

Representation

(Name/Address redacted as requested).

This premises is surrounded left and right, across the street and behind the premises by buildings with multiple flats in them. There are families with young children, and working people living in these flats. I was under the impression that people applying for licences to open beyond 11.30pm, the applicant had to prove that they would not disturb residents' rights to live in peace without excessive noise from licenced premises. I note that the applicant wants to have recorded music from 23.00 to 01.00 on a Friday or Saturday. Does recorded music mean a DJ? If so the premises should undergo acoustic tests. Knowing the Waste Disposal problems this premise had when it was the Golden Dragon, I have my doubts about how they will handle this. I copied this information from the revised Licensing Policy. One of the main problems with Bars on Tontine street has been people standing outside smoking out on the street in the early hours. I have read the applicant's promises for mitigation about noise etc but as they haven't reached out to any residents in advance, this is just what all applicants say.

NOISE The impact on a neighbourhood of licensed premises is significantly influenced by the times when those licensed premises are open, and the times when licensable activities are taking place, particularly between the times of 11pm and 7am. The location of the premises is also a significant factor and extra consideration to noise is needed in denser residential areas and where it is near other noise sensitive premises such as hospitals, care homes and places of worship. Operators should also recognise the impact of noise as a result of their customers eating, drinking, smoking, queuing, and leaving the premises.

engaging with local residents on a regular basis to ensure that licence holders are being good neighbours and dealing with problems as they arise

designing the premises with noise-limiting features such as sound proofing, acoustic double lobbies, and sound-limitation devices • minimising the extent that patrons are outside the premises

Residents can be disturbed by other factors such as litter, smells, fumes, dust, tobacco or other smoke

The Council does have recommended advisory hours that we would expect applicants to aim towards for their type of business. If later hours are applied for then we would expect further detail and an even more robust emphasis on how their Operating Plan will mitigate any public nuisance or crime and disorder.

Below is a table of our recommended hours: Type of business Recommended closing time
Cafe 22:00 Restaurant 23:00 Pubs/bars 23:30 Nightclub 02:00

I look forward to a robust emphasis on how they intend not to add to the already difficult circumstances for residents at this end of Tontine Street and for the buildings behind it. I know other residents are concerned having seen the notice on the door and I have urged them to comment.