, likely to lead to even more anti-social behaviour and not very progressive in a city like Bristol.

If it is to be a street food/health food/juice bar something similar or a site for "pop up" caterers to ply their trade (on a rotational basis) and trading is restricted to when people are actually in the area - say 8 til 8 then there would be a much stronger argument but if the facility were to be as described in the press it will be a real problem for the area. Indeed one would go as far as to say it could be viewed as an

act of wanton vandalism on the site of one of the major viewing points for the suspension bridge and for viewing the bird life in the Avon Gorge.

By way of explanation and to illustrate The problems we experience there are already frequent incidents of fireworks being (illegally) discharged from this location - this happens year round and often after midnight - anti-social driving akin to that recently reported in the Cheddar Gorge (albeit on a much smaller scale) on Circular Road, extremely loud music being played from cars late at night -seemingly as some sort of "show" by the car owners, and fools using the grass as an "off-road skid-pan".

We have lived with these issues for years but the advent of a late evening burger van will surely lead to an increase in many aspects of anti-social behaviour, particularly in this location where people feel that they will be immune to detection, rebuke or even prosecution.

I am particularly disturbed that this matter can be considered without any form of consultation with immediate neighbours to the site, let alone other local residents.

An urgent reply to these issues would be appreciated and is expected within 3 working days of the date of this email.

REP 104

I wish to record the strongest possible objection to the above Application. My objection is based on my enduring love of this wonderful space, free to us all and possibly the best viewpoint of our iconic Suspension Bridge. A burger van ?!!!!!! For pity's sake.

REP 105

My wife and myself would like to bring to your notice the strongest objection to the proposed planning application for a self contained motorised vehicle on the Durdham Down close to the public conveniences.

For many years this has been considered as a viewing point for the Suspension Bridge and the gorge which Bristol is very proud of for the many thousands of visitors.

This area suffers at present visitors from the discarded food boxes which have to be cleared up every morning and the grant of the planning application would make this 1000% worse and the smell as well.

I feel certain that our elected Mayor would voice a strong objection having tried very hard to create a greener BRISTOL

REP 106

I am writing to strongly object, as a local resident, to the siting of a burger van on Circular Road, Durdham Down Sneyd Park.

This is a rural area of considerable beauty and the smell, litter and attraction to foxes and sea gulls who have invaded the local litter bins in the past will be most distasteful to local residents.

I live at XXXXXXXX which with the wind in our direction is well within the smell range

REP 107

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REP 109

As local residents we wish to object most strongly to the referred application, on the grounds of

1. Noise Pollution
2. Air Pollution
3. Light Pollution
4. Littering
5. Overcrowding
6. Antisocial behaviour
7. Visual impact, and general incompatibility with the immediate area's protected

status.

8. Risk of precedence.

We must first point out that whilst the location of the application is on Durdham Down at the top of a cliff face, the land immediately below that location (and extending to its North and South) at the bottom of the cliff face is the communal garden grounds of the Seawalls residential development. The impact of the proposal on Seawalls residents is thus much greater than might appear from the map accompanying the Application.

Noise Pollution

Potentially from 6:00am to 22:00 pm seven days a week, 365 days a year! Not just the noise of a generator and cooking etc. but also from customers and their coming and going, noise which has nothing to do with, and will detract from, visitor's quiet enjoyment of the natural environment.

Air Pollution

Both particulates from cooking and strong aromas from the food and waste, will inevitably intrude into the surrounding area, to the detriment of visitors and local residents health and relaxation.

Light Pollution

Durdham Down is designated 'Dark Sky Discovery Site' from dusk onward, potentially every night throughout the year, the food outlet, and the lights of all the additional vehicles it attracts to the area, will compromise the rare and valued darkness of the area, and its enjoyment by those with an active interest in astronomy.

Littering

Already a problem from sight-seers and clients of the existing ice-cream van, additional take-away food litter will inevitably be blown or thrown over the railings and cliff-edge to the detriment of the natural environment and causing an eye-sore. Much of it will land in the (SSI designated) garden of the Seawalls residential development. Vermin will inevitably be attracted to the location.

Overcrowding

The Sea Walls Viewing Point is already a renowned and very popular visitor attraction. The last thing it needs is the magnet of a fast food outlet. Parking in the area is necessarily restricted, and is often full to capacity. Bona-fide sight-seers will be deterred and displaced by food customers.

Antisocial behaviour

The relative seclusion of the area already attracts low-key after-dark antisocial behaviour. The proposed outlet and operating hours will exacerbate this problem, and also make the area less safe for evening walkers and joggers.

Visual impact and general incompatibility with the immediate area's protected status. Both Durdham Down and the Seawalls residential development are in a Conservation Area. That part of the grounds of the Seawalls residential development affected by the application is also designated as a 'Site of Special

Interest' (SSI), and as an EC 'special area of Conservation'. A fast food outlet and its environmental impact are fundamentally incompatible with the objectives of those protections.

It will upset the balance of nature, particularly of bird-life and other wildlife in the area. Several species of birds nest in the local area, some of which we understand are protected.

Immediately below the location of the application is a geological feature of national artistic interest, which merits more respect than becoming the back-yard of a fast food outlet.

The siting of the vehicle will obstruct views of and access to a Victorian Drinking Fountain which is on the Local List

Risk of Precedence and Planning 'creep'

Durdham Down is supposed to be a managed natural environment. That intent is already compromised by BBQ areas, ice-cream vans, fitness equipment, zoo car parking, licensed events, and unlicensed commercial use by dog walkers, fitness instructors etc. This application is a very big step in the wrong direction, and risks other applicants claiming precedence etc.

Finally, licensing yet another junk food outlet, at a site that attracts families with young children, does not sit comfortably with Bristol 'green and healthy' political agenda.

Please reject this application, and any compromise versions of it, outright!

REP 110

As a local resident I greatly value the magnificent amenity of the Downs which provide such a wealth of opportunity for healthy outdoor physical activities of every kind. The proposed fast food outlet is totally at odds with these, particularly when our society is in the grips of an obesity epidemic.

I likewise appreciate the on-going hard work of the council to support the above mentioned activities by means of grass cutting, pitch preparation and litter collection. I believe that the fallout from the proposed food outlet has the potential to add significantly to the cost and difficulty of maintaining these high standard services.

The exceptional beauty of the Viewpoint with its unique backdrop of the Gorge is severely under threat as a result of this application. I strongly urge you not to give it your approval

REP 111

I am writing to plead with you not to allow this application 16/00366/STCON for the following reasons:

The area is such a beautiful unusual place where folk can have a wonderful view up and down the gorge and over to Leigh Woods. People come a long way to be able to admire it. The old and disabled can park nearby, whereas the very young try out their scooters or are pushed in prams. All nature lovers enjoy the view. It is also a

haunt of star gazers.

Kestrels and Jackdaws nest in the cliff below and the peregrines nest nearby. If you allow a burger van to be parked there for all those hours the limited parking spaces will be used heavily and the visitors from afar will be penalised. There will be an increase in litter. The smell of cooking and pollution will be horrid. It will attract vermin. The garden of Seawalls flats extends along under the cliff and we often get rubbish thrown down from the view point. That will certainly increase and it will lodge in places where we cannot clear it up.

Once again please do not let this application go through. There are so few places as unique as this in the UK and it would be so sad to spoil it.

REP 133

Whilst I am happy with a burger van operating by the Sea Walls please can the licence include the operator providing seating and tables with a waste bin so that the litter can be kept to a minimum. It is the only way we can control the pigeons and sea gulls.

REP 141

I write as Councillor for Westbury-on-Trym and as a past Chairman of the Downs Committee. I believe all wards that surround the Downs and the Councillors that represent them have a shared responsibility to protect and maintain the Downs to ensure that it is available to all to enjoy.

I find the proposal for a burger van at Sea walls from 6am to 10pm to be shocking. It is an inappropriate proposal that would please a very small number of individuals to the detriment of a substantial number of residents of neighbouring wards and the wider city who value Sea walls for its peace and its heritage and who use it regularly. I support the views already expressed by Councillors Abrahams and Goulondris as the local ward councillors and wish to put on record my disappointment that this proposal was not consulted on widely and that most local residents surrounding the Downs and many users of the Downs will not be aware of what is being proposed. I urge that this proposal is rejected, or at the very least deferred for a full consultation to take place with Councillors and residents outside of the local election period.

REP 142

I wholeheartedly support your suggested way forward.

May I add that I think it would also be helpful for the Downs Committee to debate the issue once more and be a little more prescriptive about the type of concession and its hours of operation.

There may be a willingness (by all concerned) to agree to a concession, which enhances the Downs with sensible hours of operation.

Thinking very much on the hoof, an environmentally sensitive concession, which blended into the background of the Downs, situated in an appropriate location, selling tea, coffee, sandwiches, cakes (but not cooked/fried food with its concomitant malodorous stench) and operating on a 9am to 6pm basis might be acceptable to most people. Measures to mitigate nuisances such as litter and noise would need to be a condition of any approval.

Reps received after the consultation period.

REP 112

I write to object to the provision of a licence for a burger van at the Sea Walls. This is an area of great beauty and having such a van located there for several hours a day would seriously damage this environment. Furthermore, such vans are associated with the dropping of litter which will be a real problem given the lack of large capacity waste bins close by.

The natural beauty of the Downs, including the area near the Sea Walls, should be preserved as it currently is and not blighted by the granting of this licence.

I appreciate that ice-cream vans park there occasionally but not as a semi-permanent feature and they are not generally surrounded by the litter that one associates with burger vans

REP 113

It has come to my notice that an application to put a Burger Outlet near the Sea Walls has been received. If this is factual, I am distressed that it is even being considered. I struggle to think of a more inappropriate place for such a venture. It would dramatically increase traffic flow (especially tradespeople) and litter, which is already a problem on the Downs, would become much worse

REP 114 ?Invalid?

I wish to put in an objection to the application to place a Burger van by Sea Walls

REP 115

Last Monday I wrote to the Downs Committee as follows but they have told me it should be addressed to you. I should be grateful therefore if you would take on board :- " I am a resident living in the flats close to the application site for a burger van adjacent to the public conveniences above the Avon gorge and below which run our gardens.

In the Bristol Botanic Garden yesterday I read the information board again about the Avon Gorge " SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST & AREA OF CONSERVATION " I should be grateful if you would remind all the members of your committee of these facts.

I consider the suggested site for a burger van above the beautiful Downs Avon Gorge totally unsuitable "

REP 116

I feel I must object most strongly to the proposed position of this burger VAN which has applied for a licence to sell smelly burgers for 16 HOURS EVERY DAY. At a position that is about 50 yards as the crow flies from Hundreds of peoples homes in Towerhurst , Seawalls flat complex, the rest of seawalls where the flats are situated AND the whole of the South facing houses in Avon Grove.

The smell of cooking burgers, Sausages and fried onions apart from the noise in the evenings would be appalling and the litter also ruining the picturesque Downs and any hope of a quiet time in our gardens. We already have an icecream van which at least operates on social hours.

The whole idea is preposterous, so close to all these homes. We pay very high Council Tax precisely to have a lovely place to live and if granted, this would ruin it.

IF you have to have a burger van on the Downs, although why it is inconceivable as we already have a well stocked Cafe and a burger van at the other end near the White tree roundabout already, then why in Heavens name cannot it be situated further round by Fairyland and the Twitcher's area where there is plenty of room and nowhere near any dwellings to offend .

I leave you to please come to your senses and refuse this licence at this viewing area next to all these homes.

REP 117

I wish to object to the application for street trading of a Burger Van at Sea Walls, Circular Road. I feel that the Downs are a special area and that a burger van particularly from 6 am to 22.00 to be intrusive, will cause litter and is completely unnecessary. I use the Downs for walking on a regular basis and feel that there is absolutely no need for this. The ice cream van is completely different and can be seen to fulfil a need. I also feel that it will affect business at the Downs Cafe which is not far away and is a very special amenity.

REP 118

As a resident of Bristol I would like to strongly object to a license being granted for a Burger Bar on the Downs.

There is already a litter problem which will be made worse as will the traffic and anti social activity.

The Downs is a well known international tourist spot and similar concessions in other beauty spots eg Cornwall have caused a lot of problems.

I would therefore request that this application is not granted

REP 119

Regarding the application of a Late night Burger Van with outside seating (Benches and Table), Modern Van and Trailer, Location at the Sea Walls near Public Toilets

I wish to object to this application being granted.

I walk on the Downs several times a week, including in the area in question, and can vouch for the fact that this area is often covered in litter, especially on Mondays, after the area has been used for the weekend.

It will be very difficult for the trader to ensure that this activity will not increase the amount of litter left on the Downs. The area they would have to clean would very large.

REP 120

I would object to the late night burger van at the view point on the Downs, because this is a very special place in Bristol.
and this view point should be kept agreeable to the eye. One van is more than

enough. During the day time there is the Cafe under the water tower a pleasant walk away. Living on the Downs, we often experience motor bikes speeding around this space late at night, it is quite unpleasant and I'm sure a late night burger van would only encourage these sort of gatherings, which would slowly degrade this sight. On occasions loud speakers are used from cars parked along there. I really feel that such a licence could well encourage loitering around that area. We already have cars parked near the woods most nights a little further around that bend. What is meant by late night?

Whilst I understand £13,000 p.a. is attractive to the Downs Committee, I believe this is just creating a need at the expense of Bristol's heritage. People go up to the Downs to be in a natural environment, my observation is that most are happy to bring their picnic with them. During the day in the summer coaches stop here and 40 or 50 people can disembark. If people are encouraged to stop and eat here this area could really become over crowded. As with the van on Parry Street. (Where there was quite a bit of parking, contrary to the Downs)vans and lorries will want to come and park and enjoy the view. Fine, but with such limited parking. Local people will find no place.

Whilst this might sound very negative, as a resident living on the Downs I see the movement and circulation of traffic and people coming and going and see the consequences of various decisions that have been taken. I would wish that you consider the above few remarks before granting a late night licence.

REP 121

I strongly object to a burger van on the downs in Bristol

REP 123

Although I live on Seawalls Road I was not aware of this proposed "refreshment van" on Seawalls until I attended a meeting of the Sneyd Park Residents` Association on May 17th. Clearly there has been no notification to local residents, and now there is a fast - approaching deadline in which to put our views.

I would like to object in the strongest terms. This is an entirely inappropriate and unnecessary proposal. To place a large, noisy (and smelly) van in one of the iconic beauty spots of Bristol is madness. The Downs and Gorge view attract visitors from all over the city and surrounding area, and they are entitled to a peaceful and natural environment in which to walk, cycle and enjoy unspoilt surroundings.

This burger van will cause disturbance, commuter lorry parking, litter, and will be an eyesore.

I would like notification please, of the meeting, so that I can be there in person to object - as will many others. I consider it a disgrace that this proposal has not been circulated for discussion by local residents - who are all as horrified as I am by this desecration of the Downs.

REP 124

I would like to raise my concerns about the new street trading application for Yassins Burger Van, my main objections are for the trading hours applied for, Monday to

Friday 09:00 - 22:00, as the centre currently closes at 20:00. Currently there is an restaurant there which also closes at the same time the centre closes.

My concern is that this will lead to more traffic, and cause parking problems for the area. There are historical parking problems with the centre as is currently. Also the increase in food waste and rubbish which could potentially lead to vermin increasing in the area. Seagulls and pigeons, rats and foxes are more common in the area due to increased food wastage. I believe that this could lead to anti social behaviour due to my people being in that vicinity. Also there are many businesses a short distance away on Stapleton Road that could and will cater for this type of food so no need for a van being on site.

A representative from the council in the waste department has recently visited the centre, to give the traders of the centre a months notice to clean up the site.

REP 125

I record my objection to the proposal to site a burger bar on the Downs

My objection is based on the additional traffic, litter and general misbehaviour/nuisance that I feel this will cause:

- o It will draw traffic, including commercial traffic, into the area
- o It is bound to lead to more littering which is already a problem that it seems is uncontrollable, particularly in the warmer months
- o It will attract unruly people with cars and lead to loud music, misbehaviour and speeding. Speeding is already a problem

All of these, you would have to agree, are undeniable and will cause problems for the people living close to the downs and the many users who simply want to continue the status quo of having a beautiful, traditionally peaceful, rural place to enjoy in the centre of Bristol

REP 126

I live on Knoll Hill in close proximity to the Downs and like most people who live here or regularly visit, greatly appreciate and value this common open space, and particularly how sensitively it is managed.

Please do not spoil this by allowing vending in this area, so that we can keep this special green space as natural as it is. There are too few areas in Bristol that are free of consumerism as it is.

REP 127

It seems inconceivable that your office will allow this application to succeed. This is yet another example of attempts to foul up the Downs in the pursuit of money. The Burger Van would become the focal point for noise, litter, deterioration of the condition of the local environment, and (most likely) bad behaviour generally in this part of one of Bristol's finest assets, especially late in the evenings.

Junk food is available almost everywhere. Please make sure the Downs remain an exception

REP 128

I wish to object strongly to this application not only on the grounds already expressed to you but also:

- o in the extension of trading during the hours of darkness in this area. No such regular trading currently takes place. The area has in the recent past been used for activities which requires cars to be parked on the wrong side of the road with headlights on and undipped. This is an activity not to be encouraged.
- o by increasing the amount of nuisance litter spread and especially after dark (when the local foxes and other animals roam across the downs).

The site is a local beauty spot and an early morning drive round the circular road reveals how much litter the council is having to clear - we do not wish to increase Council costs.

I am certain that others will also wish to express their objection to this request

REP 129

A proposal to install a Burger Van at the Sea Walls end of the Downs has just been brought to our attention by a neighbour.

As residents of Sneyd Park for over 12 years and within the immediate vicinity of the Downs, we were horrified that such a proposal could even be considered and call into question why proper notices weren't issued, especially to those in the nearby area, who will be greatly affected by the knock-on effect of such an eye-sore. Not only will it detract from what is a natural beauty spot admired by thousands of visitors near and far, there is the question of noise, smell and litter pollution.

We would, therefore, like our objection to such a proposal noted and taken into consideration.

REP 130

I strenuously object to this proposal on the following grounds

Insufficient notice given

We are trying to cut air pollution not increase it.

We are all trying to reduce obesity not increase it

REP 131

We are writing to express our objection to the application to allow a Burger van to trade on Sea Walls, Circular Road, BS9.

Many people, Bristol residents and visitors alike, come to Sea Walls to enjoy the unique surroundings of the Downs and to look at the iconic view of the Avon Gorge. In our opinion this natural amenity will be totally spoiled by the noise and smell generated by the van. People come to the area to enjoy the peace, quiet and tranquillity.

Our other concern is the amount of litter that this food outlet will generate. Litter on the Downs is already a major problem, particularly after a sunny weekend, and the existing provision of litter bins is woefully inadequate. Early in the morning the

ground is liberally scattered with barbecues, polystyrene containers, fast food containers and plastic bags full of left-overs. The plastic bags have almost always been torn by birds or animals and the contents spread over a wide area.

There is already a lot of traffic on this road, which is quite narrow. The proposed Burger van will generate even more with the resulting risk to children, pedestrians, runners and cyclists who also wish to either use or cross the road.

These days there is a lot of emphasis on healthy eating. Availability of burgers and other 'junk' food will not help the nation's waistline.

We strongly oppose this application and urge you not to grant the licence. We do not wish to spoil the enjoyment of those who use the Downs for many different activities, but feel that this van is unnecessary and unwanted, and will be an eyesore.

REP 132

Whilst I am happy with a burger van operating by the Sea Walls please can the licence include the operator providing seating and tables with a waste bin so that the litter can be kept to a minimum. It is the only way we can control the pigeons and sea gulls.

REP 134

I am writing to fully oppose the licensing of a burger van on The Seawalls. As a resident extremely close to the downs, my reasons being:

- o The Downs is a tranquil, natural part of Bristol where people come to relax and enjoy a feeling of being in a rural countryside setting. A Burger Van would wholly ruin this experience for everyone. An eyesore on the landscape
- o The hours of proposed opening would cause numerous problems. At present we currently have teenager/young adults in their cars late into the evening revving their engines and speeding in The Seawalls area. To have a Burger Van in operation late into the evening would only serve as a place where they could prolong their presence in the area causing additional noise and litter.
- o The type of van that has been proposed is totally out of character for the area. We already have a cafe on the Downs that is a tastefully converted building in keeping with the area. While set in a conservation area, we would welcome a completely different enterprise at this end of the Downs if there has to be one. For example, a mobile, home-made produce drink and snack. This would be nothing permanent (like the ice cream van) but would be in keeping with the area and thoughtful menu for the people of the downs (think picnic and coffee - rather than full fat burger and chips and coke)
- o The food that is suggested to be served is 100% out of keeping with what the Downs stands for - fresh air and exercise. The Downs attracts many people taking exercise from Dog Walkers, runners to local personal training businesses. Do you think they will want to do their exercise, carrying out their local business by a Burger Van?
- o Bristol attracts thousands of visitors each year, with the Downs a part of their Bristol Experience. Do we want them leaving Bristol with the visual impression of a Burger Van, and the smell of burger and chips rather than the iconic, tranquil view of

the Suspension Bridge?

o I cannot believe that an unhealthy Burger Van can even get off the starting block in this day and age in such a vital area of Bristol.

There is potential for this part of the Downs to be used tastefully. This would entail something mobile, non permanent, sensible opening hours, no additional supply traffic for the catering of it, the visual appearance of it in keeping with the surroundings, the menu to be in keeping with the surroundings and what the Downs stands for.

Please, please do not let this go through. We all feel so passionately about the area where we live and this is completely, 100% against what this vial, amazing area of Bristol stands for. Please don't spoil our conservation area.

REP 135

I live in BS9 off Parrys Lane and walk to work every day passing the Downs. I also visit and use the Downs on a regular basis for sport and walking. We are very lucky to have such a big and central green space in our city, and I greatly appreciate and value this public open space.

I want to register my concern and objection at having a burger van and take away place in this green area.

It will spoil not only the space but the spirit of the place, and will bring in traffic, litter, noise and potentially anti-social behaviour.

The retreat café on the Downs is popular and well managed and should be enough to serve people's needs around the Downs. There are plenty of other places nearby and Bristol in general does not lack in food vending venues.

The Downs should be kept for the enjoyment of the people of Bristol, free from litter and consuming - just nature, peace and fresh air.

Please consider the bigger picture rather than looking at revenue and spoiling the Downs.

REP 136

I would like to lodge an objection to the licence application for a burger van on Seawalls

The area is a major natural beauty site and the less commercial usage the better for everyone who uses the Downs

My other concerns would include public safety - the area could very well develop into an early morning truck stop - not sensible on narrow roads close to a residential area. There are other cafés close to the Downs that are easily accessible if food is required.

The proposed opening hours will not help the prevention of crime and disorder, and the public nuisance caused by the litter and smell for the local residents must be taken into account when rejecting this licence application.

The spot - with internationally recognised iconic views attracts people from all over the country and indeed the world - to site a burger van there is appalling

On every level the idea of a burger van on Clifton Down Seawalls is an act of civic vandalism and cannot be allowed

REP 137

May I strongly object to the application for a 'burger' van to be located on the Sea Walls.

This iconic area of Bristol attracts people who want to admire the beautiful views and would not want the smells or to see the associated litter that a 'burger' van would bring.

The thought that this would be operational from 0600 to 2200 defies any understanding and would involve additional resources being provided by the police (anti social behaviour) , parking enforcement (narrow road) and waste collection (there is already enough evidence of fast food packaging discarded each evening).

We already have a perfectly acceptable café on Stoke Road and an existing 'fast food' van in the Parrys Lane slip road - why the need for another ?.

Over this last weekend I entertained a couple from Bordeaux who waxed lyrically of our greenness and especially of the Downs - they were horrified to think a 'burger' van was even being considered

REP 138

I am writing to object to the application to locate a take away food facility on the Sea Wall on Durham Downs.

I believe that such a proposal would seriously damage this beautiful and much loved area. The Downs are used by the citizens of Bristol for recreation and any fast food outlet would spread fumes and litter which would be hugely detrimental to the enjoyment of the area.

Also, those of us who are fortunate to live in the area would be subjected to the fumes and litter.

I am very concerned indeed to have discovered about the application from the Sneyd Park Residents Association and not from the City itself. My house backs onto the Downs a short distance from the proposed site and it seems to me to be highly undemocratic for the City not to consult all those who would be directly affected by the application.

I urge you to stop this application which will provide no benefit but cause major problems to citizens and residents alike.

REP 139

We, the undersigned, are residents of Sneyd Park in the council Ward of Stoke Bishop, and have recently become aware of a quite unacceptable application for the licensing of a new eating and drinking facility intended to be set up on the Downs by Seawalls adjacent to the toilet facilities already in situ. My wife and I are quite appalled at this request, and we fully support justified objections already lodged by

our two councillors

REP 140

I have heard that there is an application for the sale of alcohol from a van on the downs. The sea walls is a well used family area and selling alcohol would bring about a complete change to the relaxed atmosphere there at the moment. This area is a local and national attraction which I object to being debased by the proposed use,