

**USTINOV COLLEGE BAR, SHERATON HOUSE, DURHAM – CLUB PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLOR LIZ BROWN – 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017**

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**Sent:** 17 August 2017 14:32  
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**Subject:** Club Licence Application for Ustinov Bar Sheraton Park

Hi Yvonne, In order that there be no grey areas this is the draft of my comments for the licensing hearing. I should also declare that my husband works for Ustinov College as a porter - something I shall also mention on the day of the hearing.  
Thanks. Councillor Liz Brown



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Thank you Chair,  
A little background if I may.

The new Ustinov College consists of two large blocks, Neville House and Sheraton House. Each contains a mix of bedrooms offices and communal space and together will house 418 students. The new bar is situated in Sheraton House, which is a new building replacing one which was allowed to fall into disrepair by the original developers.

As you can see from the accompanying map these 2 blocks are fronted by an area of public land which is to be landscaped and will contain public art (paid for by the previous councillors) and seating areas. The principal of Ustinov College has already referred to this space as an area of tranquillity. The whole aforementioned area is surrounded on all sides by family residences which have been occupied for at least the last ten years. Some are less than 10 metres from the blocks.

As you can see from the application Mr Macdonald has put many conditions in place to ensure that the four licensing objectives are met – I won't repeat them as they are within the paperwork for this application. Suffice to say that I have no objection to the granting of a club licence for sale of alcohol on the premises.

Where I think this application falls over is in its wish for off sales. I cannot find any valid reason for this, given that the applicant has taken so much trouble to assure residents that drinks will not be allowed outside. If this licence is granted as it stands the contradiction that I mentioned in my previous objection remains. The student with the capped bottle will be allowed outside, the one with the open bottle will have to stay inside.

There is no way that you will be able to stop people from enjoying a drink outside in pleasant surroundings on a summer's evening. What I am asking for is that the buying of said drinks will involve forward planning rather than the impulse buy that enables a party to carry on outside. We then have the potential for public nuisance and crime and disorder. This would defeat all the good work Mr Macdonald has done in protecting local residents from the consequences of having an unexpected licensed premises in their midst.