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Licensing Service
Sheffield City Council
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8th August 2024

Dear Sir,

Response to letter of Representation

Thank you for sending through the papers for the hearing on 20th August. We have read the letter of objection and are concerned that the resident may not appreciate full nature of the reduction in hours agreed by our clients during the consultation process. To avoid any confusion, we would like to draw attention to the following:

1. The application to extend the hours Monday to Saturday has been revised so that the premises close at 23.00 hrs as per the existing licence,
2. On Sundays – our client applies for an extension of the opening hours until 22.30 with a close time for sale of alcohol at 22.00. The premises will close at 22.30. We would like to think this is not dissimilar to other premises in the area.
3. Exceptionally on Christmas Eve we request an extension of hours to 00.30 on with a close time for the sale of licensable activities at 24.00 and on New Year’s Eve until 01.30 with a close time for licensable activities of 01.00.
4. EHO have asked for stringent conditions to ensure there is no noise escape when live or recorded music with a DJ may be provided. This is to enable our client to use its premises without causing issues for local residents.
5. Our client has also restricted the clause that allows provision of live music indoors every Friday and Saturday so that it only comes into play in respect of a pre-booked event and will cease by 22.40. Our client has asked to add in the right to play recorded music with a DJ on a Friday and Saturday but only in respect of a pre-booked event.

To assist all the conditions requested by EHO and agreed by our client are as follows:

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- No amplified sound shall be played except through an in-house amplified sound system fitted with a sound limiting facility capable of limiting the sound level output of the system to a pre-set level which may then be secured in a tamperproof manner. The design and setting of the limiter shall have received the prior written approval of Sheffield City Council's Environmental Protection Service prior to any regulated entertainment taking place on the premises and shall not exceed LAeq(T) 94dB.
- All doors and windows shall be closed, save for access and egress and in case of emergency, when amplified sound is present on the premises at above background level.

We appreciate that the extension of hours proposed in the original application has caused concern for the local resident. However, given the major concessions made by our client during the consultation period could you or the Licensing Authority forward this letter to the objector. We hope the objector will be happy that the revised hours set out above will meet the concerns raised.

We look forward to hearing from you

Yours faithfully

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