

Notice of Representation

Members of the public (where they can be considered to be interested parties) can submit representations in objection to or in support of these applications, within the 28 day consultation period. The Licensing Act 2003 defines an interested party as a person residing in the vicinity of the premises concerned, a person involved in the running of a business within the vicinity, or a body representing such persons or businesses. Elected Members of the licensing authority are also considered to be interested parties and may also submit representations.

Please be aware that for any objections to be considered, they should be submitted before the end of the consultation period and they should address the four licensing objectives of Prevention of crime and disorder, Prevention of public nuisance, Public safety and the Protection of children from harm.

Please be aware that where representations are considered relevant copies of the representation will be provided to the applicant and the Licensing Sub Committee.

Please note: Objections will only be considered where a name and address are supplied.

Name: Elizabeth Middlemiss

Address: 1 & 2 Sallyport, Berwick upon Tweed TD15 1EZ

Licensing Objective: The prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, the prevention of Public Nuisance and Protection of Children from Harm

Premises: 41-47 Bridge Street, Berwick upon Tweed TD15 1ES

Reason for Representation:

I have carried on a successful 5* Guest House at 1 & 2 Sallyport, Berwick Upon Tweed peaceably for 25 years. I have worked extremely hard to build up the reputation which my Guest House now enjoys. The premises at 41-47 Bridge Street is directly below bedrooms of my Guest House. I also live within the property and I am concerned that noise emanating from the premises will cause a nuisance and disrupt the peace and enjoyment of my property.

My understanding is that the applicant intends to turn the premises into a bar. Given the close proximity of the bar to my guest bedrooms, I believe this will cause substantial noise nuisance to my guests and will have a detrimental effect to my long standing business.

Whilst I appreciate no longer covered by The Licensing Act 2003, the applicant has the ability to play live and recorded music from 08:00 to 23:00 Monday to Sunday.

The applicant has given no indication within his application of how he intends to prevent noise nuisance to my home and my business, other than to say that "clear signage in place and verbal requests asking customers to leave the premises quietly and respect the neighbours." This is insufficient and will not prevent public nuisance occurring. Noise emanating within my guest bedrooms and home will not only be from customers leaving the premises, but also from customers within the applicant's premises.

The applicant has not provided measures to deal with the potential for any anti-social behaviour which may occur from alcohol fuelled customers, such as fighting and/or shouting. I fear that given there only appears to be one small toilet within the premises, customers may simply frequent the side lane, outside my property entrance to urinate and vomit. There is also the potential for drug abuse in the lane. Customers smoking in the lane may also leave glasses, bottles and litter. I believe this may lead to crime and disorder.

I believe there is a risk to public safety. The properties are not self-contained and have not been correctly separated. In parts there are merely sheets of plywood separating the buildings. The property is a Grade II Listed Building and at present services to my home and Guest House, such as gas and electricity run through 41-47 Bridge Street. Indeed when the applicant discovered that I had complained to the Building Regulations Officer, the applicant deliberately and as a criminal act, cut off the gas supply to my premises. The Police are involved and a crime number has been provided. The criminal act caused disruption to my business and risk to my guests.

I would implore the Licensing Sub-Committee to consider the above and in particular, change in noise conditions to my private life, as a long-term resident and the detrimental effect the application will have on my long-established business.

Signed

Date 27 February 2018

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