

RE: 25/00793/LAPRE2 Premises Licence Application – Rittys Place 6 baker street,
Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

Variation.

As a close local resident impacted by this venue I would like to make representations in regards to this application.

- I would like to register objection to the opening hours until midnight due to:

Proximity to residential buildings and the associated noise and nuisance due to patrons leaving and the closing up and leaving of licences and staff. Currently sounding of vehicle horns is a regular occurrence immediately outside the venue and my residential property/bedroom as staff leave the premises as well as for associated vehicles, eg delivery driver or pick up orders.

- I would like to register objection to the extending of timings for the playing of music to midnight.

The playing of music under the existing licence has been a regular nuisance to public in the area over an extended period, regularly exceeding current restrictions of “background music only” providing nuisance to local residents and public.

- I would like to register objection to the removal of the condition “music played at the premises will be for background purposes only”.

As a “restaurant” and due to the location close the residential properties and businesses this condition is reasonable and fair to prevent public nuisance, removal of this condition would results in an increase in volume which is already providing regular nuisance.

- I would like to register objection to the sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises.

There has been public nuisance from the premises, items such as bottles, bags and food is often thrown into local gardens and against property as well as roudy and noisy behaviours outside.

Broken glass in the area from bottles sold from the premises is often seen and has resulted in issues with cars and pedal bikes, - as well as offering a risk to public safety, including children, toddlers, disabled and member of public who regularly walk past the premises.

It is also a risk for crime and disorder where glass can have significant impact where used in cases where public disorder occurs. The area is busy socially and the presence of glass bottles is a public risk.

Nuisance from people drinking and eating while on my and others property walls and fences etc leads to damage, noise, nuisance and littering which impacts financially as well as our ability to sleep and relax and enjoy our property. This is likely to increase due to sale on and off the premises, especially in conjunction with later hours.

- I would like to register objection/clarification on proposed conditions: music shall be played at a level so it does not cause a nuisance to the nearest noise sensitive premises, - while this appears sensible and welcome it is not clear in what nuisance or noise sensitive premises would be.
Currently the property impacts ability to watch tv, enjoy my property and sleep, my health and wellbeing has been impacted. Proposals that are sensitive to and reduce impact to the local area to avoid a public nuisance would be welcome. I am concerned as the current volume which is under the restriction of “background music only” has not prevented nuisance to local properties, I do not believe that it has been restricted to back ground music only and has led to public disorder and harassment.
- I would like to object to the proposed restriction “ all doors and windows shall remain closed during regulated entertainment except for access and egress. While I would welcome any change and effort to reduce impact, doors currently remain open and are likely to be regularly opened for egress. There is a single door, and no double door arrangement to mitigate or manage nuisance or impact from music/noise.
The property is an older property with low levels of insulation, single glazed windows which does not provide a high level of noise control.
There are residential properties and businesses close to the property that be subject to noise nuisance.
While it is welcomed to take steps to reduce impact of noise/music, in conjunction with the hours and the limited impact the controls are likely to provide further control should be a condition. It affect would also be significantly impeded by removal of conditions and monitoring in relating to volume.
- I would like to object to the proposed change relating to late night refreshment – change from indoors to both indoors and outdoors.
This is not compatible with proposals to limit noise nuisance.

Public nuisance, noise nuisance from patrons outside the premises impacts noise sensitive premises and those who wish to enjoy their property. There is also concern for potential crime and disorder and public nuisance.

The location of the premises is not located on the highstreet and is located at junction of baker street, church lane and grove road. This is an area which is not regularly monitored or policed and where crimes and nuisance take place including public urination, assaults, arguments, racing of vehicles, revving of engines, playing of loud music and bass (often patrons of the premises).

Allowing outside service, refreshment, food is a risk to public safety as the area is a regular point for public to cross the road but is regularly blocked by patrons and business vehicles.

I have personally spent a significant amount of money on my property to improve its insulation as a direct result of this property noise nuisance and the proposals are a significant risk to the noise and public nuisance increasing as well as increase in local property damage and public disorder. I regularly postpone going to bed and/or struggle to sleep due to noise from patrons and staff. I have witnessed physically and visually impaired individual struggle to pass the premises and cross the road due to the outside area in use in combination with other properties. I have had to assist people crossing the road on a number of occasions due to inconsiderate and illegal parking of vehicles of patrons and staff vehicles that may leave car engines running, and/or music playing at loud volume. The area is being used for regular drop off and pick up of people and food and represents a public danger.

Finally I have concerns relating to the communication of this proposed amendment and the time limit applied. I believe that most people in the area and those potentially impacted are not aware of this licence application. I understand that there is an a4 piece of paper in the property window, however this is not prominent, is partially hidden by use of the awning, is not easily viewed due to access being limited and blocked by the existing blocking off of the area outside the property.

Regular calls to the number on the notice were not answered and the line out of hours did not connect at all, does not allow leaving of a message, and if answered you are advised it the wrong number and a different number is provided to call, where the new number then may not be answered at first attempt.

I note the application date for the outside area is dated 10sep and therefore had provided a shorted period of time to become aware and register representations.

Regards

Please confirm receipt by reply.

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