

I object to the above application to permit virtually 24 hour alcohol sale and consumption at the above address.

Such a license and the effect of it's granting can only be regarded as in general societally undesirable and whilst I can understand it's being granted in particular circumstances eg in industrial settings with 24 hour working this is certainly not the case at the above location.

1. Aysgarth is a small National Parks village with a population of less than 200, with an age profile typical of such dales villages ie with a percentage of elderly significantly above the national average; being set in an area of only even smaller villages it is therefore inconceivable that there would be any benefit to either Aysgarth or any neighbouring community in the granting of the referred to license.

This matter of benefit or disbenefit it can be argued has significant weight and whilst I fully accept and agree with the policy of encouraging commercial development within eg the National Parks so that they do not become just pretty places of seasonal tourism I am advised that the legal constitutional requirement of the local authority requires full consideration of the impact of any decision on the local population and its quality of life and that the granting of such a license would be open to legal challenge on these grounds.

2. As I understand it's being granted the ownership structure of the hotel in question and it's associated businesses may be complex but I have been lead to believe that other developments have been in urban settings and may have tended to include those the nature of which might loosely be described as nightclubs. While I have of course no information regarding the plans of the company regarding this location the application itself makes one additionally concerned.

3. The application refers to the sale (and consumption) to residents and their BONA FIDE guests but there is no knowing what that means, the term being by definition so vague as to be meaningless. There seems therefore nothing in the application restricting any sales whatsoever.

The application itself is ambiguous as in 1) it refers to the hotel and proposed chalets ie as two separate entities, but in 2) seeks permission to sell alcohol to hotel guests only. This would appear to suggest that chalet guests would be excluded from such purchasing. (other than perhaps as bona fide guests oh hotel residents)

Notwithstanding this it would seem that becoming well known for its allnight alcohol serving and with no other similar establishments within a very wide area there might be nothing to stop eg coach loads of stag or hen partygoers descending on the place at say 2 am and with the agreement of the management being admitted to continue their partying. It may not be the intention of the license givers but in practice it might be impossible to stop.

4. Adjacent to the hotel and it's main attraction are the famous Aysgarth Falls and within a few yards is the narrow road bridge over the river Ure from which the falls may most easily

be viewed. A combination of sightseers and road traffic makes this a particularly dangerous spot and records will confirm that there has been at least one death and a number of injuries in the last few years. Not only will the inevitability of intoxicated sightseers increase this danger but in the event of accident emergency services would be required to attend from a considerable distance.

I would be interested in your comments and reserve the right to make further technical and legal objections and to pursue the matter further in the event of the license being granted.

Many Thanks for your consideration