

Licence Application for 1-2 Glenholme (former bakery & café) Seaside Lane Easington Village

In Response to objection received from

Mr B Smithson and E Mitchell

I have read through his objection and taken on board his concerns

Point 1

Whilst there is residential dwellings on Seaside lane we are located next to another commercial property on a very busy main road. (See picture)

The rear gate displayed in picture will only be used as an emergency exit as guests will only be entering and exiting from the front entrance

Point 2

Car parking has always been a problem at this venue, hence why we will actively promoting anyone wishing to drive, to go to our other restaurant located in Peterlee where there is ample parking.

Our target market is for people living in the village that will walk to the restaurant

I have also placed a sign on the building reminding everyone that it is residents parking only.

( see picture )

Point 3

Provision for Smoking (see picture) this is a small outside area within the bounds of the venue, which had previously been used as a smoking area when trading previously

Point 4

Guests will NOT be allowed to congregate outside of the property.

Also signage in place requesting guests to leave the restaurant quietly

Previously Mr Smithson raised concerns regarding toilet situation this has been rectified by new toilets being placed into the venue (see Pictures)

To summarise

This is a restaurant and food led. NOT a Pub

As Mr Smithson has stated it's a very small venue.

This limits the amount of guests we can get in at any one time. ( See pictures)

Mr Smithson has also stated he previously ran a cafe from the venue yet these issues were irrelevant at that time. car parking, smoking, people gathering.

Mr Smithsons Family home is situated above a commercial property which is leased out by Mr Smithson which has vehicles parking outside it regularly and is also next to very busy bus stop which DOES have people congregating regularly day and night with the last bus not being till 23:48 a time long after we will be closed (see pictures)

I Have Lived in Easington Village since 1974 and have seen the decline in social hubs and places to eat.

On seeing this venue available I decided to try and put something back into the village at my own personal expense,

The concept of this restaurant (Tapas) has been very well received by local residents

I have been involved in the licenced trade for over 30 years now and as previously stated I have a busy restaurant situated locally in peterlee, this is currently running at 73% food 27% wet and our projection for this venue is very similar.

On doing the business plan the sale of alcohol was an integral part of it, without it there will be a shortfall in the income.

We would then have to potentially serve food later than 9pm and actively encouraging people to visit later for a takeaway. Which in turn would lead to more cars (delivery drivers) and people calling in after being to the local pubs.

Whilst I accept Mr Smithsons right for objection I feel its all circumstantial

like other residents if there is any issues going forward I would welcome Mr Smithson to come and speak with me to help resolve it.

I have always worked with local residents wherever I have been and always came to an amicable solution if situations arose .

Regards

Richard Parker



**Bus stop and another  
Open commercial shop**



***Residents parking only  
Sign***



***Area for smoking***



***New toilets***



**Interior**



**Interior**



**Bus stop**



**Bus stop**

# Easington Village Post Office

Effective from: 7th August 2022

Stop No: 13003512B

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**Durham, North Rd Temporary Stop E**

Arriva 0844 800 44 11



Monday to Friday	Saturday	Sunday
0657 0802	0726	0948
0912 1012	0812	Then at 48 mins past the hour until
1112 1212	0842	1848b
1312 1412	0912	
1512 1612	Then at 12 mins past the hour until	
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a Terminates at Core Hall Estate  
b Terminates at Bus Station

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**Peterlee, Bus Station**

Go North East 01914205050



Monday to Friday	Saturday	Sunday
0738 0840	0846	No Services
0943 1045	0946	
1145 1245	1045	
1345 1445	Then at 45 mins past the hour until	
1545 1648	1745	
1751 1847	1842	

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**Peterlee, Bus Station**

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Monday to Friday	Saturday	Sunday
0717 0820	0820	No Services
0923 1025	0923	
Then at 25 mins past the hour until	1025	
1625 1730	Then at 25 mins past the hour until	
	1625	

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**Hartlepool Marina, Asda**

Arriva 0844 800 44 11



Monday to Friday	Saturday	Sunday
0600 0647a	0700	No Services
0722a 0827	0800	
0932	0832	
Then at 32 mins past the hour until	0932	
1632 1742	Then at 32 mins past the hour until	
	1732	

a Terminates at Victoria Road - Avenue Road

**X1**

**Peterlee, Bus Station**

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0735 0754	0933	1013
0824 0849	0905	1106
0926 1002	0935	Then at 06 mins past the hour until
1026	1002	1806
Then at 02, 26 mins past the hour until	1026	0006
1426 1502	Then at 02, 26 mins past the hour until	
1528 1605	1726	
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**Bus timetable**

I am writing to implore you to grant the requested licencing to the Spread from the Med taverna we all hope will soon be gracing our once lovely front street in Easington Village.

Having lived in Easington most of my life I moved to Kent for work a few years ago. I only moved back to Easington in August 2020 in the midst of COVID and so was excited to sample the local public houses and restaurants once restrictions lifted. Imagine my disappointment when none of the local businesses decided to diversify when outside food and drinks were allowed and we still needed to travel to Peterlee or Seaham for a meal. Since then I have been extremely dismayed with the lack of investment and entertainment options in the area. To the point I am considering moving out of the area completely! The options for going out for a drink are limited and the decent food options are non-existent! One good example of how a business kept the hospitality trade buoyant, even during difficult times, is 'Spread from the Med' in Peterlee, they really went the extra mile to ensure that whatever the restrictions there was still somewhere with a safe environment, nice food and entertainment for people to visit in the worst of times.

When I heard that the taverna was going to be opening just around the corner I was so excited that not only had someone decided that our little village was worthy of investment but that I'd be able to indulge in some lovely food and drinks in walking distance of my home. I have enquired about the progress a few times to be told that they are experiencing issues with the licencing. I find it hard to believe why anyone would have an issue with this as not only will it bring life to the village, it will also distract from all of the bad things going on. The main one being the 'Kings Head' building which is where I believe their negative energy should be diverted. The residents are buying, or more often stealing, alcohol from the local shops and creating a nuisance for others with anti-social behaviour.

Having the taverna will not only provide jobs and much needed leisure for the upstanding citizens of Easington Village, it would also be somewhere open so that people walking past this area can actually feel safe once more. Furthermore it will attract more of the right kind of people to the once well respected area.

Please acknowledge response of this letter.

Kind Regards



A Lyons

Whitehouse Court

Easington Village

ng toilet situation this has been rectified by new

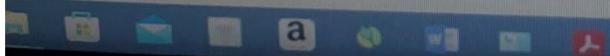
To whom it may concern

I am writing to you on behalf of Spread from the med with regards to the application for a drinks License, I believe currently the license has been objected due to potential customers been intoxicated when leaving the premises, having been working with Mr Richard Parker over the last couple of years I feel this is slightly exaggerated, as I have sent students to him for work experience, within both the kitchen and front of house. I have visited the taverna and it is a quaint establishment with 7 tables and could seat a maximum of 30 people, this alone allows Mr Richard Parker to control how many people enter the establishment and he can easily monitor peoples drinks. I feel if the license isn't agreed and the customers can drink their own drinks this will have more of an impact within the premises as the licensee will have less powers to control the amount of beverages consumed, which then will impact the noise, as the customers leave the premises.

Yours Faithfully

I

M [redacted] Chapman (Lecturer at [redacted] College)



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## Support of Licencing Application

1 message

A [redacted] Watt

21 September 2022 at 12:44

To: [redacted]

Good Afternoon Mr Parker,

I wanted to write to offer support in favour of your Alcohol Licencing Application for Seaside Taverna, Seaside Lane, Easington Village.

When I moved to Easington Village back in 1997 it was thriving with 7 pubs/clubs on, or in close proximity to the village green. The community had a very warm feel based around the social side it brought. Over the years majority of these businesses have closed, converting their premises to convenience stores, houses, apartments, and a rehabilitation centre, leaving only 1 pub and 1 club. The result of this happening I feel has caused the village to lose its identity and the close community feel that brought. With the increasing housing being built in the area, its vital we create the supporting infrastructure alongside them.

What you have created in the village is a place for the community to meet, enjoy food and conversation in a warm & friendly environment. Given the last 24 months we have endured through the pandemic, the reaction to the news you were creating this restaurant has been overwhelming, when speaking to people through word of mouth or social media. There is not a restaurant of its type in the local area without travelling to Seaham, Hartlepool, or Durham City, which would require someone taking a drive. One of the major benefits of your restaurant is the fact that it is within walking distance of the circa 2,500 people in Easington Village & Littlethorpe who can enjoy your food with a glass of wine with their family during the day or early evening. My wife and I, along with my daughters (age [redacted]) cannot wait for it to open to enjoy the food it will offer.

I feel it would be a crying shame should the licence be denied, and the premises potentially sold and the community left with the dreams of what might have been.....

A [redacted] Watt

[redacted]  
Littlethorpe

Co. Durham

SR83UD

Kind Regards

A [redacted] Watt

National Franchise Director

Mercedes-Benz & smart

J [redacted] & M [redacted] Lee  
[redacted] Whitehouse Court  
Easington Village  
County Durham  
SR8 3HZ

14 September 2022

**Durham County Council Licensing Officer, Re:-Seaside Taverna, Easington Village**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to offer a letter of support for the Seaside Taverna in Easington Village, to assist them in obtaining a music and alcohol license.

Our family have lived in Easington Village for more than 20 years and feel that opening a new restaurant would be a very welcome addition to the village.

Not only will this new restaurant create much needed employment in the area but it will also enable its residents to enjoy an authentic Mediterranean dining experience, and all this within walking distance.

With the current economic crisis as a family we prefer to dine locally, support local small businesses rather than having the additional costs of travelling by car to surrounding towns.

We believe if the restaurant has a music and alcohol license it will add to the authentic atmosphere.

We are looking forward to enjoying many teatime meals with our [redacted] year old daughter, hopefully with some music in the background.

Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]

J [redacted] Lee

[redacted]

M [redacted] Lee

14.09.2022

Mrs L [redacted] Robinson

- [redacted] The Spinney  
Easington Village  
Peterlee  
Co. Durham  
SR8 3NX

[redacted]

To whom it may concern

I am writing to you in connection to the opening of Seaside Taverna in Easington Village.

It has come to my attention that Mr Parker is against some objections to his new venture, so on hearing this I felt so strongly in favour that I felt I had to raise some personal positive reasons as to why our Village would benefit from the opening of this new business.

I am [redacted] years old and have lived in Easington Village all of my life and must say that as fond as I am of my place of birth the Village has been rapidly denising over the past 20 years.

When I was a young adult the Village boasted 6 public houses a cafe and a Chip Shop. Today we have 2 public houses and a Chip Shop which is barely open. The Village has lost all of its vibrant, social, close community feel it once had.

I personally need to travel to Seaham to experience what has gone from Easington Village.

Without a doubt I believe that Seaside Taverna will be a welcome asset to residents and a step in the right direction to put some heart back into Easington Village.

Yours Sincerely  
[redacted]

Mr AND Mrs L [REDACTED] WATT

[REDACTED]  
LOANING BURN  
EASINGTON VILLAGE SR8 3TX

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
12.09.2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

WE ARE WRITING TO REGISTER OUR SUPPORT TO THE OPENING OF THE SEASIDE TAVERNA IN EASINGTON VILLAGE.

AS RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE OF MANY YEARS WE HAVE UNFORTUNATELY WITNESSED THE CLOSURE OF SEVERAL PUBLIC HOUSES, LOCAL SHOPS AND AMENITIES. ALL THE WHILE, THE VILLAGE POPULATION HAS SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED RESULTANT OF EXTENSIVE HOUSING PROJECTS. REGRETABLELY, INFRASTRUCTURE HAS NOT KEPT PACE AND OUR VILLAGE IS SADLY NO LONGER THE VIBRANT PLACE IT ONCE WAS.

OUR FAMILY STRONGLY FEEL THAT A LOCAL ENTREPRENEUR WHO IS WILLING TO INVEST TIME, MONEY AND PASSION INTO OUR PARISH SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED, WELCOMED AND SUPPORTED.

YOURS SINCERLEY  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]



Village News Ltd,  
Low Row,  
Easington Village,  
Co. Durham,  
SR8 3AU

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to offer this as my letter of support for Easington's new business 'Seaside Taverna' and its application to obtain a music and alcohol licence.

As a local business owner myself, I am in full favour of the Seaside Taverna and think the addition of a music and alcohol licence will be an entirely positive contribution to our community. I also reside over the road from the new restaurant (about a 30 second walk) and have zero concerns of the licence being granted.

Over the years we have seen four local establishments close and become converted into shops or flats - a real shame for the Village as we see it slowly losing the pull it once had as a much sought after place to live. Although we are left with one eating and drinking establishment in the Village - The Half Moon - another establishment offering a completely different style of menu and atmosphere would be much welcomed. Since the soft opening of the Seaside Taverna I have seen a real buzz and excitement amongst the community which is lovely to see.

I have visited the owner's other business 'Spread from the Med' in Peterlee on several occasions and can confirm that it is a very popular, well managed and well supported business in the area. I know the 'Seaside Taverna' will follow in the same way, welcoming clientele that simply wish to go out for a nice local meal accompanied by some alcohol.

Easington needs something to lift community spirit and get it back to being the desirable place to live it once was - in my opinion the Seaside Taverna will definitely contribute towards this happening. We should be supporting independent local businesses and helping them thrive.

Many thanks

S Lee

Owner at Village News Ltd

**From:** Richard Parker  
**Sent:** 23 September 2022 10:55  
**To:** Yvonne Raine <  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]:Licence hearing



Cllr David Boyes 08:41  
to me ▾



### To Whom Most It Most Concerns

As county councillor for the Easington Division on Durham County Council I would like to offer my wholehearted support for the Seaside Taverna at Easington Village receiving its licence to sell alcohol to guests visiting the Taverna.

From the information I've received from reading the application and from talking to visitors who have been to Mr Parker's other establishments I have no concerns that there will be an increase in alcohol related anti social behaviour in Easington Village. Furthermore, I do believe that the Taverna will be a welcome asset to the area and in these times of austerity I commend the proprietors for investing in Easington.

Regards

David Boyes Ph.D (Dunelm)

Councillor Dr David Boyes  
(Easington Division)

Good Morning Yvonne

Attached is a copy of councillor Boyes letter

Regards  
Richard