

Dear Licensing Officer,

I am writing to make you aware that a letter has been circulated to local residents regarding my premises licence application for 1 Gloucester Street. For transparency, I would like to briefly address the concerns raised and clarify the nature of the proposed operation.

Cornerstone will be a **small, seated, food-led restaurant** serving tapas and small plates, with alcohol provided only as an ancillary part of the dining experience. In pre-application discussions, Stroud District Council's planning team confirmed that the use remains within **Class E**, and that the premises is **not** a bar or drinking establishment.

To support the licensing objectives, I am happy to agree to the following conditions:

- **Recorded music to be background only**
- **No outdoor drinking or seating**
- **Seated service only (no vertical drinking)**
- **Challenge 25 policy**
- **CCTV covering entry, exit, and customer areas**
- **Quiet dispersal policy**
- **Secure waste storage within the premises boundary**

Noise: There will be no live music or amplified entertainment. Recorded music will be background only, and customers will be encouraged to leave quietly. The premises closes at 23:00, with alcohol service ending at 22:30.

Parking: The premises is already a commercial unit within Class E. As a small neighbourhood restaurant, most customers are expected to arrive on foot. Visitors will be directed to the village car park by St Mary's Church.

Waste: The property's private driveway will be used as a secure, enclosed waste area, with regular commercial collections to prevent odours or pests.

Anti-social behaviour: The premises will operate Challenge 25, staff will be trained in responsible alcohol service and recognising intoxication, and CCTV will be in place. As a seated, food-led venue with modest hours, the risk of nuisance is low.

Lastly, I would like to address the following point:

"We are a small village which already has 2 pubs, The Painswick Centre and the Painswick Hotel which serve food and alcohol as well as 3 cafes that serve food and drinks which is more than sufficient to meet the needs of residents and tourists."

1 Gloucester street is already a commercial unit. There have been attempts over the last decades to change it to a residential unit, that the council has denied.

This suggests that the council, and many locals, would like to see more properties and establishments opening in Painswick, that is why the property is already designated as a commercial unit.

My intention is to operate Cornerstone quietly, responsibly, and with full consideration for neighbouring residents.

Please let me know if any further information is required.

Kind regards, **George Kelly**