

Application for the grant of a Premises Licence/Club Premises Certificate

**Indigo
1a Fleetwood Street
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to oppose the above application on several grounds.

Overview

Fleetwood Street is a small community of 16 terraced dwellings (currently 14 occupied), the type of residents are quite diverse with families with very young children, retired OAPs, shift workers and professional government workers.

The Indigo Bar is situated at the beginning of Fleetwood Street and all the houses (Nos 1-16) are within 5-50m of the Bar.

The planned activities of live and recorded music and the very late opening hours will impact immensely on the residents and affect the quality of their lives being in such close proximity to the bar.

There is simply a conflict of interest between the residents who should be able to go about their lives without being affected by the entertainment provided at the bar and late night opening and the Licensee who wants to provide a social venue for such activities for up to 150 customers into the early hours.

Opening Hours

The planned opening hours are as follows:

Sunday - Thursday 11:00 to 00:30.

Friday to Saturday 11:00 to 02:30

In both cases customers leaving the bar will be making noise (possibly fuelled by alcohol) when leaving the bar or waiting for taxis on the street, which means realistically that the street will not be quiet until at least 0100hrs and 0300hrs respectively.

The Licensee will have no way of policing customers once they have left his premises at these late hours.

There could be up to 150 customers leaving the bar at closing times

This would be unacceptable for the residents especially those with young families or early start shift workers and the residents in general who have the expectation of an undisturbed night's sleep any day of the week.

I honestly believe the residents should be entitled to be able to do this

The other 2 public houses in the area (Queens & Golden Taps) closing times are 0100hrs and 2300hrs respectively but customers do not leave directly into a residential area.

This could also lead to a surge from customers from those pubs when they close who wish to carry on drinking.

Live & Recorded Music

Live Music

Wednesday – Friday 19:00 to 23:00

Saturday - Sunday 14:00 to 23:00

Recorded Music

Sunday - Thursday 11:00 to 00:15

Friday to Saturday 11:00 to 02:15

Historically the residents have always suffered as a result of entertainment in the form of live or recorded music when it was the Knights of St Columba Club.

I believe there were conditions placed on the previous owners as part of the T&Cs of the Licence in the form of windows had to be closed and curtains drawn to minimise sound when live and recorded music was played.

This actually was ineffective and was never enforced by the previous owners (especially in the summer when windows are opened for ventilation) resulting in noise pollution for the residents.

Even with windows closed the music could be heard by the residents.

The windows simply do not afford sufficient sound proofing to reduce the noise to an acceptable level so the residents are not affected by live and recorded music.

Working days

Expecting the residents to put up with live music 1900- 2300hrs(Wed-Fri) and recorded music until 1100- 0015hrs(Sun-Thurs) which in effect to most residents are normal working days is unacceptable

Weekends

Expecting the residents to put up with live music on weekends 1400-2300hrs (Sat-Sun) and recorded music 1100- 0215 hrs(Fri-Sat) at the weekends is also unacceptable.

The quality of life of the residents(especially those in close proximity to the bar) will be affected greatly if such late night music is allowed to happen.

There will be simply too much noise pollution on a daily basis especially during the silent hours when residents will be sleeping, resulting in disturbance to residents.

Supply of Alcohol

As above the residents would have to put up with disturbances of 150 customers entering/leaving the premises until the early hours.

Access

There is only one point of access and egress from the premises.

If there are security staff on the door it will result in customers congregating on the street during opening hours

Smoking Area

To my knowledge there will be no designated smoking area resulting in customers smoking (and talking) on the street up until 0230hrs at weekends.

Even if the small yard to the side of the premises were used the noise from the smokers would disturb residents

Summary

I would draw your attention to Article 8 of the Human Rights Act in that I believe the residents have a qualified right to protection from noise and pollution nuisance.

The bar and residential properties are simply too close together.

The day to day running of the bar and entertainment will impact massively on the residents.

The extended opening hours with resulting noise from music and customers leaving the bar will simply make life for residents unbearable

I would ask the Licensing committee to consider if they would be happy to live next to a bar with such late opening hours and entertainment taking place ?

I would hope people matter more than profit.

The Licensing hours are excessive and if granted should be amended to ensure minimum impact on the lives of the residents by amending the times for live and recorded music and the opening times of the bar.

Possibly:

Weekdays (Sun- Thurs) 2300hrs
Weekends (Fri-Sat) 2359hrs

It is supposedly a bar not a night club.

I hope you will consider my concerns when making a decision on the application

Peter Flynn
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