

# Appendix H

Dear Licensing,

I wish to object in the strongest terms to the proposed license application for The terrace which is located directly facing my business property; The Castle hotel and reform restaurant on westgate. I also rent two further properties- 5 westbight and Upalong which are both let on a long 5 year agreement to me and are rented to guests on a nightly basis, these are simply an extension of the hotel accommodation.

I write to object not just as a business owner but on behalf of my estimated 16,500 residents who reside at my property, I have calculated this based on the number of beds I have to rent for the night and a realistic occupancy rate.

Selling alcohol until 1am seven days a week will inevitably lead to drunken, unruly anti social behaviour which will have a significant affect on the 16,500 people who visit my property, typically my clientele visit Lincoln and particularly the historic part of the city to enjoy the history and quaint streets and expect peace and quiet not inebriated revellers spilling out at 1.30am, there is a place for that down the hill not nestled between the historic castle walls and magnificent cathedral.

Remember virtually all my guests will be trying to sleep when the nightclub is both open and closed so the music goes off at 1 am, then they have the noise of people whom some undoubtedly will show no consideration for sleeping residents whilst they disperse or wait for taxis.

I then there is the issue of noise whilst the club is open where speakers will be at full peit just metres away from somewhere where my guests have paid for a comfortable and relaxing stay or rest before work. On the occasion the prince of wales pub have live music on I receive so many complaints from guests and normally end up compensating them for the disturbance, thankfully this isn't very often but the thought of an establishment so close to my business selling alcohol with music on until 1am potentially 7 days per week fills me with dread.

I have made reference to the impact this would have on my guests now I will address the impact this would have on my business. Myself and my wife have invested a significant sum of money developing our business establishing a highly successful and well loved hotel and restaurant and are currently in the early stages of another £100,000 in refurbishment of further bedrooms. I know the impact of a late night establishment directly facing my hotel would decimate my business overnight and undo all the hard work and investment we have put in. I appreciate all businesses need to operate and I also admire the tenacity of the owners of the terrace who seemed to have tried numerous things to make it work successfully however this cannot be to the detriment of other businesses activities and 16,500 guests of this city.

I also know this is effectively a watered down licence agreement from that held previously as my understanding is this was 24 hours per day which I find incredible, however it is also my understanding based on what the owner has told others is that they have tried everything to make things work but it hasn't worked so intend to operate as a club with both live and recorded music until the early hours.

I appreciate I cannot supply 10,500 objections to this application but I would suggest that if I could ask them when booking a room if they would object to loud music playing until 1am just metres from their room 99% of them would object and with very good reason.

If the application is approved and the now new plan is put in place that 16,500 guests would be significantly lower, again destroying my business as poor reviews on line don't take long to have an impact on hotels and restaurants.

I hope my objection is given serious consideration as this new proposition at the terrace would have an impact of noise nuisance and antisocial behaviour affecting both permanent and temporary residents.

Kind regards

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