

LICENSING ACT 2003

OBJECTION LODGED BY NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC PROTECTION SERVICE

To: The Licensing Officer Northumberland County Council

Civica Ref: SRU 125895

Your ref:

**Name of Premises: The Phoenix, 3 Chisholm Place, Hexham, Northumberland
NE46 1QL**

**Type of Application: Premises Licence for The Phoenix 3 Chisholm Place,
Hexham, Northumberland NE46 1QL**

**Name of person/body submitting application: Sarah Smith of Sintons Solicitors
OBO Rockley Property Ltd Unit 43 Claycliffe Business Park Barugh Green
Barnsley**

Date of receipt of application: 29th October 2018

Summary of Objection (Public Protection)

Public Protection Object to this application for the proposed variation of the Licence on the grounds of public nuisance.

The reason for the objection to this application are as follows,

- There are residential properties in close proximity to the Licensed premises which are highly likely to be adversely affected by the proposal.
- The Environmental Health team have previously received complaints regarding noise from temporary events involving amplified music held at similar times at this premise.
- In its current condition the fabric of the building is not suitable to contain the volume of sound likely to be produced within the venue. In particular there are a number of

single glazed windows and mechanical extraction fans which compromise the 'acoustic integrity' meaning there is significant potential for 'noise breakout'.

- It is likely that the background noise level in the vicinity of the premise will reduce as the traffic levels and general footfall diminish in the early hours of the morning. This will increase neighbours sensitivity to breakout noise from the venue.

Following a site meeting with the business owners on 18th December 2018 it was provisionally agreed that they would seek guidance from a competent acoustic consultant on the measures necessary to prevent significant breakout noise from the building. This guidance would be used to develop a schedule of works to appropriately upgrade the structure. If this schedule could be appropriately incorporated into conditions attached to the License then the ongoing need for the objection would be reviewed.

Name of Officer: Liam Howley

Job Title: Community and Environmental Protection Manager

Date: 19th December 2018