

22/00091/LAPVAR | Premises Licence Variation Harbour House, Ryde Esplanade.

Ryde Town Council have the following observation on the Premises Licence Variation for Harbour House.

Ryde Town Council have in 2021 taken the lease for Eastern Gardens and will take Freehold ownership of Ryde Harbour from April 2022. RTC also own the skate park near to this establishment. Therefore, RTC have a vested interest in seeing that what happens in this area of the Esplanade is of positive benefit to the area and the community.

As a result of our own observation and numerous complaints from Ryde residents and visitors in the harbour RTC were made aware of numerous incidents including fighting, loud music / shouting, drinking outside of licencing periods, drunkenness, criminal damage and incidents of pollution into the harbour.

This has all happened under the present licencing constraints and will only get worse (ie later into the night and more intense) as it would be the only establishment with this licence in the area.

With respect to the 4 licencing principles RTC makes the following observations:

1. The prevention of crime and disorder.

Ryde Town Council have witnessed and been informed of numerous incidents of drunken behaviour and several incidents of violence and criminal damage.

2. Public Safety

Ryde Town Council have seen large amounts of broken glass left on the Esplanade outside this premises in the morning and in addition gangs of young drunken men have been witnessed late at night leaving this establishment in an uncontrolled manner.

3. The prevention of public nuisance

Ryde Town Council have been made aware by harbour users, visiting yachts and Ryde residents of the major disturbance that this premises causes to them with regard to late night loud noise and disturbance. In addition RTC staff have witnessed, whilst operating their own events on Eastern Gardens, behaviour from this businesses patrons which amounts to public nuisance.

4. The protection of Children from harm

Ryde Town Council have no direct evidence of harm to children although I am sure that they would have been kept awake and influenced by the witnessing of foul language and violence.

Conclusion

Ryde Town Council object to this application in the strongest terms and before any thought is given to this premises having its licence extended to longer hours, an effort should be made by the licencing authority and the licensee to make sure that the existing licencing restrictions are being properly adhered to.