

# Response regarding amendment to hours at Paramount Bar

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>Response regarding amendment to hours at Paramount Bar</b>
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<b>To</b>	Diane Sande; LicensingBoard; Andrew Gilchrist
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Good afternoon

The above application has been assessed by this Service in relation to any music noise breakout from live music played/performed at the premises. Consideration has been given to the risk of noise impact on local residences at the proposed times listed in the application.

As with any such matter it is naturally desirable to avoid a situation that would result in this Service serving formal notices to abate activities that have caused nuisance.

This application for variation of premises licence will increase the number of hours the premises is open during early morning hours. As a result there is likely to be a significant impact from noise emitting from the premises from live and amplified music on local residences. Complaints concerning loud music breakout from Paramount have previously been investigated by this service. According to the Supplementary Policy - Licensed hours, the licence holder is responsible for demonstrating that the premises are suitable for the hours sought. It is therefore recommended that a noise impact assessment be undertaken to identify what impact, if any, music noise may have on the nearest residents during the hours the premises is open and the identify noise mitigation measures, if required, to ensure that the nearest residences will not be affected by the proposed extension of opening hours.

The methodology that would be required is noted below:

A detailed assessment of noise levels within the flats above the licensed premises should be undertaken when the premises are typically at their noisiest (including any cumulative noise impact). The assessment must consider the LA<sub>max</sub>, LA<sub>eq</sub> over specified measurement periods, 1/3 octave frequency analysis and background levels when the licensed premises are not operational. The assessment should also identify the noise breakout areas.

The noise assessment should demonstrate inaudibility within the residential properties. The scheme must contain noise calculations to demonstrate how this will be achieved.

**Note:** Inaudible is considered to mean the LA<sub>eq</sub> should not exceed 10dB below the existing background noise (LA<sub>90</sub>).

Regards



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