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From: Irene & Neil Hemmingsen [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 8 June 2017 10:55 a.m.
To: Ashleigh Pihema
Subject: Re: Manly Esplanade, Browns Bay 24/7 alcohol ban request

Hi Ashleigh.

Yes a lot of the evidence is after 10pm but there is a lot before 10pm. The alcohol ban in our street at present is a joke as the police very rarely come out when called due to high work load in other areas of policing which we understand as they have to prioritise. We use to ring the police many times m(feeling a nuisance) and if and when they do come out it is 1 and 1/2 hours to 2 hours after we call(sometimes several times when things worsen). Many times they have gone by the time the police show up if they even turn up at all. Meanwhile we have had to put up with unbelievable behaviour and noise outside our houses.

Consequently I very rarely ring the police and go out several times of the night and early morning after 10 pm to get peace in the street and some sleep. As our houses are right on the street front we have incredible noise inside our houses at night especially in the summer months of November to April when our windows are open due to the hot weather.

From now on it isn't so bad due to the cold wet weather. I absolutely dread the summer months.

We cannot understand why you won't allow the ban in our small street, that many drunk youths frequent on a daily basis, when the ban seems to be allowed in less troubled areas.

Kind regards
Irene.

Sent from the mobile phone of Irene Hemmingsen

On 8/06/2017, at 10:35 AM, Ashleigh Pihema [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Irene,

Thank you for your email.

Currently a night time ban is in place for Manly Esplanade, Browns Bay. The night time ban is in place from 10.00pm to 7.00am daylight savings, and 7.00pm to 7.00am outside daylight savings.

Any request to change the hours it applies to needs to show a high level of crime or disorder caused or made worse by alcohol consumption in that area. As an alcohol ban is already in place, any evidence provided needs to refer to incidents of crime or disorder before 10.00pm or to people drinking before 10.00pm who cause incidents of crime or disorder after 10.00pm.

The majority of the incidents in the evidence provided relate to noise nuisance, and incidents of crime or disorder from people drinking after 10.00pm.

If the incidents you refer to in your email are occurring before 10.00pm or to people drinking before 10.00pm who cause incidents of crime or disorder after 10.00pm, please continue to document them. If more evidence is provided from yourself and your neighbours, the 24/7 alcohol ban request can be reassessed against the legislative evidence requirement.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Kind regards,

Ashleigh

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From: Irene & Neil Hemmingsen [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 8 June 2017 7:53 a.m.
To: Ashleigh Pihema
Subject: Re: Manly Esplanade, Browns Bay 24/7 alcohol ban request

Hi Ashleigh.

Thank you for informing us about Auckland Council's decision to reject our request for a 24 hour alcohol ban on our small beachfront street due to numerous alcohol incidents over the years which is getting far worse now. Needless to say we are extremely disappointed by the decision and feel Auckland Council have let us all down. We pay huge rates and feel we are not being listened to.

We went to the North Shore City Council a few years ago about the alcohol problems in our street and they unanimously decided to put in a

ban. We thought this meant a 24 hour ban and were disappointed to see the No Alcohol signs go up with No Alcohol "Conditions Apply". No one seems to know what that means including those who continue to drink in our street who don't seem to see the signs as they are so small.

A group representing our neighbours (including me and my husband) went to our local Browns Bay Police station and had a meeting in December with the Senior Constable in charge as we had all had enough of the continuous noise and incidents in our street day and night. They put a patrol surveillance in our street at night when possible for a couple of weeks and then it dropped off. We were then told of the final East Coast Bays community board meeting for the 2016 year which some of us attended and put forward our case

for a 24 hour ban. The Board all agreed that we needed to submit an application for a ban to Auckland Council as it was totally unacceptable what we had to put up with. Last week one of these representatives from our neighbourhood who lives at the beginning of the street put his house up for rent. He has spent a large amount of money on renovations and is now moving due to the noise outside at night relating to alcohol incidents. We also are considering selling up now for the same reasons which we are reluctant to do having put down roots here and building our dream home 11 years ago even though our rates are horrendous. We feel we have zero support from the Auckland Council who appear to be non empathetic.

Our street is very small and there are 7 houses directly on the beachfront

like us. Most of the problems are at our end of the no exit street where there are 5 houses including our house. The end house has an elderly couple in their late 70s who would never complain, even when a rock was thrown recently at their glass balustrade. The next house(next door to us) has an Asian family who would also never complain to the police or anyone no matter what happens, even though they are upset about the noise. On the other side of us is a house that is rented to a young couple who often have parties and don't seem to care. The next house is a man who regularly rings the police and is also really fed up and goes out and speaks to them like I do. Next to him is a lady in her 90s who is deaf and wouldn't do anything anyway. Now you see what our predicament is about involving other neighbours.

We had a rock thrown through our large picture window in October as did another neighbour. This window took 5 months to repair and 10 men to do it at a cost of over \$4500. We have had graffiti on our house, downpipes stolen off our house, plants ripped out of our garden, mail stolen from our doorstep late at night, our rubbish bins thrown onto the beach and bikes stolen. Not to mention many young guys coming up our driveway to urinate at night on a regular basis. Most of these incidents have been reported to the police.

What is the point of me recording more incidents when nothing is going to be done!

My husband is becoming increasingly concerned at me going outside late at night to speak to the people drinking alcohol . He is worried I will be seriously assaulted.

Can you please tell me what constitutes "enough evidence" to get a 24 hour ban put in place in our street? I feel the numerous incidents that I sent through to you regarding alcohol incidents from December 2016 to March 2017 would have been more than enough for the 24 hour ban to go through. What more do we have to do!

**Kind regards
Irene Hemmingsen.**

PS We are only asking for the 24 hour ban in our small no exit street and not for the whole of the beachfront.

Sent from the mobile phone of Irene Hemmingsen

On 7/06/2017, at 1:42 PM, Ashleigh Pihema [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Irene,

Thank you for your 24/7 alcohol ban request for Manly Esplanade, Browns Bay.

Recent changes to the law require the council to obtain a high level of evidence of crime disorder or in the area caused by or contributed to by alcohol consumption in that same area before an alcohol ban can be made.

Unfortunately at this stage the request does not yet contain enough evidence to recommend that the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board make a 24/7 alcohol ban.

One option you have is to continue recording any known issues in the area on the attached form (anyone can do this). You could also consider seeking community input from other people in the area, should anyone else be aware of issues occurring.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Kind regards,

Ashleigh

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