

My response to the manager of 141

I can only say that I've spent months gathering evidence from 141 showing the outside entrance door is always open when they have music playing and I have evidence of the folding windows being open.

I've tried to pinpoint the bass noise which is not easy before 2am because other bars are open at that time but after 2am 141 are open. The music from 141 is very loud but once Revolution, Cavendish, and Beehive all close it is most likely to be from their bar because only Olivia's are open after 2am and they now have a triple acoustic lobby and the rear lobby doors have been kept closed.

It could have been Wick but they have been closed for months for refurbishment. I raised the issue of 141 leaving their outer lobby door open and about EPS checking the sound levels last year with planning. I'm not sure if planning visited in the evening to check.

The issue with sound levels and how we hear it in our apartment has been highlighted by the sound system outside operated by the Forum. It wasn't there for the last 2 weeks but 3 weeks ago I went to the ground level in our Plaza area and could not really hear the music however up on the 4th floor and above it was really disruptive and we could clearly hear the lyrics (only a few songs because most was dance music without lyrics). It shows how sound doesn't travel how you'd expect it to.

The manager who responded to you is incorrect about some of their assumptions. Our apartment doesn't face West, it faces East and in direct sight of all the bars on West Street from the Hallamshire Hotel to Grappa and also face Devonshire Green so we are in sight of The Forum & Green Room. I have made a number of complaints, as you know, about several bars in the area to try to get the owners/managers to act responsibly & to follow their conditions.

Olivia's is a good example. It took a lot of effort to complain & gather evidence about the bar and eventually they responded and put in an extra door. We've not complained about them since.

It's not a vendetta. I'm often representing other residents who live in West One who perhaps haven't got the time or determination to complain. Our neighbours have had issues with Soho bar, Revolution, Grappa and Beju. You've helped to resolve issues in these bars although Soho seems a special case. It's about us trying to live in our apartment without being kept awake by music (especially bass frequencies) from venues.

141 aren't the only issue but we have approached them outside and asked them to at least close the door to prevent music breakout but they didn't want to discuss it & told us to go away.

We will still be on holiday at the time of the sub committee meeting so obviously won't be able to attend. I can't now submit any evidence because it's stored at home and I don't have access to it here.

The manager hasn't really said anything that makes me think they would respond to a direct complaint to them but we are open to discuss.

I therefore don't feel I would remove my objection to the extension of hours.

If we can get answers from 141 about the external lobby door being open and from eps about the approved sound level then we are prepared to meet with the manager to discuss. At the moment they seem quite defensive and don't think they are creating a problem for residents in the area.

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