

Table showing summary of 140 objections to Sea Walls concession received with respect to the Street Trading Licence application

Nature and type of objections	Officers comments
Inappropriate location: Sea Walls is an iconic nationally important beauty spot with views of the Avon Gorge and Suspension Bridge visited by thousands of people every year, it is within/close to Conservation and residential areas. The type of van proposed is not inappropriate for the area	Members had the opportunity to consider the location of the concession at their meetings in November 2014, January, April, July and September 2015 including being provided with photomontages to show what the refreshment unit would look like. The members' subgroup considered the design specification in the tender documents at the meeting on 27 April 2015 and did not raise any objections.
Impact on the adjacent Avon Gorge Site of Special Scientific Interest and Special Area of Conservation	The Council Conservation Officer does not consider the concession unit will adversely affect these designated ecological sites.
Unacceptable 16 hours operating times from 0600 to 2200 hours	The terms and conditions set out in the tender documents including operating hours between 0600 to 2220 hours and these were considered by members subgroup on 27 April 2015 and did not raise any objections to the hours.
Generation of litter will attract gulls and crows and vermin creating a health hazard and distracting from beauty of Sea walls spot	<p>The terms and conditions of the legal agreement with concession require that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Traders must supply a waste bin and remove rubbish from site generated at their own cost. Please note any rubbish collections direct from the site must be removed daily before the unit leaves site. -Traders are responsible to keep a 10m radius around their unit clear of litter and rubbish at all times. <p>In addition the Downs Grounds Maintenance Team would monitor compliance with the condition and pick up any litter dropped away from Sea Walls.</p>
Will result increase in increase noise levels causing a nuisance to local residents and detracting from the tranquillity of the location for visitors	Members had the opportunity to consider the impact of the concession with respect to noise levels at their meetings in November 2014, January, April and September 2015 the majority did not raise objection with respect to noise levels
Odours generated by cooking	Members had the opportunity to consider the impact of the concession with respect to noise levels at their meetings in November 2014, January, April and September 2015 and did not raise objection with respect to odours generated by cooking
Short notice given by BCC licensing about the application for people to make objections	A letter was sent out to local residents on behalf of the Lord Mayor at the time assuring them that objections would be received by licensing up

	until the 31 th of May
Concession will result in overcrowding by attracting customers to an area already used by large numbers of people and detract from the beauty of the location. This could affect the stability of the fragile adjacent cliff.	Members had the opportunity to consider the impact of the concession at their meetings in November 2014, January, April, July and September 2015 they did not raise objections with respect to overcrowding. Geologists/Engineering consultants WSP Parson Brinkerhoff advice the Council this they do not consider large numbers of people using this part of the cliff will have any significant impact on the stability of the rock faces.
Result in over intensive catering by having both refreshment and ice cream van in the same place	Members had the opportunity to consider the impact of the concession at their meetings in November 2014, January, July, April and September 2015 the majority did not raise objection with respect over intensive catering.
Parking implications not considered. This will attract commercial and other vehicles reducing the available parking space for other users and visitors and again detracting from the beauty of the location and result in an increase in parking on the grass	Members had the opportunity to consider the impact of the concession at their meetings in November 2014, January, April, July and September 2015 they did not raise an objection with respect the impact on parking
Lack of public consultation by Downs Committee	Public consultation is no normally carried out with concession proposals presented members. The Agenda and reports (and minutes) for the Committee are placed in the public domain prior to any meeting and members of the public have the opportunity to make comments and representations in person and in writing at the meeting which are considered by the members.
These is no need for this concession as there are plenty of existing alternative catering facilities within and close to the Downs e.g Café at Water, Stoke Bishop	The purpose of the concession is to provide much needed revenue to help with substantial running costs of Downs. Members also considered this would provide additional facility for users of the Downs.
Contrary to the ethos of Downs for quite enjoyment and recreation	Members had the opportunity to consider the impact of the concession at their meetings in November 2014, January, April, July and September 2015 the majority did not raise this an issue at the time.
Contrary to European Green Capital status of the City	Members had the opportunity to consider the impact of the concession on the Downs in the context of the objectives of European Green Capital at their meetings in November 2014, January, July, April and September 2015 did not raise this as issue.
The concession will result an increase anti-social behaviour, especially during the evening, including increase in noise levels as result of numbers of people and loud music, use of drugs and alcohol, speeding, parking on the grass and	Members had the opportunity to consider the impact of the concession at their meetings in November 2014, January, April, July and September 2015 they did not raise this as an issue. In addition there is no past evidence from

dropping of litter. Will increase the amount of police resources need to deal with these activities	the concession at Parry's lane that having refreshment unit on the Downs resulted in an increase in anti-social behaviour.
Increase in numbers and movement of vehicles will increase the hazard to users of the Downs especially children.	Members had the opportunity to consider the impact of the concession at their meetings in November 2014, January, April, July and September 2015 and did not raise this as issue.
Result in unhealthy eating	<p>The tender documents considered by the members subgroup on 27 April 2015 included an evaluation scoring criteria to 'Fit with existing local offer' this was made up of 2 components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Only hot and cold foods and hot drinks (no cold drinks, ice lollies/ice cream products) 2) Menu and pricing. <p>In addition to the above the tender documents included an environmental policy which included recycling, food miles and packaging. Part of this was to look at whether food was locally sourced. There was no specific statement about the food being 'healthy food'</p>
Will cause light pollution on a part of the Downs which is a 'Dark Sky Discovery Site' cause by the lights of the concession van and customer vehicles	Officers' do not consider that the amount of light generated by the concession and customers will have significant impact on the Dark Sky Discovery Site
Risk of Concession creating a precedence	Parry's Lane on Durdham Down has had a refreshment unit selling hot food and drinks for many years so the precedent for this has already well established.
Objector understands alcohol will be sold by the concession	The contract with concession only allows for the sale of hot and cold foods and hot drinks not alcohol products.