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1.	<p><b>From:</b> Liz O'Keeffe <b>Sent:</b> 21 February 2025 15:14 <b>To:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> Application Ref:- WK/000054665</p> <p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>This application for the extension of drinking hours until 3am is totally inappropriate for the multiple reasons stated below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1). Wrong venue</li><li>2). Inappropriate location</li><li>3). Encouragement of drunkenness leading to sickness in the street and violent violent behaviour</li><li>4). Misery for residents, and fear felt by the vulnerable special needs children living in nearby accommodation.</li><li>5)) No police protection.</li></ol> <p>People are already able to drink all through the day until late in the evening. There is absolutely no reason for these premises to be serving drinks until 3am.</p> <p>I therefore strongly request rejection for this application.</p> <p>Yours faithfully,</p> <p>Mrs Elizabeth O'Keeffe</p>
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2.	<p><b>From:</b> Dagmar Klatte <b>Sent:</b> 21 February 2025 13:23 <b>To:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> New Licence application for Bar 21</p> <p>Dear Mr Carswell,</p> <p>As residents of Minehead and members of the Minehead Conservation Society we are objecting to the new licence application for longer opening hours.</p> <p>We are worried about the prospect of our town being spoilt - for residents and holidaymakers alike - by granting of yet another excessive alcohol licence.</p> <p>We are particularly concerned about the noise, general behaviour, ( such as sickness on the pavements and urinating in the street ) and overall disturbance emanating already from this premises, now supposed to go on until 3am in the morning.</p>
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	<p>Lots of people living in close proximity, especially the elderly, young families and shift workers are suffering already to a great extent.</p> <p>We hope you take this matter into consideration when making your decision about the new licence application.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Tony White (Vice-Chairman of Minehead Conservation Society)</p> <p>Dagmar Klatte (Member of Minehead Conservation Society)</p>
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3.	<p><b>From:</b> Office MTC <b>Sent:</b> 10 February 2025 11:02 <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West and Taunton <b>Subject:</b> RE: WK/000054665 Application to vary premises licence - Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead TA24 5AY</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Reference: WK/000054665</b> <b>Date: 05 February 2025</b></p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p><b>Subject: MTC Planning committee response to licencing application WK/000054665 Application to vary premises licence - Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead TA24 5AY</b></p> <p>The planning committee objects to the application relating to preventing public nuisance, one of the four Somerset Council licensing objectives, for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li><li>The premises' close proximity to residential properties, with the sound carrying further due to the surrounding open space, which has already resulted in multiple complaints from residents.</li><li>•</li><li>The scale of the proposed activities significantly exceeds what has already been permitted for similar businesses in the area.</li><li>•</li></ul> <p>Additionally, the committee notes concerns about existing license violations, as evidenced by complaints that are publicly documented, as can be seen in the minutes of SWT's Scrutiny Committee meeting of Wednesday November 30th 2022.</p> <p>Kind Regards, Ben Parker Town Clerk</p>
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	<p><b>From:</b> Office MTC <b>Sent:</b> 24 February 2025 13:34 <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West and Taunton <b>Subject:</b> RE: Application reference WK/000054665 Bar 21, The Avenue Minehead</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Reference: WK/000054665 Date: 24 February 2025</p> <p>To whom it may concern, <b>For further clarification. The application requests:</b> The licensable hours applied for are 09:00 – 03:00 Monday to Sunday for all activities excluding provision of plays, which has been applied for between 18:00 and 22:00 Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The application also suggests that they would like to extend their maximum hours for sale of alcohol, with hours also of 09:00 to 03:00 Monday to Sunday. It is felt that the scope of this application is far too broad leaving open the possibility of seven day a week operation, with music and alcohol sales until 03:00 every day of the week which would have the potential to cause a public nuisance or harm to local residents through excessive noise from both the event itself and arriving/departing attendees. It should be noted that no other licensed venue of a similar type in Minehead has a license as broad as the above requested license. A compromise comprising the following is proposed. Hours of 09:00 - 00:30 Sunday to Thursday and 09:00-03:00 Friday and Saturday for all licensable activities, indoor sporting events, wrestling and boxing entertainments, live and recorded music, performances of dance and late-night refreshment. These activities to take place indoors with doors closed and no overspill after 00:30. Sale of alcohol, hours of 09:00 to 02:30 Friday and Saturday and 09:00-00:30 Sunday to Thursday. The proposed hours would be in line with those of neighbouring establishments. Town Clerk: Mr Ben Parker - Minehead Town Council</p>
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4.	<p><b>From:</b> Edward Vandyck (Environmental Protection Officer) <b>Sent:</b> 13 February 2025 15:03 <b>To:</b> Lorraine Pegler, William Wynn <b>Cc:</b> Brad Fear; Verity Cole <b>Subject:</b> RE: NMP</p> <p>Dear Both</p> <p>Following the productive discussions yesterday on site, it will be helpful to summarise where we are with our assessment of what is needed for your Noise Management Plan (NMP). This email is copied to the Council's Licensing section.</p>
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	<p>The site visit including 'sound test' yesterday established that further works are required, which will need to address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• sound-proofing the frontage and rear door to the function room</li><li>• apparent sound transmission through to the ground floor of flats above</li><li>• the requirements of system of mechanical ventilation, likely to be acoustically-treated</li><li>• the significance, if any, of sound breakout from the premises through the existing customer areas.</li></ul> <p>It will then be possible to be clear how much noise from amplified sound and people is both:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ contained by any necessary works to control airborne and structure-borne sound, and</li><li>○ to be managed,</li></ul> <p>in order to prevent public nuisance from the premises, particularly at the proposed times.</p> <p>The proactive approach that you have taken to date is going in the right direction.</p> <p>However, the above, sufficient detail in the NMP is also an essential part of the application to vary the license and demonstrate how public noise nuisance will be prevented. Without that 'up front', we must object to the application as it stands. You may wish to discuss with the licensing officer how best to progress the current application.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p><b>Edward Vandyck</b> Environmental Protection Officer <b>Somerset Council</b></p>
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5.	<p><b>From:</b> Peter Hallam <b>Sent:</b> 13 February 2025 16:51 <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West and Taunton <b>Subject:</b> Application no. WK/000054665 by Bar 21.</p> <p>Having read the application in detail, I am seriously concerned with its opening hours until 3 am at all, and particularly on every day of the week.</p> <p>My objections are to Prevent crime and disorder, and to Prevent public nuisance, especially due to Bar 21's location on The Avenue and close to Blenheim Road and North Street with residential housing.</p>
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6.	<p><b>From:</b> Nick Smith <b>Sent:</b> 15 February 2025 14:50 <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West and Taunton <b>Subject:</b> Application No WK/000054665 from William Wynn to vary premises licence - Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead TA24 5AY</p> <p>Dear Sirs, please find attached my objects to the proposed license application.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Nick Smith ----- To Whom it may concern:</p> <p>Re: Application No WK/000054665 from William Wynn to vary premises licence - Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead TA24 5AY</p> <p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>I wish to submit an OBJECTION to the above application on the grounds that if granted, the premises will become a PUBLIC NUISANCE.</p> <p>The primary objection to granting the licence is the amount of noise at unsociable hours which would disturb nearby residents. The premises are situated in close proximity to many residential dwellings, with flats above many of the buildings along The Avenue as well as residences for elderly people (The Winsor Residential Home) and young people who are training for careers in hospitality (The Foxes Academy). In addition, the residential streets of Summerland Avenue, Blenheim Road, Blenheim Mews, Quay Lane, North Road, Martlet Road and Northfield Road are all within earshot of the noise which already emanates from the premises on a regular basis. The fact that these residential streets currently suffer noise from the premises demonstrates the fact that licence violation is already occurring as the current licence does not permit music. Last summer for example, outdoor contemporary music played by a DJ was being played at excessive volume most Saturday afternoons from midday to 7pm. Local residents have also complained that loud music is heard in the evenings. Should the licence be granted to permit music and entertainment until 3am for 7 days per week, it is not unreasonable to fear that the noise will continue at this unacceptable level until the small hours every night. It is well-documented that disturbance of sleep on a regular basis is extremely detrimental to peoples' health and well-being.</p>
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	<p>Another point of concern is that neither the new police station in Minehead or the more established station in Williton are not open/occupied at the during the evenings or the weekends. This concerns residents as there is no police presence locally should the need arise to call upon them to deal with incidents of anti-social behaviour. The granting of this licence application would increase the risk of this type of disturbance occurring. 31 anti-social and public order offences were recorded in December 2024. The demographic analysis of Minehead's current population indicates that the majority are either too young or too elderly to be the target market of establishments offering the type of entertainment to be offered by Bar 21. Therefore it is to be assumed that their target market is largely visitors to Butlins resort.</p> <p>Given that the proprietors of Bar 21 already fail to adhere to the terms of their current licence, and cause annoyance and disturbance to nearby residents it is not inconceivable that this would continue and increase if this licence application was to be granted.</p> <p>Yours faithfully,</p> <p>Nicholas Smith 15th February 2025</p>
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7.	<p><b>From:</b> Paul Butcher <b>Sent:</b> 19 February 2025 10:39 <b>To:</b> Somerset Direct - Generic <b>Cc:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> Planning Application - Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead (Wynn) - WK/000054665</p> <p>I am writing to object to the above application for the following reasons.</p> <p>The premises in question is located in the centre of Minehead, surrounded by a large number of residential properties. Some take the form of 'flats over shops' and extend the length of The Avenue, including properties managed by Foxes Academy which provides residential places for young people with learning difficulties. In addition there are a large number of residential homes within 250metres, again including a significant number of retirement homes at Carlton Court. Residential streets adjoining The Avenue, all of which will be impacted by the proposed activities, include Blenheim Road, Summerland Avenue, Summerland Road, Martlet Road, North Road, Glenmore Road and Tregonwell Road.</p> <p>A more considered application would request a license extension to 11.30 for Friday and Saturday evenings ONLY!</p> <p>As a sports enthusiast I applaud the notion of providing a premises for the</p>
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	<p>additional activities listed in the application but feel this is the wrong venue and in the wrong part of town. Many of these activities will generate considerable noise themselves, not to mention that created by those arriving/leaving the venue, either on foot or by motor vehicle.</p> <p>A better location, already catering for sporting activities, may be available at the town football club site in Alexandra Road.</p> <p>Paul Butcher</p>
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8.	<p><b>From:</b> Kay Collis <b>Sent:</b> 17 February 2025 16:40 <b>To:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> Bar 21 Licensing Application WK/000054665</p> <p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I am writing to object to the application for 'Variation of premises licence' relating to Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead, the reasons being as follows:</p> <p>I was born in the West Country and moved to Minehead for retirement some years ago, as we had found it, on numerous visits, to be a family oriented coastal resort which also has a very high percentage of retired people. All the noise I understood was kept and contained in the Butlin's premises, so the main town was generally quieter and was safe and orderly.</p> <p>For some years this has been the case, but lately with the extension of Bar 21, this has changed greatly. The music can be heard at times up on North Hill where we live, not far from St Michael's Church. With yet another extension of the premises and all the extra events that are to take place, the owners are trying to turn the bar into a large night club. Can you imagine trying to get to sleep with music blaring every night until 3.00am! I pity nearby residents, of which there are many. I believe one of the problems is that they have p.a. speakers outside in the covered area and therefore, with no solid walls to contain it, the loud music travels great distances.</p> <p>The drunken and disgusting behaviour of many of the customers also leaves much to be desired and is certainly not going to enhance Minehead's previous reputation as a family holiday resort or residential area. This behaviour, together with the noise nuisance, would increase with the licensing extensions applied for. I therefore ask you to turn down this application.</p> <p>Your sincerely</p> <p>Kay Collis</p>
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9.	<p><b>From:</b> Jonathan Collis <b>Sent:</b> 17 February 2025 14:09 <b>To:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead TA24 5AY</p> <p>To: Chair of the Licensing Committee</p> <p>Re: Application Ref WK/000054665 Variation of premises licence</p> <p>Dear Mr Carswell</p> <p>I am writing to you as a local resident to express concern and to raise objections to the current application by William Wynn for a variation of premises licence in respect of Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead.</p> <p>This application relates to the extended premises of Bar 21 and the wish to hold all manner of activities there, including sporting events, wrestling and boxing, live music dancing etc. along with making the licensable hours from 09:00 – 03:00 Monday to Sunday. The activities at Bar 21 have already been having a detrimental effect on Minehead over several months. The music emanating from there has often been at extremely high volume levels, both during the day and well into the night, being heard at considerable distances across the town. Although we live some way off to the west of The Avenue, we have been able to hear it and I dread to think what it has been like for those people who live close by, especially when they have been trying to sleep. There has also been rowdy, drunken behaviour in the street by people leaving Bar 21. The idea of having these premises being licensed to 3am every night of the week is appalling.</p> <p>I ask that you consider the impact of this application on the residents of Minehead and turn it down.</p> <p>Yours sincerely Jon Collis,</p>
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10.	<p><b>From:</b> Michael Hankin <b>Sent:</b> 17 February 2025 16:12 <b>To:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> Application Reference: WK/000054665</p> <p>It is with great concern that William Wynn of Bar 21 The Avenue Minehead TA24 5AY is requesting extended hours in a mainly residential area. This would be detrimental to the peace of the neighbourhood and the application should therefore be denied.</p> <p>Michael Hankin</p>
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11.	<p><b>From:</b> David Harwood-Smith <b>Sent:</b> 18 February 2025 17:24 <b>To:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> Application Reference: WK/000054665</p> <p>Dear Simon Carswell, Regarding the new application submitted by the owner of Bar 21 in the Avenue Minehead. We are very much opposed to this application for the following reasons.</p> <p>Many Minehead residents who live near Bar 21 are currently enduring unacceptable noise levels emanating from these premises and are extremely concerned that the general unsavory behavior, ( such as vomiting on pavements and urinating in the street ) will inevitably amplify the present day problems, if this application is granted.</p> <p>This extension to 3am, would undoubtedly lead to higher levels of social unrest and ultimately apply more pressure on police resources. The new Mc Carthy / Stone development for elderly residents which will sit opposite Bar 21, will I'm sure, be a nightmare for anyone living in such close proximity to this type of enterprise.</p> <p>Mr William Wynn thinks he can slowly work his way into creating a nightclub. I'm astonished that his business has been allowed to expanded to the degree that it has, but enough is enough. <b>[REDACTED]</b></p> <p>I trust you will turn his application down. Yours sincerely David Harwood Smith</p>
12.	<p><b>From:</b> David hawkes <b>Sent:</b> 17 February 2025 16:48 <b>To:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> Bar 21 Minehead</p> <p>Dear Sir, Regarding application WK/000054665 I wish to object to this application viz Noise and rowdy behaviour Vomiting and urination in the street Very close proximity to residential homes A proposed development of retirement flats almost opposite A further drain on Police resources I ask that you take these into account during your deliberations. Yours sincerely David Hawkes</p>
13.	<p><b>From:</b> Christopher Miller <b>Sent:</b> 17 February 2025 12:41 <b>To:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell; Cllr Marcus Kravis</p>

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	<p><b>Cc:</b> Rachel Gilmour <b>Subject:</b> Objection to Licensing Variation Application WK/000054665. Bar 21, TA24 5AY</p> <p>Dear Councillors Carswell and Kravis</p> <p><b>I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the above application for licensing variation.</b></p> <p><b>Reasons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BAR 21 is already growing and growing; a story of expansion and expansion. The reports of foul mouthed jobs debauching onto the Avenue, swearing, shouting and even urinating in public are well known, whether it be from Bar 21 or other watering holes. The greater the facilities, the greater the nuisance potentially emanating from them.</li><li>• Even in the Free Press, dated 14th Feb 2025 we have more complaints of this completely undesirable behaviour infecting our town centre.</li><li>• It is becoming a no-go zone for many of our community, wishing to avoid such execrable behaviour, whether it be adults shielding their young children from foul language during the day, or folk wanting a quiet stroll down the Avenue to the sea front of an evening.</li><li>• Vomit on the nearby pavements and the pedestrian link between the Avenue and Blenheim Gardens ( close to Bar 21) are a regular and disgusting feature to see, small and navigate around.</li><li>• Escape of noise of live bands from Bar 21 <b>will pose</b> a serious nuisance to our town. We already suffer noise abuse from Butlins, why compound matters by granting a variation which adds to the town's misery?</li><li>• The application to extend opening hours until <b>3am</b> is completely unacceptable and will only add to the terrible state of affairs presently experienced by the citizens of Minehead. This is Minehead, not Magaluf. People turning out of Bar 21 at 3 am can only result in more purgatory for our town and put tourists off visiting. Social media bad reports have a habit of giving a place a bad name. Why risk it? Let Bar 21 be content with the current state of its licence and spare us all.</li></ul> <p>I urge you to refuse this variation. As a town we have suffered enough.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>Christopher Miller</p>
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14.	<p><b>From:</b> Minehead Conservation Society <b>Sent:</b> 18 February 2025 16:36 <b>To:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell; Somerset Direct - Generic <b>Subject:</b> Licensing Application - Bar 21</p>
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MINEHEAD CONSERVATION SOCIETY  
The Office, Townsend House, Townsend Road, Minehead TA4 5RG

FAO Cllr Simon Carswell,  
Chairman of Somerset Licensing Committee.

Dear Cllr Carswell,

Minehead Conservation Society wishes to register its objection to the application submitted by Mr William Wynn, owner of Bar 21, for a variation of premises licence to extend the premises and to extend the opening hours to 3am.

This huge premises is situated in a mixed residential and shopping street in the Wellington Square Conservation Area. It is in the main tree lined thoroughfare which residents and tourists use to walk to and from the seafront. There are constant complaints about the noise emanating from the place and the general behaviour of its clientele in the street outside.

Minehead is a small family seaside resort and before this building became licensed the Avenue was a pleasant, safe environment in which to stroll. A male member of our Society recently walked down on a Saturday afternoon and was shocked by the level of noise of music, shouting and swearing coming from the premises which he described as 'frankly appalling.' Residents should not be subjected to this type of intimidation day or night and the thought that this could be extended to 3am is frightful. The noise is not confined to the nearby streets it travels quite far afield.

The fact that Ms Peglar ,a partner in the business, is Chair of Pub Watch is totally irrelevant and should play no part in the determination of this application. Similarly, we expect Cllr Kravis , who we understand is a close friend of Mr Wynn, to declare an interest and not have any input into its determination.

Sadly the problems created by Bar 21 are putting people off visiting our town and giving it a bad name that it does not otherwise warrant. We believe that Minehead Town Council is not consulted about Licensing applications but feel that it should be after all it is our local body of representation. Are the police consulted? If not why not. With respect most members of the Licensing Committee live far from Minehead which is probably simply a dot on a map for some and the fact that our one local representative on the committee is an interested party, adds to our concerns.

Frankly enough is enough. Bar 21 has had enough concessions, which for most residents have already gone too far. It is not good enough to say the police can deal with any problems that might ensue. In light of the current problems it would be perverse to grant something that could potentially require intervention by the police adding unnecessarily to their load.

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	<p>Butlins provides sufficient entertainment, bars and other activities for its clients . Mr Wynn does not need to provide the type of macho activities residents would prefer not to have operating in the town ,in order to tempt large hordes of young men from Butlins into his premises until the early hours.</p> <p>We urge you to consider the disruption that is already causing residents a great deal of upset and reject adding their misery by refusing this application.</p> <p>S. Bainbridge, Chair, Minehead Conservation Society</p>
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15.	<p><b>From:</b> Derek Webb <b>Sent:</b> 17 February 2025 15:42 <b>To:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> WK/000054665 Bar 21 The Avenue, Minehead</p> <p>Sir,</p> <p>I understand that Bar 21, in the Avenue, Minehead has applied for a license extension until 3am every morning.</p> <p>This establishment already creates excess noise and late night disturbances in the centre of Minehead.</p> <p>On behalf of all residents, and especially those living almost next door to this business, I express my objection to this application.</p> <p>With best wishes,</p> <p>Derek Webb (Minehead resident)</p>
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16.	<p><b>From:</b> Patricia Harrison <b>Sent:</b> 19 February 2025 16:36 <b>To:</b> Somerset Direct - Generic <b>Cc:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> WK/000054665</p> <p>I strongly object to Bar 21 wishing to extend its premises to create a licensed room for use seven days a week from 9am to 3 am the following day.</p> <p>Its use for Bar 21 overflows plus plays, sporting functions, boxing, live and recorded music, dance performers and late night entertainment needs a large and spacious location not in an area linked to Blenheim Gardens, a Minehead shopping street and residential property.</p>
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<p>Sounds of constant music and noise continuing at night and particularly into the early hours would be extremely disruptive in this residential area and quite untenable.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>Patricia Harrison</p>
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<p>17. <b>From:</b> Steve Martyn <b>Sent:</b> 19 February 2025 17:33 <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West and Taunton <b>Cc:</b> Rachel Gilmour; Clare Moody <b>Subject:</b> Re: Licensing</p> <p>Re: Application No WK/000054665 from William Wynn to vary premises licence - Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead TA24 5AY</p> <p>I am objecting to this application on the following grounds that if granted would :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- increase risk of crime and disorder</li><li>- increase risk of public safety</li><li>- cause public nuisance</li></ul> <p>As a nearby resident I can say that Bar 21 is already a noisy establishment and that complaints from residents have gone unheeded. Should this application be successful there will be potential for further noise and nuisance seven days a week 9am till 3am. Disturbance will not be confined to The Avenue as visitors coming by car to these events will likely use the North Road Shoppers car park behind Bar 21 and accessible on foot by the alley way that connects to The Avenue. North Road car park backs on to Blenheim Gardens which are closed at dusk to protect birds and other wildlife. There are also residential properties at the entrance to the car park and residential homes for the elderly in North Road. Traffic coming in and out of the car park for events at Bar21 will inevitably cause a disturbance.</p> <p>I am not against the provision for special events but would suggest that operating outside normal licensing hours continues to be subject to the current Temporary Events Notices.</p> <p>I would also ask that any such events be contained within the building (not outside) with adequate sound proofing.</p> <p>Mr. Stephen Martyn</p>
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18.	<p><b>From:</b> Jean Armin <b>Sent:</b> 20 February 2025 09:22 <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West and Taunton <b>Subject:</b> Licensing</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> February 2025</p> <p><u>Re: Application No WK/000054665 from William Wynn to vary premises licence at Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead TA24 5AY</u></p> <p><b>Objections:</b></p> <p><b>Prevent public nuisance</b> To have a venue in Minehead, other than Butlins, for those wishing to attend this type of entertainment is understandable. The Avenue, however, is not a suitable venue. Locals and visitors alike who are passing Bar 21 on foot are already subject to very loud music and vocal disturbance. I have myself walked passed the venue on a Sunday afternoon in Summer and been appalled by the offensive lyrics of the amplified music, enforced by the rowdy singing of those on the decking alongside the pavement. The 'private' venue does not keep its entertainment private but broadcasts it along The Avenue and beyond, being heard across Blenheim Gardens and as far as Quay Lane. For this to occur until 3am is obviously unacceptable in this residential area. With The Noise Act 1996 defining night hours as 11pm to 7am, how could this be enforced for the noise associated with the other proposed 'entertainments'?</p> <p><b>Protect children from harm</b> Licencing hours 'from 9am' includes those times when families with children are visiting our wonderful resource of Blenheim Gardens. Any customers using the North Road Shoppers' car park to access the events and facilities at Bar 21 would be walking through the alley way that connects to The Avenue, in which there is barely room for two people to pass. On leaving Bar 21 to return to the car park, those drinkers will be in very close proximity to children and other users of this access.</p> <p>Regards,  Mrs Jean Armin</p>
19.	<p><b>From:</b> Cllr Andy Hadley <b>Sent:</b> 20 February 2025 11:30 <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West and Taunton <b>Cc:</b> Cllr Mandy Chilcott <b>Subject:</b> RE: WK/000054665 Application to vary premises licence - Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead TA24 5AY</p> <p>Good Morning Brad,</p>

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	<p>Cllr Chilcot and I have had a good look at this application, and have received some concerns from surrounding residents, and would like to make the following points.</p> <p>Most of the concerns raised are around noise and the late hour in which Bar 21 will be able to operate. We understand that other nearby licensed premises also have licensing hours similar to those that are being sought. And would ask that the licenced hours should be matched to those of the nearest public house (Hairy Dog) so that the noise nuisance couldn't be all week long , and restricted to the end of the week and weekend. If there are any exceptional events that they would like to deliver outside the licensing hours, they could apply for a temporary events license, which would give more control over what is being delivered.</p> <p>We would also ask that some sort of noise monitoring is mandated so that if the noise nuisance to the surrounding area becomes an issue the council can quickly ascertain the extent of the issue and enforce a solution. It may also be wise to include a condition that all sports events after a certain time should be screened indoors, and that all doors and windows should be shut to aid the noise issues.</p> <p>Best Regards</p> <p>Cllr Andy Hadley</p> <p><b>Cllr Andrew Hadley</b> Conservative – Minehead Divisio</p>
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20.	<p><b>From:</b> Susan Haswell <b>Sent:</b> 20 February 2025 13:03 <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West and Taunton <b>Subject:</b> Attention of Licensing- Application No WK/000054665 Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead TA24 5AY</p> <p>Dear Sir or Madam,</p> <p>We have seen a notice that the above are applying for a more flexible entertainment licence (Variation of premises licence) which will increase the opening hours of Bar 21.</p> <p>I know that residents on North Hill are always mocked about comments on the noise from nightlife in Minehead, but it is excessive and impacts our right to enjoy where we live. I have enclosed a signed and dated copy of this document below.</p> <p><i>Our objection is based on preventing public nuisance</i></p>
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***“Noise can be defined as ‘unwanted sound’ and whether it is a nuisance depends on how much it affects the enjoyment of anyone living nearby. Excessive noise can seriously affect the quality of life and health”***

Extract from “About noise nuisance” [Somerset.Govt.uk](http://Somerset.Govt.uk)

- loud music for long periods of time
- noise from commercial or industrial premises
- musical instruments
- parties with excessive noise

Our objection to the request for a licence for the following reasons:

- Living at an elevated position on North Hill Minehead we are fully aware of how sound currently travels up from The Avenue, especially as the prevailing winds change
- The curvature of North Hill acts as a natural amphitheatre. Any sounds are therefore amplified beyond the immediate surroundings (Bar 21). In addition, the landform seems to increase the volume of noise across Minehead Bay and ricocheting off the buildings and topography of North Hill.
- If permission for longer opening hours is granted, extending the late night entertainment at Bar 21, residents will be subjected to more music that they don't want to hear. Most people enjoy listening to music, but in their own time, but not when it is so distorted that it becomes a booming loud bass noise, with no apparent beginning or end.
- In winter months we have the doors and windows closed. We still hear the low throbbing noise. Low frequencies travel more easily through windows and walls without being absorbed and are more likely to be heard. It is recognized that noise levels in the evening become more noticeable as there is less background noise. In the summer months it can be heard even more clearly as we have windows and doors open. Not all of us want to stay awake until 3 am.

### **Preferred Outcome**

Somerset Council discourages the additional opening hours and takes this opportunity to review the current situation. Is it possible to revisit the current restrictions and make suggestions on how to reduce the impact on visitors and residents from Bar 21's noise omissions?

If Somerset council agrees to extend the entertainment currently offered by Bar 21 from Monday to Sunday from 9am to 3am throughout the whole year, residents will be badly served by the Licensing Committee.

Yours Faithfully

R & S Haswell

21. **From:** Christian Manalo

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	<p><b>Sent:</b> 20 February 2025 17:27 <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West and Taunton <b>Cc:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> Licencing Team - BAR 21 Minehead</p> <p>Ref: WK/000054665 BAR 21, The Avenue Minehead TA245AY</p> <p>I and my family would like to OBJECTE in the licencing until 3am. This is not what this town is about. Allowing this to happen would beg the question- what are we encouraging? It will increase anti social behavior and potentially increase drug abuse as i know is an increasing issue within Minehead. This doesnt not attract more visitors to come to minehead.</p> <p>I think 7 days a week if FAR too exessive! And will certainly not make any locals happy.</p> <p>If licencing team and Environmental Hesth@allow this to happen then you are part of the problem.</p> <p>We live here because it is country small town. Where we have a balaced lifestyle. PEOPLES well being should be prioritise over someone who wants to encourage drinking 7 days a week.</p> <p>Christian Manalo</p>
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22.	<p><b>From:</b> Andy Hunt <b>Sent:</b> 20 February 2025 13:11 <b>To:</b> Licensing <b>Cc:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> Ref WK00054665 Bar 21</p> <p>I would like to object the application by Bar 21 of The Avenue, Minehead, TA24 5AY, ref WK/000054665. The location of the bar is close to quiet residential areas. Opening until 3:00am 7 days per week with alcohol and live music is bound to cause unacceptable levels of disturbance to local residents.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Andrew Hunt</p>
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23.	<p><b>From:</b> Sue Snape <b>Sent:</b> 20 February 2025 12:21 <b>To:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell</p>
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	<p><b>Subject:</b> Planning Application Reference: WK/000054665 - Bar 21, Minehead</p> <p>fao Simon Carswell, Chair of the Licensing Committee</p> <p>Dear Mr Carswell</p> <p>I write regarding the above. I am a resident of Minehead, living close to Bar 21. There are many occasions during the High Season especially, when the music played at the above, greets me with a thump, thump, thump, as I retire for the night. There are many homes in the area of the bar which when I moved here was a one premises width concern. Ten years later it has grown to three premises wide, obviously taking at least triple the customers and turning up the volume, the more folk that are served.</p> <p>I wish it to be known that I am very unhappy with the thought that this 'noise' could go on for half of the night if you grant a Licence for it. As a resident in Minehead I am entitled to my sleep during the night. I therefore, strongly object to this Licence being allowed.</p> <p>The pavement area and well used passageway to Blenheim Gardens are often stained with urine and vomit where the users of the bars seek somewhere to rid themselves of their evening's consumption. The owner of the bar does nothing to clean this mess and it's not setting a good example of cleanliness for Minehead to the majority of our visitors who enjoy the town.</p> <p>Please do not allow this Licensing to proceed.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>Suzanne M Snape (Mrs)</p>
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24.	<p><b>From:</b> Philippa Cooper <b>Sent:</b> 20 February 2025 17:39 <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West and Taunton; Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> LICENSING TEAM</p> <p>Re: application reference WK/000054665</p> <p>Bar 21 The Avenue Minehead TA24 5AY</p> <p>My objections to Bar 21 gaining a licence to stay open till 3 am are as follows:</p>
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I live in Martlet Road, a short way up the hill. The back of Bar 21 is only a short distance away across Blenheim Gardens . During last summer Bar 21 played a great deal of loud music on Saturday afternoons. It was really intrusive when I was out in the garden, it quite often went on late into the evening. Butlins makes far less noise . At least the occasional live band in Blenheim gardens only play for a couple of hours!

I would ask you to turn down this application, too much noise, too many drunks, I no longer go near The Avenue after 5pm on Saturdays but, if you do consider giving them a licence, please require the Bar to soundproof the entire building thoroughly and always play their music, whether live or recorded, indoors with the windows closed.

Yours sincerely  
Philippa Cooper

25. **From:** M Creek  
**Sent:** 20 February 2025 19:03  
**To:** Environmental Health West and Taunton  
**Subject:** LICENSING TEAM - APP ref WK/000054665 - Location Bar 21

It has come to our notice that Bar 21 has applied for permission to open 7 days a week until 3am and we urge the Council to reject the application on the grounds that;

We do not have a police presence in Minehead 24hrs a day 7 days a week so any issues that would arise could not be dealt with immediately

Guests at Butlins bring very positive revenue to the town however the hen/stag parties and adult only weekends do result in unsociable behaviour, being able to drink into the early hours will greatly increase the behaviour issues already experienced by the town.

We currently fairly frequently have to listen to Butlins music but know it will cease at 22.30, sound travels, as residents our quality of life must be taken into account when considering the effects of this application.

Regrettably we do already suffer from some unsocial behaviour and drug/alcohol issues in the town, this will only increase if the license is granted.

We fully appreciate the owner has expended significant sums to construct decking on the pavement and convert an adjacent property into an adjoining restaurant however we were informed approx 12 months ago that it was the intention to run a nightclub? One has yo question, is this the real reason for the application?

Regards

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	Kevin & Marjorie Creek
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26.	<p><b>From:</b> Mike Bainbridge <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West <b>Sent:</b> Thursday 20 February 2025 at 19:50:02 GMT <b>Subject:</b> Licensing application for Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead TA24 5AY Application Reference WK/000054665</p> <p><b>APPLICATION WK/000054665 VARIATION AND EXTENTION OF LICENCE AT BAR 21, THE AVENUE,MINEHEAD TA24 5AY</b></p> <p>As a long time resident of Minehead I am already concerned by the noise and anti -social behaviour coming from both inside and outside of the property.. This I have witnessed at first hand on several occasions during the daytime. Which happen to have coincided with adult weekends at Butlins. The Bar appears to be legitimising inappropriate and raucous behaviour,.with no consideration for the general public.</p> <p>The premises is situated in close proximity to Care Homes for Special Needs Students and the elderly as well as the homes of residents. They are suffering excessive late night noise currently and to extend this would be intolerable.</p> <p>There is a feeling of intimidation as you walk down the Avenue ,which is the main thoroughfare to and from the town . As a resident it already puts me off visiting shops at that end of town. Much worse after dark if going out for a meal or to the theatre. It must also put off visitors.by making them feel intimidated.</p> <p>Minehead is a resort that attracts families because of its safe environment and pleasant ambience and anything that detracts from that is bad news. It certainly is not the place for the granting of music and alcohol licences until 3am.Surely the views of residents should be very seriously considered before their town acquires a bad name that it otherwise does not deserve.</p> <p>Finally if granted it would set an unwelcome precedent and lead to other establishments applying for extended licences. This would be the final nail in the coffin .</p> <p>Mike Bainbridge</p>
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27.	<p><b>From:</b> Hilary Hunt <b>Sent:</b> 20 February 2025 16:54 <b>To:</b> Licensing West <b>Cc:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell</p>
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	<p><b>Subject:</b> Application Ref: WK/000054665. Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead TA24 5AY</p> <p>I would like to object to the above application by Bar 21 to open 7 days a week until 3 am.</p> <p>Minehead is a small quiet town, and Bar 21 is located close to quiet residential areas. A bar opening until 3 am with alcohol and live music would inevitably lead to disruption and nuisance to local residents, both from the venue itself and from people arriving and departing.</p> <p>Regards Hilary Hunt</p>
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28.	<p><b>From:</b> Clive Feakes <b>Date:</b> 21 February 2025 at 12:51:12 GMT <b>To:</b> Licensing West <b>Cc:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell, Cllr Mandy Chilcott, Cllr Andy Hadley</p> <p><b>Subject: Application reference WK/000054665 Bar 21, The Avenue Minehead</b></p> <p>Dear Members and Officers</p> <p>Application reference WK/000054665 Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead TA24 5AY</p> <p>I wish to very strongly object to the application for Bar 21 Minehead to open until 3am 7 days a week. The noise from this establishment has increased over the past year to the point that almost every weekend our quality of life is impacted by excessively loud music destroying any chance we have of enjoying an afternoon in our garden. We accept music at Blenheim Gardens of a weekend but this is contained to the summer months and operates within strict timescales This establishment is already pursuing activity beyond that which is socially acceptable in an area with a high density of residential properties.</p> <p>If opening is now extended to 3am 7 days a week it will impact sleep and directly adversely affect the health and mental well being of my wife who suffers from MS and cause an even more rapid deterioration in her condition. We already suffer enough noise from Butlins 'adult' weekends with loud booming bass reaching us in the early hours. Doubtless there will be a similar impact on the health of other older residents which will put further pressure on the woefully inadequate health and care services in the town.</p> <p>I cannot comment on other impacts such as increased crime or drug related activity as I only have anecdotal evidence on various websites but must assume that elongated hours will have a proportional impact as one report on the venue I read demonstrated that security is not adequate or effective.</p> <p>We are mature enough to accept this is a seaside town and people come here to enjoy themselves but cannot accept that this should be at the detriment to the residents 365 days a year until 3 am based on what must be a thin economic argument for the pleasure of a few set against the health and enjoyment of life for the many residents. Granting this application will not</p>
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	<p>bring any advantages to the area and in fact will further stretch thin resources that can be better employed.</p> <p>I am dismayed by the lack of consultation on this application as I only found about it by a leaflet put through my letter box. Doubtless with the various funding issues officers are now only able to publish on a website and hope that people regularly check it to see if there is anything affecting them. This is not true consultation of residents.</p> <p>I would like to think that local democracy is still alive and well and that members truly represent the people who elected them and that they still take their duty of care seriously protecting the well being of residents and the local area first and foremost rather than pandering to a few thrill seekers and a business that obviously doesn't care about its neighbours.</p> <p>Clive Feakes</p>
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29.	<p><b>From:</b> Anne Feakes <b>Sent:</b> 21 February 2025 13:54 <b>To:</b> Cllr Mandy Chilcott; Cllr Andy Hadley; Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Cc:</b> Environmental Health West and Taunton <b>Subject:</b> Application to Extend Opening Hours Bar21, The AVENUE, MINEHEAD - WK/000054665</p> <p>Dear Sir or Madam</p> <p>I am writing to strongly object to the licensing application to extend the opening hours of Bar 21 in the Avenue, Minehead TA24 5AY to 3am, 7 days a week.</p> <p>The reasons are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Noise disturbance and nuisance – as you know Minehead already endures some considerable level of noise nuisance from this bar and Butlins, but this is limited and restricted and does not give carte blanche to operate at all until 3am. This application, if agreed sets a dangerous precedent and will totally change the nature of Minehead forever to a “party town”.</li><li>2) Associated behavioural problems arising from longer drinking hours including the impact on Police resources, drug dealing and attracting criminality into, what is overall a peaceful place.</li><li>3) This is just one business, but selfish interest could severely damage other businesses. I am thinking in particular for families and others who seek a result, calm and relaxing holiday here. In particular the hotel next to us has as one of its taglines “our gardens embody tranquillity...”, however that will not be the case with a bunch of people singing or playing dirges that none of us want to hear late at night.</li><li>4) The existing bar is already disrupting our life to the extent that we cannot sit in our garden in good weather as we hear nothing but music and loud singing from this bar at the moment. In the time we have lived here this has increased and worsened in frequency and volume.</li><li>5) I also note from your own records that this bar and its owner have a record of planning breaches. I would hope that as a result extreme caution is employed in</li></ol>
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allowing any further permissions to someone who has not acted in good faith in planning matters in the past.

6) I would also hope that the minutes of the meeting of SWT Community Scrutiny Committee on 25/1/2023 are noted. These highlighted some worrying obfuscation in previous dealings in awarding the Blenheim Gardens Café contract to the same owner resulting in your suggestion to the person concerned to take the matter to the Local Government Ombudsman. In your capacity as representing the people who live here (not just the visitors) I would ask that you refuse this application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter  
Anne Feakes

30. **From:** Brian Slade  
**Sent:** 21 February 2025 16:15  
**To:** Environmental Health West and Taunton  
**Cc:** Cllr Simon Carswell  
**Subject:** LICENSING TEAM

Dear Sirs,

I wish to object to the application reference WK/000054665, by Bar 21, the Avenue, Minehead TA24 5AY, to extend their license hours to sell alcohol and have Live Bands, up to seven days a week, 0900hrs. to 0300hrs. the next day, an 18hour period, 7days a week !

It is troublesome enough with the very loud music and loud behaviour up to 0100hrs. plus, at this present time in the winter months, but in the summer months, we cannot leave any windows open in the evening or night for some cool fresh air into the house, or to help sleep, because of the continual noise is just to much.

yours,

Mr Brian M Slade

31. **From:** Phil Charlebois  
**Date:** 21 February 2025 at 16:22:37 GMT  
**To:** Environmental Health West and Taunton  
**Subject:** LICENSING TEAM  
COPY TO: Cllr Simon Carswell  
Application reference WK/000054665  
Location: Bar21, The Avenue, Minehead TA24 5AY

I/We object most strongly to this application being approved on the grounds of anti social behaviour, being Loud Music, Shouting and Screaming during the early hours of the morning..

My wife and I have taken walks in the Blenheim Gardens on a Saturday and Sunday afternoons only to have our quiet afternoon walk disturbed by very

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loud music and shouting coming from Bar 21.  
In fact we have committed to ourselves several times whilst walking up The Avenue on several occasions how loud the music has been coming from Bar 21.  
It's not just the once it has been going on for a considerable time especially weekends. We are surprised that complaints haven't been made about this venue before now. Let alone allowing them permission to conduct there business until 3 am.  
And yes we can hear it in our property as we live in Blenheim Road.  
Please take this as our formal objection.

Philip & Elizabeth Charlebois

32. **From:** Claire West  
**Sent:** 22 February 2025 06:04  
**To:** Environmental Health West and Taunton  
**Cc:** Cllr Simon Carswell  
**Subject:** LICENSING TEAM

Application ref: WK/000054665  
Location: Bar 21 The Avenue, Minehead TA24 5AY

With reference to the above application, I would like to register my objection to extend the licence to 3am. I live at Summerland Avenue, immediately behind the Hairy Dog pub. This premise does not cause a noise issue from music and especially as it closes at a reasonable time. However, the music from Bar 21 can be heard throughout the house and disturbs our peaceful enjoyment of our garden. I do not wish that noise to be extended beyond midnight, when several people in our house will be disturbed, particularly when they have to get up early for work.

Kind regards

Claire West

33. **From:** Heather Collins  
**Sent:** 22 February 2025 16:04  
**To:** Environmental Health West and Taunton  
**Cc:** Cllr Simon Carswell  
**Subject:** LICENSING TEAM Application reference WK/000054665

BAR 21, THE AVENUE, MINEHEAD, TA24 5AY

I strongly object to the above application on the grounds of late night noise and possible disturbance. Living so close to Bar 21 we already hear music throughout the year which I don't object to during the daytime summer months but I cannot possible see the need for such late closing times every

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	<p>day - which cannot be conducive to harmonious relations with close neighbours.</p> <p>A 3am close is far too late during the week but reduced hours possibly to 11.30pm/midnight would not cause too much objection in my opinion or even a late close on a Friday/Saturday evening would be more acceptable, just not seven days a week.</p> <p>My address is Blenheim View, North Road, Minehead, TA24 5RA - a stones throw from this establishment - and the nine other residents in the block will undoubtedly also be affected by any decision taken.</p> <p>Heather Collins</p>
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34.	<p><b>From:</b> Linda Macfarlane <b>Sent:</b> 22 February 2025 16:49 <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West and Taunton; Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> LICENSING TEAM</p> <p>Application ref: WK/000054665</p> <p>Location: Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead TA24 5AY.</p> <p>We are objecting to the application to open until 3am. We are elderly and hear the music from somewhere, probably Bar 21, but we hear people more, when they are leaving the Bar. We are not objecting to the time it is now. We know people need to go out to enjoy themselves. But to be kept awake or woken up at 3am by music or people leaving the Bar would not be acceptable.</p> <p>We sleep with the window open.</p> <p>As we live across from Blenheim park , we would hear the music from the Bar. Also, this would need policing and that is tax payers money.</p> <p>Linda and Ian Macfarlane</p>
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35.	<p><b>From:</b> Carlton Court 11050 <b>Sent:</b> 22 February 2025 17:01 <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West and Taunton <b>Cc:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell &lt;simon.carswell@somerset.gov.uk&gt; <b>Subject:</b> WK/000054665</p> <p>I am writing with a rejection for the application for Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead TA24 5AY application reference WK/000054665 From myself and all of the residents who reside at Carlton Court. We are objecting because we are on the other side of Blenheim Gardens and the current music at said venue when they have a party or a live band can be heard from our building and to extend the licence to 3AM in the morning</p>
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	<p>and 7 days a week is outrageous &amp; ridiculous. This is Minehead, where residents such as mine retired here for a quiet way of living. We are aware that Butlins have very loud music but that is out of the way. Bar 21 music affects the gardens which are meant for quiet reflection but which can no longer be used of a summer evening because of the loud noise from Bar 21, furthermore the residents will not be able to have their windows open on a summer evening, until 3AM, whilst the proposed noise is going on. As you can see from our address below, we are all Minehead residents whose quality of life has already been affected by Bar 21, not only the noise but the effects of people drinking alcohol, coming out onto the Avenue, smashing glasses &amp; bottles, I can no longer walk my dog along The Avenue some mornings because of the glass on the pavement &amp; it is intimidating to walk along there in the evening. This is not a big city where one would expect such a "night club", as said before please try to protect some sort of quiet living for the older residents of Minehead.</p> <p>I reside at 3 Carlton Court &amp; manage Carlton Court, Blenheim Road, Minehead.</p> <p>Susan Bowd Development Manager</p>
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36.	<p><b>From:</b> Jennifer Bates <b>Sent:</b> 22 February 2025 15:41 <b>To:</b> Licensing West <b>Cc:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> WK/000054665.</p> <p>I strongly object to this application- The noise from Bar 21 is already excessive at times. This is a residential area and licences until 3 am are quite unacceptable. This would create unnecessary problems with drunken behaviour and even more noise. Our local police have enough to deal with in the town without creating more work for them. I have seen all the positive comments on Facebook but a lot of the local residents are elderly and not on Facebook to be able to comment. Kind regards, Jennifer Bates,</p>
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37.	<p><b>From:</b> John Collins <b>Sent:</b> 23 February 2025 08:43 <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West and Taunton <b>Cc:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> Licensing Team Ref WK/000054665</p> <p>Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead TA24 5AY</p>
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<p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>As a couple who are in the process of purchasing a primary home at the bottom just off The Avenue in Minehead, we are horrified at the prospect of a bar's licensing hours being extended to 03.00. This is not why we are purchasing a property in Minehead, quite the opposite, in fact.</p> <p>The likelihood of light and noise pollution, along with alcohol fuelled antisocial behaviour, are surely high. I believe there have already been cases in nearby residential areas and the frequency of such incidents would only increase with extended opening hours.</p> <p>We implore you to reject this application for the sake of the local residents who will be impacted should the licensing hours be extended.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>J Collins</p>
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38.	<p><b>From:</b> Rosemary Boaz <b>Date:</b> 23/02/2025 11:22 (GMT+00:00) <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West <b>Cc:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> Bar 21 The Avenue Minehead</p> <p>I am completely against the longer opening hours giving late noise and disturbance in our town. I live up North Hill above and the noise travels straight up to our home. It will attract the wrong sort of people to our town. Rosemary Boaz</p>
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39.	<p><b>From:</b> Gary Hibbert <b>Sent:</b> 23 February 2025 12:42 <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West and Taunton <b>Subject:</b> Application No; WK000054665. Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead, TA24 5AY.</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I would like to strongly object to the above application.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The noise from the music played at the venue is already extremely excessive.</li><li>2. The loud shouting including swearing from the outside seating area (which I thought had no planning permission) and drunken revelry is already completely obnoxious.</li></ol>
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	<p>3. On dry mornings the alley alongside the premises shows signs of vomit and urination trails.</p> <p>Late night noise from Butlins is bad enough at times when the wind blows in my direction, but this application is beyond reason.</p> <p>Gary Hibbert,</p>
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40.	<p><b>From:</b> Russell and Christine Seymour <b>Sent:</b> 23 February 2025 12:57 <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West and Taunton <b>Subject:</b> LICENSING TEAM.REF. WK/000054665 BAR21,The Avenue,Minehead TA24 5AY.</p> <p>I write to express my concern over the incredibly uncaring no regard for the people of Minehead above application. Music and possible disturbance to 3am in a residential area is just not right.</p> <p>There are flats and houses very close both at the front and back of 21 The Avenue. I live higher up on north hill and am very worried about the noise as sound travels also upwards.</p> <p>It may also infringe on the European Human Rights Legislation as sleep deprivation can lead to very serious health problems.</p> <p>Russell and Christine Seymour</p>
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41.	<p><b>From:</b> James Buchanan <b>Sent:</b> 23 February 2025 10:29 <b>To:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> LICENSING TEAM</p> <p>WK/000054665 Bar21, The Avenue, MINEHEAD TA24 5AY</p> <p>I am objecting to Bar 21 being granted permission to open to 3am. Any premises should have restricted hours for selling alcohol and certainly not past midnight in any town in the UK. I live close to Bar 21 and already suffer noise pollution during daylight hours but will tolerate that.</p> <p>Our county already has several towns with unsocial behaviour problems and MINEHEAD has got its share of such problems. The Bar 21 application if granted would encourage bad behaviour due to alcohol when people expect to sleep in peace, without public disturbance and especially without police availability or additional security.</p> <p>My name is James Buchanan of Harbour Court, Esplanade, MINEHEAD TA24 5QS. I am the chairman of Harbour Court Residents Company Limited and am objecting on behalf of other residents in our property.</p>
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42.	<p><b>From:</b> Olive Day <b>Sent:</b> 22 February 2025 12:51 <b>To:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> APPLICATION FOR BAR 21 INCREASE IN OPENING HOURS</p> <p>APPLICATION NO. WK/000054665 : BAR 21 : MR MICHAEL WYNN</p> <p>I am writing in response to the request from the owner of the premises known as Bar 21 in Minehead for an extension to his operating hours.</p> <p>My understanding is that Mr Michael Wynn is applying for his opening hours to run from 9.00 am to 3.00 am, some 18 hours of what must be considered a noise and anti-social behaviour problem for the residents of Minehead.</p> <p>Bar 21 operates as a Bar selling alcohol, a music venue and television services for sporting events. Following a conversation with a resident of Irnham Road, Minehead who walks her dog in the early evening, the loud music from this business is horrific.</p> <p>I fail to understand what value this adds to a small town such as Minehead. Furthermore, it will attract many problems culminating in constant Police presence due to the behaviour of people who consume more alcohol and substances than necessary and lose control of what is considered acceptable behaviour. In addition the other licensed premises in the same locality will then apply to increase their opening hours to compete with Bar 21 turning The Avenue into a complete nightmare.</p> <p>Minehead comprises a large elderly population and attracts holiday-makers such as families with young children which, in my view, Bar 21 will not convey the best impression of a place to enjoy a family holiday. This will have a major impact on the tourism business for Minehead.</p> <p>I feel you should look at the problems that arose in Newquay, Cornwall when they allowed such premises to become outlandish and many families stopped visiting Newquay for their holidays. The outcome of that was the residents of Newquay said 'enough is enough' and forced the Council to review their laws that were allowing this to occur. Newquay has reverted back to the 'world of sense' and the families have returned and the businesses that were suffering are now getting back on track.</p> <p>Finally, I would be interested to know what the Avon &amp; Somerset Constabulary feel about the massive impact this would have on their limited resources.</p> <p>It isn't rocket science to know that venues of this nature attract many problems and due consideration must be observed by the licensing authority</p>
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	<p>giving permission for this application to proceed and the detrimental effect it will have on the residents of a small town in West Somerset.</p> <p>I must add that Mr Wynn has already flouted planning laws in 2021 by carrying out work without the correct permission and has been instructed by the Council to remove these structures and he has failed to do so and an Enforcement Notice is outstanding! I rest my case.</p> <p>Mr M Day Minehead resident</p>
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43.	<p><b>From:</b> Karen Caple <b>Sent:</b> 23 February 2025 23:19 <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West and Taunton <b>Subject:</b> Licensing dispute ..Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead</p> <p>Application No. WK/000054665 William Wynn.. We live at No 29 Baytree, Blenheim Road, Minehead. TA24 5PZ. Purchased house March 2024, we assumed in a fairly quiet residential street 1: issue with parking 2: severe problems with loud antisocial music coming from rear of Bar21, it is so loud we cannot have windows open especially in the summer months, it has quite literally on occasions made our front windows shake, at closing time there is very loud voices, laughing, girls screaming ( we have been woken from our beds on several occasions to check on people walking home from Bar21... fearing the screaming was someone being attacked . 3: A young lady with Down Syndrome lives with us, moving to Minehead was to give her some independence, it just doesn't feel safe anymore for her to be out &amp; about. Example: 15th Feb 2025 show put on at the Regal theatre, performer's were young children &amp; learning difficulties group. Leaving the theatre at 10pm, noise in Minehead town was frightening, on the decking front of Bar21 was very large, very drunk groups of people... lots of shouting, swearing, it was very intimidating for us all leaving the theatre to get home. The alley next to Bar21 is disgusting after closing... used like a public toilet &amp; sick bin! . In the short time we have lived on Blenheim Road we have encountered many unpleasant antisocial, scary events which isn't befitting this beautiful road BUT the loud music is unbearable. From Karen Caple</p>
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44.	<p><b>From:</b> Mark and Patricia Poulter <b>Sent:</b> 23 February 2025 22:35 <b>To:</b> Somerset Direct - Generic <b>Cc:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> Objection to Licensing Application no. WK/000054665.</p> <p>Dear Sir,</p>
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I wish to OBJECT to licensing application number WK/000054665. This establishment already has a poor reputation for the behaviour of its clientele at turning out time with very rowdy and antisocial behaviour that can be heard 1/2 a mile way in the quiet of the night. There is residential accommodation on The Avenue in close approximation to this bar which is entitled not to be disturbed by these unjustifiable late night extended hours, seven days a week, in this quiet town. Wrestling and boxing, referred to in the application, are not known for quiet respectful audiences and, as already stated , music, live or otherwise, already heard until midnight much further away at Butlins is not appropriate for this location after midnight. This application should be refused.

Yours

Mark Poulter

45 **From:** Paul Johnson  
**Sent:** 26 February 2025 12:22  
**To:** Cllr Simon Carswell  
**Subject:** FW: Bar 21 objection submission final version. and covering letter.

Dear Mr Carswell

I am writing to you as chairman of the licensing committee of Somerset 'none county' Council. I apologise for the length of my objection missive, but I feel as do many others, that the issues at stake here demand a comprehensive explanation. I doubt you or your fellow members will be very familiar with the detailed history of Minehead or its recent sustained general decline in the social cohesion of what used to be a quaint ,decent and gentile little town of great Victorian & Edwardian charm and pride.

**[REDACTED]**

William Wynn **[REDACTED]** bought a Victorian semi detached villa in the avenue, the ground floor of which was already converted into two small letting shop units a long time ago. Some time later one shop on the right side of the building was converted to a café operated by Wynn. As usual the then well tried & tested technique of applying for an alcohol license was deployed , **[REDACTED]**. Once he got this, a few years later the second shop became incorporated into what he began calling a wine bar! Next came the tented outdoor seating and bar area, down the righthand side on what had once been the house's garden. (all heated of course with numerous propane patio heaters !). This was mainly in response to the no smoking in pubs ban introduced around this time. **[REDACTED]**, around five years ago, when he had constructed a large outdoor decking area at the front of the building right up to the pavement inner edge, requiring a 2ft high supporting dwarf wall at this edge. AT the same time, he placed a full width horizontal band of four 8

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inch sawn timber planks painted brown, with four inch gaps between them, at the transition point of the ground to first floor, displaying the new trading name of 'Bar 21' in purple neon style illuminated motifs. This began to create the apparent new theme of a 'wild west bar'! He was then forced to apply for retrospective permission, which was I believe granted with certain conditions, such as natural sandstone facing of the decking support wall. These conditions were not complied with in full and so the by now Somerset west & Taunton council attempted in half hearted fashion, mainly because of our campaigning, to carry out enforcement action. This to was ignored, with deadlines passed. Finally, just before the demise of SW&T council, Wynn launched a last minute appeal which was quite incredulously granted! Over the last few years Wynn has acquired the other left hand house of the pair. More recently after tenants of the ground floor shops gave up, these have quietly been knocked through to become additional space for Bar 21. The horizontal planking (banding) having now been extended right across the whole of the building frontage complete with a new additional pair of Bar 21 signs. Now of course in order to trade fully in the extended area, he has had to request a variation to his alcohol & entertainment licence, with its highly inappropriate extension to trading hours, hence our current grave concern. Whether he intends to extend the front decking right across the frontage remains to be seen? Currently the old sloping outdoor frontages are being used for parking staff cars. One question I do not have an answer to is that of the current status of what were two semi-detached units? Presumably, they are now registered as one multi use unit, other wise he would technically be having to apply for a separate licence for what should, I suppose be No 19 the Avenue?

**[REDACTED]** Just remind me, who exactly deals with public complaints re anti-social levels of excessive noise?

In last week's local paper, the West Somerset free Press, Wynn's partner Lorraine Pegler is quoted as saying, "we are unlikely to stay open to 3 am other than on a few occasions" oh really? She adds further to the reporter, we want to 'SHOW' live boxing & wrestling events, Show? that's not what they appear to be asking for in the application is it? Showing is a whole lot different to 'Staging'! Will they have enough trained & qualified door staff? Will they have first aid trained staff, capable of administering first aid in the event of injuries sustained in live boxing matches? Who knows? Will they be adequately insured?

**[REDACTED]** She was also quoted in the WS free press (14<sup>th</sup> Feb) as saying that it was your licensing admin officers that were asking Bar 21 to make this application, in order to avoid them making repeated requests for temporary license extensions, is this correct I ask you? Note this is a formal question to which I would like a reply please.

Ms Pegler goes on to state in the WSfp that she is a member of the local 'pub watch' scheme, so what? What is this body, is it constituted, does it keep and publish minutes of its meetings? Does it hold regular advertised meetings, which the public may attend? Again, who knows? Is it just a cosy little private members club at which licensees have a chat and agree policy amongst them selves? Again, who knows? Are the local police invited to attend? Who are its members? Without convincing answers to these questions, Effectively it is a meaningless, toothless organisation!

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**[REDACTED]**

All we are trying to do is preserve a little of the traditional peace & tranquillity and history of this cherished town, which I have already said is populated by at least a 60-70 % majority of people over 65 years of age, who choose to live and pay their council tax here, primarily for a quiet, safe & civilised, enjoyable later life ! Our current full time population is incidentally around 12.5 thousand.

**[REDACTED]**

I fully accept that the country needs economic vibrance and diversity, but not at the unacceptable expense of ordinary people's quiet enjoyment of their law abiding, civilised lives. Don't misunderstand me, I like a drink, food, music & a dance & a party in sensible moderation, but there is no excuse for seven days a week alcohol & live entertainment & food licences until 3 am for gods' sake in a town like this ! This is not Las bloody Vegas ! or even dare I say so Weston-Super-Mare! To allow it would be recklessly irresponsible in these so called modern enlightened times. We are constantly being told, time and again (not least by Somerset Council itself !) how utterly stretched and close to complete failure our public infrastructure is becoming, especially at county level and particularly our emergency services.

We are being charged more and more tax for these services ( how much will this year's new council tax bills be I wonder ?) and yet we are getting less & less service provision for it ! just where is our adequate police cover ? Two officers on any one shift for west somerset is hardly adequate !

As one ages , you begin to see life more completely, you understand the linkages and sequences of your and societies daily and longer term existence, e.g. causation of illness, and accidents, and mental ill health, Violence, vandalism etc. Our communities are in general becoming more anti-social, unruly and lawless year by year, the statistics and news bulletins are peppered daily with the horrifying consequences of modern societies increasing lack of self-control. Ask yourself how many times we hear of alcohol/ drug related violence, robberies, fraud, murders, car crashes, serious illness, obesity, vandalism etc ? No doubt being a person of maturity and sense of community responsibility yourself, (why else would you be a 'county' for want of a better term, councillor ?), you will appreciate our genuine heartfelt concerns. You will also I hope, appreciate that with a position of statutory power & authority comes moral & ethical responsibility to all the council tax paying community that you aspire to represent. Therefore, it is WITHIN YOUR GIFT (your committee) to act responsibly in this instance, taking all the matters, we and other objectors have outlined, into consideration, ensuring that due process and a fair, equitable and justifiable outcome is arrived at by you and your committee.

We are hoping for every one's sake that this does indeed prove to be the case ? Should you wish to speak to me ( I hope you will) about any of these matters or my submission, please feel free to call me **[REDACTED]** 9 am to 11 pm.

Yours Sincerely Paul Johnson. 25-2-25. Committee member Minehead Conservation Society.

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46.	<p><b>From:</b> Sarah Lane <b>Sent:</b> 24 February 2025 15:06 <b>To:</b> Licensing West <b>Cc:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> Application ref WK/000054665 Bar21, The Avenue, Minehead TA24 5AY</p> <p>Dear Sir or Madam,</p> <p>I wish to object to the application from Bar21 for a late licence, open until 3am 7 days a week to include alcohol and live bands.</p> <p>My objection is based on the following points. Firstly, this new licence may increase the possibility of public nuisance for the many households close by including my own. Secondly, I believe that this will result in an increased level of antisocial behaviour, crime, vandalism and disorder. Thirdly, I am also concerned in the level of amplified noise late at night which the residents in the immediate vicinity would be obliged to listen to which is totally unacceptable. Road safety could become a problem with increased traffic and parking on roads where it is already difficult for residents to park. The selling of alcohol until 3 am would encourage a drinking culture that is bound to make its way out onto local streets. I therefore ask you to not grant this licence as it will be most unfair to the local residents.</p> <p>Your sincerely,</p> <p>Sarah Lane</p>
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47.	<p><b>From:</b> Rachel H <b>Date:</b> Sun, Feb 23, 2025 at 12:46 PM <b>Subject:</b> Application for Bar 21, extended license (ref: WK\000054665 - extended to 3am - 7 days a week <b>To:</b> Licensing West</p> <p>On behalf of Mrs M T Guest - 31aBlenheim Road (TA24 5PZ) resident.</p> <p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>Re the above application for Bar 21, the Avenue, Minehead, TA24 5AY.</p> <p>I wish to state my objection in total to the application made by Mr William Wynn to be granted a license to sell alcohol daily until 3am in Bar 21.</p> <p>This is three fold:- 1) the noise level is clearly heard by me in my home at 31a Blenheim Road. My home is 200 yard distant, in direct line to Bar 21.</p>
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	<p>2) In the past residents' and others' vehicles have been vandalised by revellers returning home.</p> <p>3) I do appreciate the social value of special events, football games etc... and national events such as VE celebrations as well as local celebrations such as weddings.</p> <p>I have been alarmed and shocked by the murder that took place closeby in Blenheim Road, Summer 2023; therefore providing a license to Bar 21 to open until 3am, 365 days a year, neither gives security nor safety to residents living nearby nor, indeed, in the rest of Minehead.</p> <p>Do let us know if there are any further details you need to support our objections.</p> <p>Marianne Guest (typed by daughter Rachel Hardy) as limited access to a computer.</p>
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48.	<p><b>From:</b> Ian Scott <b>Sent:</b> 24 February 2025 16:53 <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West and Taunton <b>Cc:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> Licensing variation application WK/000054665 -Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead TA24 5AY</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I attach a letter of objection to the submitted proposal,</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Ian Scott Minehead</p> <p>--</p> <p>Dear licensing office staff, Full variation of premises licence application, no WK/000031665 from William Wynn, regarding Bar 21, The Avenue, MineheadTA24 5AY</p> <p>I write to object to Mr Wynn's application on the grounds that if granted, the named premises will become a public nuisance. My principal objection to the granting of the proposed full variation in the Bar 21 premises licence is the noise that would be generated by the specified licensable activities in the evenings and into the small hours of the morning. The wellbeing of people living nearby would likely be negatively affected, including through not being able to get to sleep, or by being awoken from their sleep.</p>
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Residential dwellings very near the premises include flats above many of the buildings lining The Avenue, care-homes for elderly people (The Winsor Residential Home) and for vulnerable young people in training for careers in hospitality (The Foxes Academy). Additionally, the residential streets of Summerland Avenue, Blenheim Road, Blenheim Mews, Quay Lane, North Road, Martlet Road and Northfield Road all currently experience noise from the premises on a regular basis - evidence that licence violation is already occurring, as the current licence does not permit music. By way of example, in the summer of 2024 outdoor contemporary music was being played at excessive volume most Saturday afternoons from midday until 7pm. Local residents have also complained about loud music emanating from the premises further into the evening hours.

Should the licence be granted to permit music and entertainment until 3am for 7 days per week, it is not unreasonable to fear that noise will continue at an unacceptable level until the small hours every night. It is well documented that disturbance of sleep on a regular basis is extremely detrimental to peoples' health and well-being.

An additional matter of concern is that neither the new police station in Minehead nor the more established station in Williton are open/staffed during the evenings or the weekends. Without local on-duty policing available, should the need arise, to deal with incidents of anti-social behaviour, Minehead people resident near the premises will feel very vulnerable when revellers who have consumed a lot of alcohol exit the premises in the early hours of the morning. I note, from the Avon & Somerset Police website, that there were 19 anti-social behaviour and 11 public order crimes recorded across Minehead in December 2024. Given that the proprietors of Bar 21 already fail to adhere to the terms of their current licence, disturbing people who live nearby, I think it is reasonable to assume that the incidence of antisocial behaviour and public order offences in Minehead will increase if the license variation application is approved.

Considering Minehead's current population, most people are either too young or too elderly to be Bar 21's target market. I can understand Mr Wynn's interest in attracting to his premises tourists visiting Minehead, or night-club clientele from across and beyond West Somerset, but this should not be at the expense of the wellbeing of Minehead residents.

Yours faithfully,  
Ian Scott

49. From: David Salter  
Sent: 24 February 2025 22:47  
To: Environmental Health West  
Cc: Cllr Simon Carswell  
Subject: Extended Licensing Hours

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	<p>Dear Sir's,</p> <p>I have just heard about an extended licensing and change of use application reference WK/000054665, location: Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead TA245AY.</p> <p>This change of use application is a serious threat to the peace and Tranquility to the residence of North Hill.</p> <p>Any change to the environment will require technical surveys and decibel ratings to each street above the Avenue as this would be an environmental change to each property affected by noise pollution.</p> <p>And under statutory laws, property affected by change of environment must be compensated.</p> <p>Pollution by noise surveys would have to be carried out per property on the North Hill escarpment, these properties are of considerable architectural interest and differ considerably in aesthetic charm and design, resulting in the installation of acoustic windows and doors to be extremely expensive, which the applicant or council would have to pay for.</p> <p>Also cost for policing the area to gone 3 am in the morning and extra cleaning of the streets and alleyways from vomit and urine must be considered.</p> <p>As you can see from my comments, I am against this application.</p> <p>My name is David Salter and my address is Southlands, Northfield Road, Minehead,TA24 5QH</p> <p>Yours sincerely David Salter</p>
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50.	<p><b>From:</b> Claire Davidson <b>Sent:</b> 25 February 2025 13:40 <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West and Taunton <b>Subject:</b> Application WK/000054665 Bar 21 The Avenue Minehead</p> <p>Dear Decision makers</p> <p>I would like to express my deepest concern about the permission sought by the owner of Bar 21 in Minehead for a licence from 09.00-03.00 Monday to Sunday.</p> <p>I live far enough away from the premises not to be particularly worried about noise, but I am very concerned that this capacity for opening hours and the selling of alcohol in our lovely town could very easily change the feeling of the area.</p> <p>I stand with those who live closer to the bar and feel that the noise levels and disruption which could be caused throughout any night which the bar chooses, will have a detrimental effect upon the lives of those living nearby. I have experienced living near a pub which had equally long licensing hours and know only too well the stress of sleeplessness caused by rowdy, drunken behaviour which is not adequately policed by the premises itself or by the police in the area.</p>
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<p>I would suggest that the hours applied for are very much reduced so that residents are not subject to the possibility of noise every day of the week and that 3am is far too late for a premises which is near to residential homes for older people and people with learning disabilities to be allowed to stay open.</p> <p>I understand that the business wishes to grow and diversify but am genuinely concerned that to give any business of this kind the freedom to stay open and sell alcohol for so many hours will lead to a great change for the worse for Minehead.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p> <p>Claire Davidson (Ms)</p>
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<p>51. <b>From:</b> Linda Bareham-Stanley <b>Sent:</b> 25 February 2025 16:41 <b>To:</b> Somerset Direct - Generic <b>Cc:</b> Licensing West; Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> Application OBJECTION TO No. WK/000054665 Bar21 The Avenue, Minehead, TA24 5AY</p> <p>I write in regard to the Application no.WK/000054665 from William Wynn re his alteration to his premises Licence Bar 21 The Avenue, Minehead TA24 5AY</p> <p>I feel I must submit an Objection to this application to <b><u>Prevent Public Nuisance</u></b></p> <p><b>1.</b>The amount and volume of noise coming from Bar 21 is already causing considerable disturbance to local residents. In December 2024 at least 30 disturbances were reported.</p> <p><b>2.</b> There is a large residential area in and next to the Avenue including Nursing Homes for the Sick and Vulnerable. The residence of Minehead and tourists want a safe environment. The owner and licensee of Bar 21 already cause a lot of disturbance to Residents and Visitors to our town and the proposed additional licensing hours 7am to 3am seven days a week will only make the situation worse.</p> <p><b>3.</b> There is very limited Police Presence in Minehead during the day and none in the evening to prevent Disorder and Public Nuisance</p> <p><b>4. PLEASE KEEP OUR TOWN SAFE.</b></p> <p>Linda Bareham-Stanley</p>
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52.	<p><b>From:</b> Jill Drake <b>Sent:</b> 25 February 2025 14:15 <b>To:</b> Somerset Direct - Generic <b>Cc:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead, licence application</p> <p>Dear sirs We wish to object to the licencing application for Bar 21 in The Avenue, Minehead, due to the following</p> <p>There is already excessive noise emanating from both butlins and venues in the avenue particularly during the summer months.</p> <p>To grant an application to 3a.m would increase the noise levels, traffic levels and general public nuisance to the neighbourhood.</p> <p>This premises is very close to residential properties, including retirement flats.</p> <p>We see no reason to grant this application</p> <p>From Jill and Leon Drake</p>
53.	<p><b>From:</b> Alan Cossey <b>Sent:</b> 25 February 2025 16:26 <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West and Taunton <b>Subject:</b> Variation of premises licence for Bar 21 : Application number WK/000054665</p> <p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>I wish to express my profound concerns regarding the permission sought by the owners of Bar 21 to have the bars licensing hours extended to 9.00am until 3.00am the following day for seven days a week.</p> <p>Although I live far enough away not to be affected by the inevitable noise that will occur until the early hours of the morning I am very concerned that these extremely long licensing hours will have a detrimental impact on the people living in the immediate vicinity and I am fully aware of how stressful this can be.</p> <p>I would suggest that the hours applied for are much reduced so that residents are not subject to noise or rowdy drunken behaviour in the early hours of the morning; 3am is far too late for a premises which is near to residential homes for older people and people with learning difficulties.</p> <p>I am fully aware of the stress that noise, drunken behaviour can cause when it is not adequately policed by the premises or by local police officers.</p>

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	<p>I understand that businesses wish to grow and diversify but in this case I am genuinely concerned that to give a licensed premises the freedom to sell alcohol for eighteen hours a day seven days a week will lead to a great change for the worse in our lovely town of Minehead.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p> <p>Alan Cossey J.P.</p>
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54.	<p><b>From:</b> Angela Martyn <b>Sent:</b> 25 February 2025 19:18 <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West and Taunton <b>Subject:</b> Application WK/000054665 Bar 21 The Avenue, MINEHEAD</p> <p>The licence application for the above should not be allowed to go ahead for the following reasons:</p> <p>1) Bar 21 already breaks the 11pm threshold (usually weekends) with extremely loud music and associated rowdy noise (chanting, shouting) which creates disturbance for people living in the surrounding area. Allowing an extended licence until 3am potentially seven days a week would be totally unacceptable.</p> <p>2) Allowing overspill from Bar 21 would potentially cause safety issues on the property from a fire aspect to emergency services having to gain access if there was a problem such as a fight or drug taking.</p> <p>3) The police and emergency services will be stretched further to prevent crime and disorder and make the public safe if Bar 21 is allowed to open until 3am seven days a week.</p> <p>Angela Martyn</p>
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55.	<p><b>From:</b> Jonathan Taylor <b>Sent:</b> 26 February 2025 14:02 <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West and Taunton; Licensing West; Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> Re: Enquiry re submitting comments - Application WK/000054665</p> <p>I am a local resident living near the venue in question, and I strongly object to this license extension. For many years, residents have repeatedly complained about loud music and disorderly behavior associated with this venue. Despite these ongoing concerns, the application seeks to extend the availability of alcohol and play amplified music until 3 AM, seven days a week. This is unacceptable and directly contradicts the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of public nuisance and crime and disorder.</p>
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Minehead already experiences high levels of violent and sexual offences. According to [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk), there were 621 reports of violent and sexual offences and 160 reports of anti-social behaviour in the past year alone. These figures are especially concerning for a small town, where seasonal tourism may mean that actual crime rates are even higher than reported.

According to [crimera.co.uk](http://crimera.co.uk), "Minehead is among the top 10 most dangerous small towns in Somerset." The town's recent crime rate was 79 crimes per 1,000 people, which is 20% higher than Somerset's overall rate of 66 per 1,000. In April 2024, Minehead was the worst small town in Somerset for public disorder, with 18 recorded public order offences (1.4 per 1,000 people).

With Avon and Somerset Police facing a £48.3 million funding deficit over the next five years, officer numbers are being significantly reduced. In the past 12 months alone, almost 100 police officers have been lost. Rachel Gilmour, MP for Tiverton and Minehead, has warned that the lack of police officers will "sow seeds of doubt for people worrying about crime and anti-social behaviour" (West Somerset Free Press, January 2025).

With fewer police resources available, extending the sale of alcohol to 3 AM will only increase demand on an already overstretched force. This will inevitably lead to a rise in crime, anti-social behaviour, and public disorder—undermining the licensing objectives of preventing crime and disorder and protecting public safety.

Academic research has directly linked late-night alcohol sales to increased crime. A study published in the Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health found that areas with stricter alcohol licensing policies (such as limiting late-night sales) saw reductions in alcohol-related crimes, including sexual offences and violence. This application proposes the exact opposite, increasing alcohol availability until 3 AM, which will likely lead to an increase in alcohol-related disorder.

Minehead also has a well known drug problem. A study published in the journal 'Addiction' found that venues open past 2 AM are statistically linked to increased drug use. Unfortunately, my friends, neighbours and I have witnessed first-hand the devastating impact of drug-related crime in our community. A well-known local drug dealer operated in the area for a long time. The individual was guilty of anti-social behaviour, causing distress to residents in the area before finally being evicted from their flat by police under a closure order (as reported in the West Somerset Free Press and police social media channels). Given the proven link between extended alcohol sales and increased drug use, approving this application would exacerbate an already serious issue.

This venue has also already been the subject of repeated noise complaints from local residents, particularly due to loud music and noise from the venue's patrons. The inadequate soundproofing means that noise

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<p>disturbs residents late into the evening. Extending the venue's operating hours until 3 AM will only worsen this ongoing public nuisance.</p> <p>Given the rising crime rates, declining police resources, proven links between late-night alcohol sales and public disorder and drug use, combined with the ongoing noise issues, this application poses a serious risk to the local community. It directly undermines the licensing objectives, particularly preventing crime and disorder and preventing public nuisance. For the well-being of local residents and the wider community, I urge the council to reject this application.</p> <p>J. Taylor</p>
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55.	<p><b>From:</b> Terry Venner <b>Sent:</b> 21 February 2025 11:54 <b>To:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> Fw: Application Number WK/000054665 Bar 21. The Avenue, Minehead, Somerset.</p> <p>Dear Sirs/ Madam,</p> <p>I write to object in the strongest possible terms to the following application.</p> <p>Application no WK/000054665 Application type - Variation of Premises License, Applicant- Mr William Wynn, Address - Bar 21. The Avenue, Minehead, Somerset.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) I have grave concerns regarding noise and anti-social behaviour in this residential area if granted, especially in the early hours.</li><li>2) Police resources are at a premium within the Somerset and Avon force, with proposed job cuts to the police-force and very high financial budgets. If this application were to be granted, I believe would put a further strain on local policing and the community at large.</li><li>3) If this application were to be approved, I believe this could open the floodgates to other businesses/ establishments of the same trade to also apply for extended opening hours. i.e Hairy Dog, The Queens Head, Wetherspoon to name but a few within the town.</li><li>4) This is a residential area, with a planning application into the Council at this moment from McCarthy and Stones for a number of retirement flats and apartments. Also, we have a number of</li></ol>
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	<p>Foxes Academy premises and students within the vicinity. I therefore believe, if granted, this application would have an adverse impact on the students of Foxes Academy, residents of McCarty and Stones and others within the Avenue.</p> <p>5) This area of the town lies close to the conservation area of Wellington Square. It is the duty of the local authorities, both Somerset Council and the Town Council to protect and enhance a Conservation area at all times. I believe this application fails to do so.</p> <p>6). I'm amazed the Town Council have not, or are not, invited to express their views on this issue because they are not deemed as consultees on licensing matters. A very sad day for local democracy.</p> <p>7). Over half the population of Minehead are sixty plus and it is by its very nature a retirement location and an area for peace and quietness, not the Wild West.</p> <p>Please reject this application for the benefit of local residents and businesses alike.</p> <p>Yours sincerely Mr Terry John Venner</p>
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56.	<p><b>From:</b> Alan Hubbard <b>Sent:</b> 26 February 2025 22:15 <b>To:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> Bar 21 Minehead Wk/444454665</p> <p>Chairman of the Licensing Committee</p> <p>Both my wife and myself are totally opposed, as are many elderly residents in Minehead against the granting of an extension till 3.00 am for the above.</p> <p>There are people living nearby (Foxes Academy) who already suffer from the noise and rowdiness during existing licensing hours. There is a well known company who intend to develop a site for elderly residents who would be affected.</p>
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57.	<p><b>From:</b> Anita Hawkes <b>Sent:</b> 24 February 2025 12:04 <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West</p>
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	<p><b>Cc:</b> Cllr Simon Carswell <b>Subject:</b> Licensing Team</p> <p>Application No : WK/000054665 Cafe/ BAR21 22 The Avenue Minehead TA24 5AY</p> <p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>I am fully in support of this application for late licensing.</p> <p>Will and Lorraine have done everything possible to safe guard noise pollution. I have personally witnessed the amount of planning and work they have done to do this.</p> <p>They also employ door security for the weekends and events that go on at the present time and this will continue - door safe staff to not leave until the last customer has gone and the doors are locked - having worked a late shift there.</p> <p>All staff are Challenge 25 trained before serving behind the bar aswell as other training including drug awareness and safeguarding.</p> <p>Cafe /Bar 21 is a community hub. We get regular customers that are on their own and come in for a coffee/ alcohol / food and chat aswell as weekly coffee and social groups in the day and evening.</p> <p>I have witnessed since working there a genuine care for people that sometimes are at their lowest . Going above and beyond to care for people whilst on and off the premises if any concerns. I have seen staff inform community officers for safety checks, staff care for animals when person in hospital if no family - the list goes on!</p> <p>When my husband and I were looking at moving to Minehead we were warmly welcomed and assisted in our choices when stopping for refreshments in between estate agents and house visits.</p> <p>They want to make a difference to the town and support the local residents and local economy.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Anita Hawkes</p>
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58.	<p><b>From:</b> Kelly Harris <b>Sent:</b> 23 February 2025 17:28 <b>To:</b> Environmental Health West and Taunton</p>
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### Appendix 3 - Relevant representations

**Subject:** Planning application WK/000054665 Support for Extended Bar License Application  
**SUBJECT LINE:** LICENSING TEAM  
**APPLICATION REFERENCE:** WK/000054665  
**LOCATION:** BAR 21, THE AVENUE, MINEHEAD, TA24 5AY

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for Bar 21's application for an extended bar license. As a resident of Minehead I believe that granting this extension will have a positive impact on our community.

Bar 21 has consistently demonstrated responsible management, adherence to licensing regulations, and a commitment to providing a safe and welcoming environment. Extending their hours would not only enhance the local nightlife but also contribute to the economic growth of the area by attracting more visitors and supporting local employment.

Additionally, I trust that Bar 21 will continue to prioritize public safety by ensuring appropriate security measures and maintaining respectful relations with neighbouring businesses and residents.

I kindly ask that you consider approving their request, as it would be a valuable addition to our community's social and economic vibrancy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,  
Kelly Harris