

# Memo



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To: Licensing

FAO: Mr A Thompson and Mr S Sivashankar

Address ref: AD: 81559

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From: Environmental Protection

Ask for: Stuart Roberts

Our ref: 150318

Extension: 2110

## **Re: Full Variation of Premises Licence**

**At: The Great Hall, Fair Mile, Cholsey, WALLINGFORD, OX10 9GW**

Thank you for consulting Environmental Protection regarding the above application to vary a premises licence.

I have reviewed the application, referred to our records and historical complaints and would like to make representation against the application. I have concerns that due to the rural residential location of the premises the proposed variations detailed in Section L of the application may have an adverse impact of the neighbouring residential properties and could potentially contribute to being a statutory nuisance.

Specifically historical noise complaints have referred to music noise originating from the premises during and after licensable hours and breakout noise originating from members of the public leaving the premises. I understand that previous works carried out to address sound levels from music have contributed to the significant decline in complaints however given the quiet, rural location as well as the high density of residential properties surrounding the Great Hall, I believe that varying the opening times later may result in further noise complaints. If the premises closes at 23:30, there is probably going to be noise from people leaving the venue going on until midnight which has the potential to adversely affect these surrounding residents. I would therefore recommend the following hours of use, and would also retain the existing licence conditions and add following condition in order to manage the noise from the premises:

### **Proposed Hours of Use:**

Proposed hours of use to be limited to:

09:00 – 22:30 Sunday – Thursday

09:00 – 23:00 Friday & Saturday

### **Proposed conditions:**

#### **Boundary Noise Checks:**

At least twice during each occasion when regulated entertainment take place the person in charge shall undertake an assessment of noise emanating from the premises as a result of regulated entertainment at the boundary of the site nearest residential premises. If the assessment indicates a potential problem exists arising



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from excessive noise levels then immediate action must be taken to reduce the noise level and a further check conducted to ensure that levels have been sufficiently reduced. A written record shall be kept of each noise assessment and of any remedial action taken. Records of such checks shall be made available to the Licensing Authority for inspection at any reasonable time.

If the applicant agrees to the proposed licensing hours and the inclusion of the additional condition onto the licence, it is likely that this licence can be varied without instigating further noise complaints, and I can remove my objection to the proposed variation.

If you have any queries regarding the above then please do not hesitate to contact me. I am also prepared to meet the applicant(s) at the premises if necessary to discuss this further.

Best regards

Stuart Roberts  
Assistant Environmental Health Officer