

Application for permission to place 6 x tables and 12 x chairs outside the premises of PATISSERIE VALERIE at 12 – 14 Davey Place; Norwich.

Dear Members of the Licensing Sub Committee

Please accept my apologies for being unable to attend the meeting in person but I am returning from abroad on the date of the meeting and have asked my colleague Ms Meggy Kurdziel to attend in my place.

I would like to address the two objections to my application that have been submitted as follows

The City Bookshop has raised a valid point regarding vehicular access primarily concerning deliveries of books and supplies to their premises. I have previously made it known that we would have no objection in having a time restriction imposed upon us or as a condition of any LICENSE GRANTED which would be in line with the current hours for which vehicular access is permitted in the street and as such would have NO adverse effect on the current delivery regime to the City Bookshop.

Reading the details of the objection raised by the City Bookshop I would add that our operation actually attracts further footfall to the street and further more would, in my opinion, compliment the existing retailers there, after all a coffee shop and book shop are extremely well suited neighbors.

The premises have previously been vacant for some considerable time and surely as such would have attracted fewer visitors to the street.

The objection raised by a Mr. Took, a registered blind resident, does raise valid concerns which I again believe our proposed layout satisfies.

The concern with regard to deliveries and vehicular access and congestion has been responded to in the above paragraph.

Mr. Took's concern with regard to blind dogs scavenging will not be the case as our layout proposal includes for barrier banners which would prevent guide dogs from entering the area and in addition will offer sensible preventative protection for both visually impaired pedestrians and seated customers alike. Additionally our staff will ensure the seating area is kept clean and tidy at all times.

I do hope the committee takes a supportive view of our proposal; many more people seek the enjoyment of "alfresco" seating throughout the year, weather permitting, and will be encouraged to visit the city centre as a consequence.

Yours faithfully

Victor Scalzo