



Notice of Attendance

(Reg.8 Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005)

Date/Time of Hearing: Friday 27th May 2022. 10am. The Council House.

Applicant: Coombe Abbey Park Limited

Premises: Bistro

Please complete this form, * delete as appropriate and return along with any papers referred to in 6 below to the Licensing Team, Street Scene & Regulatory Services, PO Box 15, Council House, Coventry, CV1 5RR

Or E-mail: licensing@coventry.gov.uk

1. Please print your name: Ron Terry and Rob Andrews for the Applicant
2. I would like this matter to be decided with a hearing
3. I will be present at the hearing
4. I will not be represented at the hearing. Give the name and address of your representative:

My representative is Raman Dhillon of Band Hatton Button LLP, Earlsdon Park, 53 – 55 Butts Road, Coventry, CV1 3BH who will not be attending the hearing but who submits this form on my behalf.

5. I do want permission for a witness to address the hearing in support of my case. If so, please provide the following information:
 - a) the name and address of each witness
Ron Terry
 - b) the points to be raised by each witness
The points raised in my statement
6. I do want the hearing to consider further documents in addition to my application/representation. If so, list the documents and the points to which they relate in the space below:

My statement signed on 12 May 2022

Any documents not listed here may only be allowed with all the other parties' consent

Signed

Date...12 May 2022

Note: Representations can only be made in relation to the four licensing objectives as detailed in Coventry City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy attached.

Failure to return this form by the date indicated may result in you losing your right to take part in the hearing.

**REPRESENTATIONS IN SUPPORT OF COOMBE ABBEY PARK LIMITED'S APPLICATION FOR A
PREMISES LICENSE FOR THE BISTRO AND SUNDAE CLUB IN WAR MEMORIAL PARK, COVENTRY**

I, Ron Terry, an operations director for Coombe Abbey Park Limited ("Coombe") will say as follows:

1. I make these representations/statement in support of Coombe's application for a premises license for the Bistro and Sundae Club café and dessert diner that Coombe intends to shortly open in the War Memorial Park ("WMP") in Coventry.
2. Those who regularly visit the WMP will know of the need for decent venues there where people can purchase food and drink while visiting. It is intended that the Bistro will provide hot and cold meals like a café while the Sundae Club will supply desserts like crepes, waffles, milkshakes etc. in the settings of a 1950s inspired diner.
3. Supplementary to the sale of these meals and desserts (and I would like to stress that the main aspect of the business of the Bistro and Sundae Club will be the supply of food rather than beverages), it is intended to supply alcohol in addition to non-alcoholic cold and hot drinks. We would like to offer more choice to customers and make the venues more appealing to them. We also feel that this is likely to be a successful business venture.
4. The alcoholic drinks we intend to supply are very limited. It is intended to only supply bottled wines, prosecco and beer (decanted into disposable cups) and these drinks can only be purchased when purchasing other food items from the Bistro and Sundae Club. Premises licenses are required to do this nonetheless.
5. The Bistro and Sundae Club have limited opening hours. It is only intended to open the venues during daylight hours where the venues will close by 5pm in the winter months and 8pm in the summer months.
6. There seems to be some misunderstanding over the intention to supply alcohol. We will not be running premises like a bar or a pub. The nature of the business of the Bistro and Sundae Club is the supply of food where the supply of alcohol is supplemental to this much like any other restaurant style premises.
7. I believe the only objection to this application has been received from [REDACTED] I am pleased to note the representations in support of the application received from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who are also local residents like [REDACTED]
8. [REDACTED] application has been made on behalf of the Friends of the WMP ("Friends") but he has not specified who else from the Friends specifically objects to the applications apart from himself. I refer to the email I enclose to this statement from [REDACTED] who is also a member of the Friends where she states:

"I, personally, didn't have an issue with the license application and hope your plans go well".

9. General feedback we have received from the public regarding our applications has been positive and many are in favour of and support our plans for the venues at the WMP. Our plans were discussed by BBC Coventry and Warwickshire on the Phil Upton CWR breakfast radio show on 26 April 2022 at just before and after 8am and before 9am where general members of the public were asked for their comments on our applications for premises licenses by their reporter Nishal Chauhan. Here are their comments:

"As long as its treated in the right way and people respect it I don't see any problem. It will be nice to have a beer in the evening and chill out!"

"As long as its not abused. I just think its nice for an early summer evening".

"I don't see why it will be much of a problem. As long as people understand to drink responsibly and make sure they don't do loads of littering and stuff like that I honestly don't think it's a problem!"

"I don't see it being a problem. If its in the evenings there is generally no kids around here at the park in the evenings and if they are responsible, you know at the end of the day, it is a family park and they need to take that into consideration".

"Everyone brings their own alcohol anyway. I would prefer not to bring alcohol to the park. Sometimes you only want a glass of wine or something. People drink here anyway and all through the festivals they drink it".

"Well on the one hand it sounds like a great idea. I could see it's a lovely park. Summer evenings, sitting out, glass of wine – what could be nicer than that with the trees around. Some kids playing around, sounds great. My concern really I suppose would be some of the older youngsters, maybe 18/19, whether they are just going to be responsible enough to be just a bit more cautious with it than you often see about".

"If people are bringing their own alcohol here at least if you buy it from the cafe its more controlled that way you don't have kids buying alcohol!"

"Yeh I think it will be a good idea so that people can come here in the evening over summer and have a drink".

"It shouldn't be a problem. I think it will make us feel more continental!"

Phil Upton – *"So pretty positive there reaction on the whole".*

10. We have already set out in our applications how the 4 licensing objectives will be satisfied but I will say as follows in respect of the comments made by [REDACTED] about the licensing objectives in his objection:

- a. Prevention of crime and disorder – as stated above, limited types of alcohol will be supplied during the limited opening hours of the venues only to people who are purchasing food from

the venues. This is not a bar or a venue where people can drink excessive levels of alcohol and then leave the venue to cause issues outside.

- b. Protection of children from harm – just like alcohol is supplied in restaurants in front of children who attend them, it is intended that limited types of alcohol will be available to purchase at the Bistro and Sundae Club.
- c. Prevention of public nuisance – I repeat what is stated at paragraph 10a above. I also note the objector [REDACTED] has suggested that he wants the opening hours to reflect those of the public toilet facilities in the WMP. We have actually reached an agreement with the council for us to close the public toilet facilities to coincide with the Bistro and Sundae Club's opening hours.

11. I believe this is an exciting venture for the WMP which has long needed suitable venues where people can purchase food and refreshments. I would be grateful if our applications for premises licenses for the Bistro and Sundae Club could please be granted.

Signed.

Ron Terry

Dated this 2nd day of May 2022

From: [Ron Terry](#)
To: [Raman Dhillon](#)
Subject: Fw: Friends WMP
Date: 29 April 2022 10:24:53

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 28 April 2022 17:08
To: Ron Terry <ron.terry@coombeabbey.com>
Subject: Re: Friends WMP

Thank you for your reply, Ron, which I have forwarded to the FWMP secretary and I will pass your message on to [redacted]. I, personally, didn't have an issue with the license application and hope your plans go well. The WMP is totally different to Coombe Park.

Best wishes,
[redacted]

Sent from my iPad

On 28 Apr 2022, at 15:33, Ron Terry <ron.terry@coombeabbey.com> wrote: