

28-09-21

Allowing alcohol to be consumed outdoors, with the inevitable concomitant noise and disturbance, into the late evening and adjacent to residents' gardens is not acceptable. It will disturb their peaceful enjoyment of their properties in a road which is quiet after normal shopping hours. There is no similar establishment in the vicinity and none of the shops there use the rear of the properties. Granting such a licence would set a precedent for the future with the potential to change the nature of this stretch of College Road. While the applicant may claim the outside area will only be used in the summer months and in good weather, these are precisely the times the residents themselves will want to enjoy their outside space without this unwanted and unnecessary external disturbance. Can I also query if the applicant, Mr Sami Khoueiry, is the person of that name who was recently disqualified from acting as a director for eight years due to an insolvency instigated by HMRC, who

This Sami Khoueiry was sole shareholder and director of The Cedar Restaurant and Bar Limited (Company number 09594299) now in liquidation, and of The Cedar Restaurant Limited (Company number 08967708) from which he resigned as sole director on 22 July 2021. If this is the same person, then I would ask whether he is an appropriate person to make a licensing application while disqualified, as surely it constitutes 'forming, marketing or running a company' which is specifically forbidden under the terms of his disqualification.