

Gillies, Pearl

Subject: FW: for attention of licencing officer

From: Alan Baker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 05 August 2021 11:26
To: Gillies, Pearl <PGillies@Fareham.Gov.UK>
Subject: FW: for attention of licencing officer

Dear Pearl,

Thank you for your letter of 30th July 2021.

I must open by making the comment I am not a killjoy but all must accept this is a pub in a densely populated mainly elderly residential area. I am one of them.

I believe I have a right to enjoy my home as present

The pub has been there for many years, I for one have used it many times, but peoples expectations change over time, and so have social habits.

That letter invites me to submit clarification on three points. Please see my replies below.

1.conditions.

- a. Limit the events to Saturdays only with a closure time of say 2300.
- b. No noise to be made that can be heard externally after that time. (no car park bars!!)
- c. All persons to be clear of the premises by 2330
- d. Licensee to produce effective plans (acceptable to the authority) to control and monitor the above.
- e. Such plans are to be included as a condition within the licence.
- f. I can see no circumstances where crime is an issue in the application
- g. As already stated, All disco equipment to be housed internally, no use externally.

2. measures.

- a. Install sound recording equipment such as on the link [Sound Level Meter, 30~130db 9.6" LCD Display Wall Hanging Decibel Noise Measuring Tester with Data Logger & Alarm \(SW-525A\) : Amazon.co.uk: DIY & Tools](#)
- b. Alarm on the meter to be set to 85Db, or lower level if authority deems necessary.
- c. No A weighting to be included in the acceptable sound levels.
- d. The authority to produce plans and measures to monitor and control the use of the licence and not to rely on complaints from residents.

3. evidence of crime etc

- a. I have over the 13 years living here recorded no incidents of crime or disorder, but have noted instances of excessive noise following wedding receptions in the past when guests are leaving.
- b. Since the external area installed football matches can be heard! But don't consider them to be excessive.

4. other points

- a. it is totally unacceptable that if the licence is granted I would have to rely on the overworked police to take any actions. That would necessitate building a dossier over time for anyone to take any actions.

- b. If no actions taken then people become exhausted and move, the existence of a premises with a licence as declared will devalue properties in my area, that is unacceptable. For example the now closed pub in Horndean by five heads road.
- c. If the licensee wants to install disco equipment and only internally they should be made to control under the licence terms.

Best Wishes
Alan Baker

From: Alan Baker [r [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, 14 July, 2021 2:06 PM
To: 'customerservicecentre@fareham.gov.uk' <customerservicecentre@fareham.gov.uk>
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Best Wishes
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From: Alan Baker [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 14 July, 2021 1:32 PM
To: 'licencing@fareham.gov.uk' <licencing@fareham.gov.uk>
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Dear Sir,

I understand the Heathfield Arms has applied for a licence to play live music outside the premises, and also inside.

I have not seen anything in writing in respect of the application but only from social media, with all the misinformation that contains!!

If my assumptions are right, then I must express severe reservations about music being played outside, presumably in their new outside area.

As you can see I live only a short distance from the pub so well within earshot.

I would never object to music being played inside as that is attenuated by the building, but outside is a very different issue. There is nothing except distance to attenuate the noise. Additionally my elevation is above the line of the pub reducing/eliminating any attenuation by nearby buildings.

This will therefore seriously affect our quality of life every time they have either a band or recorded music . Assume there is no limit on the decibel levels produced nor means to monitor?

The licence does not to my knowledge limit the number of events in any time period, so it could be just once a month or very weekend or even every night. I must assume it does however state an end time of 2300 hours? How will that be enforced? By only responding to complaints? Or some other means unknown to me?

I am not a killjoy, but cannot see why they believe they have to play loud music to enjoy themselves.

It is of interest the landlords of the pub don't even live on the premises so can escape any issues resulting in the noise.

I have to strongly object to a poorly thought out idea

Best Wishes
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