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<b>Item 4.2</b>	<b>Objector (O) Supporter (S) Applicant (A)</b>
<b>48 Morey Road, Beaumaris - Local Law Tree Removal Application</b>	
<b>Requests to Speak</b>	
1. Mr Paul Little (on behalf of Royal Melbourne Golf Club)	(A)

<b>Item 4.6</b>	<b>Objector (O) Supporter (S) Applicant (A)</b>
<b>286 Bay Road, Brighton (Hotel Brighton) - Parklet Application</b>	
<b>Written Statements</b>	
1. Ms Fiona Comport	(O)
<b>Requests to Speak</b>	
1. Dr Georges M. Fast	(O)
2. Mr Brian Comport	(O)
3. Mr D'arcy O'Kane	(S)
4. Mr Matthew Rainsford	(S)
5. Mr Jonathan Sherren	(A)

<b>Item 4.7</b>	<b>Objector (O) Supporter (S) Applicant (A)</b>
<b>212 Bay Street, Brighton (The Deck) - Parklet Application</b>	
<b>Requests to Speak</b>	
1. Mr Jonathan Sherren	(A)

<b>Item 4.8</b>	<b>Objector (O) Supporter (S) Applicant (A)</b>
<b>364–366 Bay Street, Brighton (Rocksalt) - Parklet Application</b>	
<b>Requests to Speak</b>	
1. Mr Colin Neave	(S)
2. Mr James Salem	(A)

<b>Item 4.9</b>	<b>Objector (O) Supporter (S) Applicant (A)</b>
<b>299 Bay Street, Brighton (Hecho en Mexico) - Parklet Application</b>	
<b>Requests to Speak</b>	
1.   Dr Georges M. Fast	(O)

<b>Item 4.10</b>	<b>Objector (O) Supporter (S) Applicant (A)</b>
<b>1/305 Bay Street, Brighton (Too Many Chiefs) - Parklet Application</b>	
<b>Requests to Speak</b>	
1.   Dr Georges M. Fast	(O)

<b>Item 4.11</b>	<b>Objector (O) Supporter (S) Applicant (A)</b>
<b>386 Bay Street, Brighton (Zeppelin) - Parklet Application</b>	
<b>Requests to Speak</b>	
1.   Mr Terry Kallenbach	(A)

<b>Item 4.12</b>	<b>Objector (O) Supporter (S) Applicant (A)</b>
<b>66 Station Street, Sandringham (Ammos Greek Tavern) - Parklet Application</b>	
<b>Written Statements</b>	
1.   Mr Andrew Watson	(O)
<b>Requests to Speak</b>	
1.   Mr Ilias Degrenis	(A)

<b>Item 4.13</b>		<b>Objector (O) Supporter (S) Applicant (A)</b>
<b>39 Melrose Street, Sandringham (Sidebar) - Parklet Application</b>		
<b>Written Statements</b>		
1.	Mr Andrew Watson	(O)
<b>Requests to Speak</b>		
1.	Mr Ray Purcell	(S)
2.	Mr Erik Purcell	(A)

<b>Item 4.14</b>		<b>Objector (O) Supporter (S) Applicant (A)</b>
<b>370 Hampton Street, Hampton (Paperboy Coffee Bar) - Parklet Application</b>		
<b>Requests to Speak</b>		
1.	Ms Clare Jennings	(S)
2.	Mr Evan Packer	(A)

# **WRITTEN STATEMENTS**

<b>Item 4.6</b>	<b>Objector (O)</b> <b>Supporter (S)</b> <b>Applicant (A)</b>
<b>286 Bay Road, Brighton (Hotel Brighton) - Parklet Application</b>	

<b>1.</b>	<b>Ms Fiona Comport</b>	<b>(O)</b>
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RE: Item 4.6: 286 Bay Street, Brighton (Hotel Brighton) – Parklet application

I work at Train World of 290 Bay Street, Brighton predominately on Friday evenings and occasionally on Saturday and Sunday. The store has been in Bay Street, Brighton since July 2012. Prior to this the store was located for some 30 years in Hawthorn Road, East Brighton.

I wish to object to the parklet application made by Hotel Brighton for the Parklet directly in front of Train World (290 Bay Street, Brighton).

My reasons for supporting the **objection** made by Train World are as follows:

- The parklet is directly in front of Train World, blocking visibility of our store, our store signage and ability to promote ourselves for the numerous metropolitan, regional, interstate and international visitors to easily identify / locate us.



- The parklet is used primarily (90% or more) as a beer garden. The adverse impact to our store is as follows:
  - If we leave our front doors open the noise level on Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and Sunday travels into our store. The volume is such that conversations of the Hotel Brighton patrons can be clearly heard half way into the store which is 45 metres in length.
  - Our clients, particularly our families, females and young children are intimidated by the foul language and often raucously loud and obnoxious behaviour of the Hotel Brighton patrons.
  - Patrons of Hotel Brighton regularly congregate in the middle of the pedestrian walk way blocking entrance to Train World and other pedestrians. These patrons more often than not will have an alcoholic beverage in hand.
  - The security guard on Friday evenings has apologised on several occasions that patrons do not follow his direction to remain in the seated area.
  - On two separate occasions when the security guard has ignored Hotel Brighton patrons standing directly in front of our store window, drinking or smoking, I have had to approach the patron(s) to request they return to the allocated seating area. On both occasions the patrons have become aggressive.

- Patrons regularly add chairs from inside Hotel Brighton to expand their group on the footpath. In the process they often will move our A frame or use the A frame to hide their empty glass or use the A frame as a place to store their clothing.
- Patrons smoke directly in front of our door discarding their cigarettes requiring daily clean up.
- There have been several instances where patrons have dropped glass wear in the Train World footpath trading zone.
- The parklet tables take the up the full width of the parklet meaning patrons have no option but to traverse the pedestrian footpath with beverages the full length of our store frontage to access the table and chairs.

Council has indicated that the aim of the parklets is to:

- Support local businesses within activity centres as a whole rather than only supporting Permit Holders only;
- Activate streets and provide a space for the community to gather and socialise;
- Create an improved sense of community;
- Contribute to a positive neighbourhood character.

The parklet directly in front of Train World - 290 Bay Street, Brighton does not support other local business. Patrons of Hotel Brighton do not attend other establishments in Bay Street. Train World on the other hand being a retail store often has numerous clients that are from regional Victoria, interstate and international. These clients often will attend food and beverage venues and if family or friends who are not interest in the hobby are with them will see a movie or frequent the other retail stores in Bay Street.

Although, the parklet provides a space for community to gather and socialise it also, due to it's primary nature of being a beer garden, encourages anti-social behaviours. Train World has had an instance where a Hotel Brighton patron has urinated in the alcove / front window. Patrons are regularly raucous and obnoxious in behaviour creating an anti-social environment in and around the parklet. Examples, include foul language, loud obnoxious conversation, blocking the pedestrian footpath and acting entitled that they have the right to prevent patrons from entering Train World or continuing on to other destination.

This is not a positive neighbourhood character or provide an improved sense of community the Bayside City Council wishes to promote.

Finally, under the Applying for a Parklet

The parklet density – this parklet is in close to proximity to other parklets namely 299 Bay Street and 305 Bay Street. This significantly reduces parking availability in the area as well as increases safety concerns as drivers park in the bicycle lane beside the parklets most Friday and Saturday evenings.

Support - Does the application provide written support from at least 1 of the 2 nearest adjacent businesses? Hotel Brighton is on a corner, it's nearest business is Train World – we are direct next door and the parklet is DIRECTLY IN FRONT of our store. WE DO NOT SUPPORT the application for Hotel Brighton's application for the parklet.

I have numerous photos and videos to support the comments made in my objection to Hotel Brighton's application for the parklet in front of Train World – 290 Bay Street, Brighton. I am happy to provide the videos and photos should the council request them.

Many thanks,

Fiona Comport

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<b>66 Station Street, Sandringham (Ammos Greek Tavern) - Parklet Application</b>		
<b>1.</b>	<b>Mr Andrew Watson</b>	<b>(O)</b>
<p>As a hospitality business also in Sandringham I understand the attraction of outside dining and was also the participant of the State Governments push for outside dining reopening after COVID.</p> <p>We are now returning to a "normal" State of Trade and the emphasis is now on parking!!!</p> <p>Unfortunately our area still lacks any co ordination to improve parking and every car space is vital to all Traders in the street.</p> <p>I would also like to note that the business can also use the Station Street footpath area as its not currently utilized.</p> <p>Parking is a priority and any permant reduction of car spaces is poor policy to the activity of the area</p>		



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<b>39 Melrose Street, Sandringham (Sidebar) - Parklet Application</b>		
<b>1.</b>	<b>Mr Andrew Watson</b>	<b>(O)</b>
<p>The original application of the business being that of a wine shop with tastings does not reflect the current operation, which received heavily dispensation on parking requirements.</p> <p>Parking is critical in Melrose street and any reduction of car spaces is poor policy to the activity of the area.</p> <p>It would be observed that the business has table and chairs set on the footpath in Melrose and Station street.</p> <p>referring back to the original application there was no planning or submission for any outside area.</p>		