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The Licensing Manager
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Re: The Giggling Goose, North Road, Ambleside

Dear Sirs

I am writing to express my concern at the Licence Application displayed at The Giggling Goose, North Road, Ambleside. The premises are currently operating as a café which I have no problem with.

My concerns are:

- 1) As far as I'm aware there is only one toilet in the premises, this is outside the café in a yard where there are several residential properties. I am concerned that this could lead to gatherings in the yard while waiting to use the toilet which would generate an unacceptable level of noise outside. There is also the possibility that male customers may get fed up of waiting to use the toilet and decide to use the yard instead.
- 2) Which entrance are the proprietors planning to use? If the entrance to the yard is to be kept open (which it will have to be if the outside toilet is used), the yard could well become a thoroughfare for customers coming and going, this could again lead to unacceptable noise and there is also the possibility of damage being caused to residents cars. My bedroom looks out on to the yard and is on the ground floor. As a middle aged lady living on my own I would feel quite intimidated by groups of drunken youths congregating outside my bedroom window.
- 3) The yard provides parking for the residents of Stock Terrace, The Giggling Goose and Ambleside Opticians. Parking is very restricted and we often have to block each other in but on the whole it works as the commercial properties are only used during the day when residents are out at work. There could be problems if staff are going to be parking there later in the evening, I will not be happy if I have to go out and move my car late at night.
- 4) I also have concerns about live music taking place, again because of the noise levels.

- 5) There are currently several tables for outside seating on the riverbank, is this area to become a beer garden? I understand this building is in the Ambleside Conservation area, are live music and beer gardens really in keeping with the aims of the conservation area?

- 6) There are already plenty of bars and pubs in Ambleside, including two within 50 yards of the Giggling Goose, do we really need another? All tastes are catered for and there are only so many customers to go round

I hope that you will give my concerns some attention, this is a lovely quiet area of Ambleside and I for one would like it to remain that way. The two pubs in the area are in keeping with the area and cause no problems. There are plenty of livelier bars in the town centre already and another is not needed.

Yours faithfully

Jackie Kingdom