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Subject: Re: RE: Licensing Act 2003 – Temporary Event Notice TE4372 – Offshore Bar & Restaurant, 13 - 14 Vaughan Parade, Torquay, TQ2 5EG
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Dear Tom,

Thankyou for considering my application to continue our longstanding and well respected event.

I submitted the application early this year so that we had time to respond to any suggestions and to avoid too much back and forth in the weeks leading up to it. I did use last years application as a template, so perhaps I should have communicated in advance and then included your suggestions in the TEN, but like I said I just wanted to get the application in early so we can get the ball rolling before we all get too busy.

Given the nature of your objection, it is confusing as to why the police have never seen the need to attend our event in it's entire 13 year history. Highways have also always been very understanding. It's also confusing as to why I did not receive any rebuke or letters of complaint from said authorities in the weeks that followed last years event. I admit that the weather was unexpectedly beautiful, which led to increased numbers of people, but Platinum security and my team handled it really well, and all in attendance were happy and well behaved. We did have litter collectors at our event and I took personal responsibility to make sure the area was clear of all rubbish by 10pm on the same night, which I'm sure your CCTV will confirm. I must also point out that the council bin closest to us was overflowing every evening all summer. I have complained about this myself in the past.

On your recommendation last year I handed out letters to local residents in advance of our event, and actually received messages of thanks from residents who have previously complained about noise emanating from venues around the harbourside. Most the people I handed the letter to attended the event as well, perhaps contributing to the increased numbers. In fact, in our own debrief email I am the one that suggested that we had been surprised by the numbers of people bringing picnics and deckchairs, and I suggested that I work with the council to grow the event into a more collaborative harbourside festival, as there is obviously a high demand for it. I have reached out to Phil Black but as yet have not received any detailed communication on this.

In regards to the toilet situation, I must protest. Our closest neighbours' off duty staff were in attendance at our event and rather than wait 5 minutes to use our loos, they were running to use their own loo, which in turn encouraged others to follow. I did discuss with neighbouring businesses afterwards and received no complaints from them and so again it's surprising that this is one of the main reasons for the objection. Every single local business that I have engaged with has been extremely supportive. In total at Offshore we have 5 sit down loos and 2 urinals which is usually more than enough for our event and queues at the busiest times reach no more than 5 minutes.

I also have to say that I can't help but take personal offence at being accused of using the charitable nature of the event to secure permission last year. We have raised over £10,000 for local charities over the years at our event and in 2024 we raised £1200 for the RNLI. Running this event is a big risk for us. It costs us over £6000 to run and its very weather dependent and so if it rains we lose a lot financially. The reason we keep it going every year is to support our local food and drink suppliers, the musicians, to give something back to our local community and raise money for charity. It's not a profit driven endeavor by any means,

With all this in mind would you be open to me resubmitting my application with extra security, extra bins and possibly 2 portaloos included in the plan if deemed necessary?

Or, like I have said previously, I am more than happy to work with the events team and other local venues to produce a more collaborative plan if that is what is preferred, should the events team get in touch. As yet though I have not been included in any such conversations.

Please advise as to the best way for me to proceed.

Kind Regards,

Brett Morton
Director



From: West, Thomas <Tom.West@torbay.gov.uk>
Sent: 29 January 2025 16:34
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Good afternoon,

Please find attached my objection notice to the Temporary Event Notice for Offshore Bar and Restaurant, 13 – 14, Vaughan Parade, Torquay TQ2 5EG

Kind regards,

Tom

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Dear All


We have accepted the above TEN for the 10th & 11th May 2025.

Please can all comments be received by 29th January 2025.

A copy of the TEN has been attached for your information.

Kind regards

Joanne

Title: Torbay Council


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