

Brighton Place to the North East is considerably wider than Market Street and no doubt could situate further tables and chairs there were an application to be made and permitted.

We would also point out that the entrance to Donatello is some distance from the property and tables outside the property would need separate supervision.

Our client is also concerned that were the current application to be granted, to ensure sufficient space for pedestrians to use the lane would require a reduction in the number of tables and chairs which our client has been permitted to place in Market Street for some 19 years.

Throughout that period his licence has permitted eighteen chairs with appropriate tables and, given the small business which our client has managed to sustain for the period, the removal of this licence would certainly threaten the number of staff he employs and perhaps even his viability.

We hesitate to suggest that this application might be regarded as a spoiling exercise against his existing business but the effect would certainly be that.

We would add one final point that the public notice was not put up outside the premises until the 20th April 2007.

Please would bring the contents of this letter to the notice of the appropriate committee.

Yours truly



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