

Afternoon Arlene

As you know I will be down south when this application calls and might not be able to attend the Board Meeting on 17th August virtually.

There is an objection to the application and I thought I would provide you with my clients comments on the application and objection so that they could be circulated to the members with their papers. The application was really just to obtain board consent to "tidy up" alterations and to the Premises carried out whilst they were closed throughout lockdown. Indeed, I thought they might have been treated as a minor variation until the architect advised me there was an increase in capacity because of the changes. None of the works even required a building warrant and have absolutely no effect on noise.

Although the objection does not say, our clients think it might come from a competitor and should be viewed in this light.

I well recall applying for a licence for the Premises in the Town and County Hall some 20 years ago and certainly prior to the new Licensing legislation coming in to effect. The owners remain the same. It was innovative at the time not least because of where it was.

Their architect advises me that significant noise prevention measures were incorporated in to the original building works. In terms of the external walls, two sets of solid core double doors were fitted which form a lobby to the outside. The main doors also have a lobby area where the doors are managed when the premises are operational.

Indeed, both tunnels also have double doors leading in to them which of course reduces further any noise leakage.

Music equipment is controlled by a sound engineer who is on the premises when open. There are noise restrictors fitted to ensure acceptable sound levels are not exceeded.

All these measures were agreed with Building Control when the premises were fitted out many years ago.

There are also installed remote sound monitors used throughout the premises as back up by management.

The result of all this, is that there have been no noise complaints whatsoever during the many years the premises have traded as can be confirmed by your officials.

As you can see the alterations will not produce noise pollution whatsoever. Also our clients cannot think of any residential properties that are nearby and certainly had had no complaints.

In essence I submit the objection is irrelevant to the application and groundless.

I trust this information is of assistance to the Board.

Their architect will be online as well to answer any queries the Board may have.