

## District Licensing Committee - Minute to Objectors concerning Status

NB: This Minute is sent to all public objectors to an application when the notice of a hearing date is sent.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. The Christchurch District Licensing Committee is only able to hear submissions from persons who have filed a written objection with the committee and who “have a greater interest in the application than the public generally” (section 102 Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012). This restriction is intended to ensure that only those affected by the application may participate in the hearing.

Practically, this may include those living or working in close proximity to the premises. It may also include any person representing a community group, such as a neighbourhood association, school, business, church, or any individual affected by the application.

In a decision in 2009, Judge UNWIN held that people living within 1 kilometre of the proposed premises could be affected. Those living further away are therefore less likely to have an interest greater than the general public. It is a matter for the committee as to whether the person has an interest greater than the public generally and you may be required to answer questions regarding your status before your objection can be heard.

If you wish to make submissions to the committee you must notify us of that, attend in person and be prepared to give your evidence and answer any questions that the applicant, agencies or the committee may have of you. I refer you to the attached Notice of Hearing.

The Committee welcomes your input and values all submissions made to it on this matter.

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