

Paul Lee

I am writing in regards to the above ice cream stall at Clapton Row. I have taken my grandchildren there a few times last year. The business is run by Mr Allan Hymers.

I bumped into him recently and to my horror, he told me the council has refused not issue his license. I am surprised the Council is not supportive of small business. The ice cream stall has given the local community something to smile about at this difficult time.

I hope you can reconsider your decision

Sarah Prescott

I am writing to request your support for the application of a licence to trade.

Allan and Jill Hymers have applied for renewing their licence for serving ice cream in Clapton row at Bourton on the water. I wanted to highlight that I regularly visit this part of the Cotswolds and believe this ice cream cycle business adds real value to the local area and offering for its residents and visitors.

I hope you are able to note my views when considering this application

James

I feel compelled to write to you regarding the application from Allan Hymers to sell ice cream on Clapton row, Bourton on the water.

As the owner of a food outlet, selling ice cream myself also I am in full support of Allan's application.

Not only do I believe we should support a fellow villager with their employment; we are in need of support in Bourton to help dilute the concentration of consumers on the high street. Our high street is over run with queues for food, in particular ice cream, and poses a safety risk especially in the current pandemic. Furthermore it also dampens the experience and memories made in the cotswolds; having to queue for everything!

Allan and his ice cream bike, brings another outlet to the village helping the current problem at peak trade. He also brings charm and adds to the experience for our tourists who we obviously want to return and enjoy themselves!

I have no doubt there will be objections from other small minded business owners who want to capitalise on the opportunity this will highlight their narrow minded and selfish tendencies. In the peak of summer there isn't enough of us and if we were to put the

consumer first and their experience in Bourton, we would be wanting Allan to sell ice cream on Clapton Row.

Kevin Walsh

I am writing in support of a local business man Mr Allan Hymers. Mr Hymers sells ice creams from a bicycle on the above mentioned location. We are frequent visitors to Bourton on the water and consider Mr Hymers to be an excellent trader and advocate of the local traders as a whole. I would strongly support his continued trading from this location.

Nanang Suwandi

I am frequently visiting Bourton on the water and a highlight is always a visit to Mr Hymers ice cream cycle. He is always situated in a safe and convenient location, and is an enthusiastic promoter of the local amenities. I hope the council can continue to approve this long standing license, and support a local entrepreneur.

Richard Woodford-Poole

I fully support an application by Mr Allan Hymers of Bow Lane, Bourton on the Water to sell Ice Cream from a traditional style tricycle at a point of your acceptance adjacent the River in Clapton Row.

I have been a resident of Bourton on the Water for 16 years and am not aware that the positioning of the tricycle has ever caused an obstruction at the location in Clapton Row. The new parking arrangements in Clapton Row will cause more obstruction to traffic using the ford than the positioning of this tricycle

Phillipa

I am writing an e-mail of support to this ice cream guy in the corner street. I've gotten hold of a copy of a public notice for an application support on his behalf (Allan) re-applying to sell ice cream on the same spot this year and I'm very certain that this is the guy in the corner that we got our ice cream from last summer (took a photo with permission and sent it to our other family and friends who were planning a visit the following weekend). It was such a pleasant experience as he was funny and very helpful telling us what we could see and expect from Bourton and other neighbouring places - throwing in a few history here and there. I would have thought he's a permanent Bourton 'attraction' as he pretty much set the mood and the scene of what to expect in that beautiful quaint town. We are actually looking forward to going back and re-live the experience again with the kids. I hope he be granted

the licence as he is an asset to the local town. Given the situation that we are all in now, it think we should all support local and be neighbourly about it.

Melanie Gibson

I am contacting you to give my support to Mr Allan Hymer and his application for a licence to sell ice cream on Clapton Row, Bourton-on-the-Water. I believe that the village can support an additional business selling ice cream, given the level of tourism we are seeing and are likely to see in 2021. Allan brings an energy to the village and is a pleasure to see interacting with the tourists. So I wish to support the application he is progressing to sell ice cream in Clapton Row

Lindsey Summers

I am writing to support the application by Allan Hymers for his licence to sell ice cream from a tricycle in Clapton Row, Bourton on the Water.

I have been a resident of the village for 16 years and am not aware that the positioning of the tricycle has ever been an issue. I understand that concerns were raised that the tricycle is blocking vehicular access to the ford. The new parking arrangements in Clapton Row should be of more concern with access to the ford restricted if vehicles park where permitted between Well Cottage and Windrush House on the corner of Clapton Row with Riverside.

I fail to understand why local businesses objected as none of them have sold ice creams via a tricycle and cannot see that such a business would have an impact on their own.

Liam Nightingale

I am writing to you to give my full support of the planning application after noticing a sign that has gone up for the ice cream bicycle to be placed on Clapton Row. As a Cotswold resident and trades person doing lots of work in Bourton on the Water me and my colleagues always look forward to visiting the ice cream Bicycle near the ford in Clapton Row at a lunchtime. Avoiding the busy high street queues at other ice cream retailers in the village. A lot of my customers who are residents of Bourton always comment how nice it is to visit the Bicycle away from the hustle and bustle. It would be a shame to see it disappear or be moved into the more commercialised area of the village.

Lesely Sammons

I am a regular visitor to Bourton on the Water and last summer I met Allan Hymers who had a bicycle ice cream stall in Clapton Row. I understand it is time for Allan to renew his licence so I would just like to support him in this. It was, actually, quite nice not to have to walk to the other end of the village last summer when it was so busy with visitors to buy my ice cream. Whenever I saw Allan he was always busy telling visitors good places to visit in

Bourton and what there is to see and do, alongside selling them his delicious ice creams. He is an absolute asset to the village and also lives in Bourton himself. I truly hope he will still be there selling his ice cream this year.

Many thanks for reading this support letter.

Julian Stocker

I understand that an licence application has been submitted for the above adjacent to the ford in Clapton Row Bourton-on-the-Water and that comments are requested. **I should like to support the application.** There has been a trader there for at least 30 years and is part of the character of Bourton during the summer. The location chosen will not cause any obstruction to the highway for motors or pedestrians and is an excellent choice

Jon Wearing

I am writing to endorse the application, made by Allan Hymers, for a street licence to sell ice-cream in Bourton-on-the-Water. I understand that a licence has been operative for over 20 years for such a business enterprise and was used for trade by a local couple.

Having street vendors (for any food and drink offerings in fact, provided these are sensitive and relevant to the look and feel of our community) has the potential to add to the diversity of experience for those visiting Bourton-on-the-Water. It also provides a useful human connection, invaluable given the accelerated trend for contact-free interactions, and also an opportunity to play a role as what is termed a "human directional", a mobile "visitor information centre" if you will, who can dispense advice in response to questions in a potentially high pedestrian-traffic area where otherwise there would be none.

Given the high probability of the village being overwhelmed again this summer, having well-briefed people in a position to "guide" visitors, and potentially to encourage some dispersal to experiences away from the Green during excessively crowded moments, could be a useful policy for CDC to embrace.

I believe that the applicant has addressed legitimate concerns regarding vehicle-traffic access and proximity to local residences and hope that the Council see fit to approve the application.

Jayne Knight

good morning, i live in Clapton row and have done since 1979; there has been an ice cream business on the corner of clapton row for many years, i should know my son ran it for the then owner after school and at weekends' i fully support Mr and Mrs Hymers and wish them all the luck with their application.

Jane and Tony Beach

We have been frequent visitors (pre Covid) to Bourton on the Water for many years. On our visit last year, in between lock downs, we were pleasantly surprised to be greeted by a

traditional ice cream seller on our way into the village. It was lovely to see and to receive such a warm, friendly welcome. It was also helpful to be offered information on where things were if this were needed as he clearly was very knowledgeable of the area. We thought this was a real asset to the village and indeed was a highlight, especially as we were able to enjoy a delicious local ice cream.

We have since heard that the seller's license may not be renewed this year. As there is clearly enough trade to go around, evidenced by long queues outside other establishments, if this is the case we would ask that you please reconsider. As a visitor we would like to have a choice of where to buy ice cream. This is especially important in terms of Covid and we felt safer not having to stand in the queues on the high street which was crowded, making social distancing difficult. Furthermore, the fact he had all the appropriate precautions in place really put us at ease.

All being well, the lock down will be lifted as planned. We really hope we will be able to once again visit the traditional ice cream seller.

Harriet Smaller

I visit Bourton on the water 2-3 times a week and last year an ice cream tricycle was positioned on Clapton Row, the guy was always helpful, jolly and a real asset to Bourton, it meant I didn't have to go into the 1000's of people in the centre to get an ice cream, being a woman on my own it was always nice to see a friendly face.

I saw on the post in Clapton Row today he was applying to be there again this year. I think he should remain there and be granted the licence, lots of locals love him being there and if it was not I'm sure many would be very disappointed. Please grant the licence

Colin Baldwin

I would like to voice my support for renewing this licence. The holder of this stall does a fantastic job and is a pleasure to buy ice cream from. I support this business and it is great to see a local chap here. This site is out of the way and helps to limit the number of people all congregated at the establishments around this area so better for social distancing etc. I have heard that several businesses in this area complaining about Alans mobile stall due to their own greed and wishing to monopolise this area which is not acceptable as there is enough business in a busy village for all to prosper. I look forward to seeing this licence renewed and support a local man with his business.

Clint Spedding

I am Clint Spedding, and the previous owner of Cotswold Ice Creams.

I am in full support of Mr and Mrs Hymers continued street trading license.

My original street trading license was rejected by Cotswold district council, but following an appeal was granted originally on a temporary basis, pending any complaints, of which there weren't any, and then granted fully the following year.

The only issues in that time, we're from other business owners within the village. This was made very clear when I attended the chamber of commerce for the appeal. The following claims of rubbish and obstruction of the footpaths we're overturned, and it was said that no other business owner has the right to stop another's business venture.

Cotswold ice creams was sold to Mr and Mrs Hymers in 2019, and to my knowledge, Mr and Mrs Hymers have continued a successful business. I've even visited for an Ice cream myself, and Mr Hymers does a fantastic job.

My staff, including my own family were subject to abuse and nasty comments from the owners of nearby businesses in the time we owned the business, we even had dog mess left at the ice cream tricycle location on occasions.

Cotswold Ice Creams tricycle is fully in-keeping with the village tradition, eco friendly, and extremely popular with the tourists, who adore the nostalgia.

I have lived in Bourton on the Water for 41 years, my entire life, worked at many of the cafes/restaurants as a teenager, and even on an ice cream tricycle at the current position, which was then owned by Peter Wilsdon. I have watched year on year, the village become more and more popular. It's estimated that some 2 million visitors a year frequent. The suggestion of an ice cream tricycle causing obstruction/rubbish is ludicrous. The village needs more eateries, toilets and parking, to accommodate the crowds. Mr Hymers position is actually easing congestion within the village centre. The more central eateries cause huge queues and cause visitors to congregate into the road.

In my opinion the continued harassment is nothing more than bullying by jealous business owners, and if continued, I'd report it to the authorities.

Catherine Kilhams

I am a regular visitor to Bourton-on-the-Water, although obviously not recently, and one of the attractions I most looked forward to seeing was the ice cream man in a boater selling the most delicious ice cream from his bike ice cream stall.

I hear that his licence is not to be renewed which I cannot understand.

One of the reasons the licence has not been renewed, I believe, is because it is perceived that he blocks the Ford but I gather that the owners of the wooden gates, near the Ford, are happy for the bicycle to be parked up against them, so that should leave enough room for people and cars to pass. But it is a bicycle so surely can easily be moved, if required any way?

When I have visited Bourton, and have bought ice cream, I have always been aware of the local shop owners sniping about this venture, but I gather that the site by the Ford has had a licence for over 24 years! It looks like they may be jealous of his success? As a visitor, it is much nicer to buy ice cream from a traditional seller, than go into a shop.

The ice cream man is a local man selling delicious local products. He is funny and I look forward to dealing with him. I think it would be a great loss to the visitors to Bourton-on-the-Water if he is not allowed to trade anymore.

I urge you to reconsider your decision

Brian Kirby

I would refer to the recent application made by Allan Hymers to trade in the for the sale of ice cream from a cycle at the end of Clapton Row, Bourton on the Water.

I would support this application because Mr Hymers and his family are local residents who wish to continue to run their cycle ice cream business from the same location as in previous years. Historically a trader selling ice cream was worked on the site for decades and there are photos about confirming this.

Mr Hymers and his bicycle bring colour and warmth to the village, he also has a very pleasant manner which can only add to the enjoyment of visitors to the village.

I hope that the council will look favourably towards this application and allow Allan to continue to trade and earn a living as others have done before him.

Andrew Lund-Yates

I have been made aware that Mr Hymers is currently applying for renewal of the street licence to sell ice cream from a mobile vehicle in Clapton Row, Bourton-on-the-Water. I understand that this licence has been in constant use for the past 28 years, being purchased by Mr Hymers in 2020, where his business has been severely hit by the current COVID-19 pandemic. We own and operate The Old New Inn and Model Village across the road from the ford where Mr Hymers plied his trade last year and it is true to say that there were concerns that his position caused some crowding at the south side of the pedestrian footbridge across the River Windrush at that point. We now understand that Mr Hymers has agreed to resite his position some metres from the end of the footbridge and where it is far less likely to cause any crowding, and we would support his application for renewal of licence.

In these extreme times we would expect the District Council to agree to this renewal of licence given that it supports employment and provides services to the visitor economy.

Barbara Kirby

Sirs, I write in connection with the licence application from Allan Hymers for an ice cream pitch on Clapton Row. I would like to offer my support for this application; Allan and his wife Jill are locals and Allan is looking to run an ice cream cycle business from a spot that, historically, has been connected to the sale of ice cream for more than two decades. I trust the council will look favourably upon this application and allow a local man to offer a simple service to locals and tourists alike.

