



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST 2020, AT 6.00 P.M.

SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTATION

The attached papers are additional papers received to be added to the Agenda previously distributed relating to the above mentioned meeting.

4. Application for a Premises Licence in respect of Tranquil Bar Limited, 1 Bear Hill, Alvechurch, Worcestershire, B48 7JX (Pages 1 - 26)

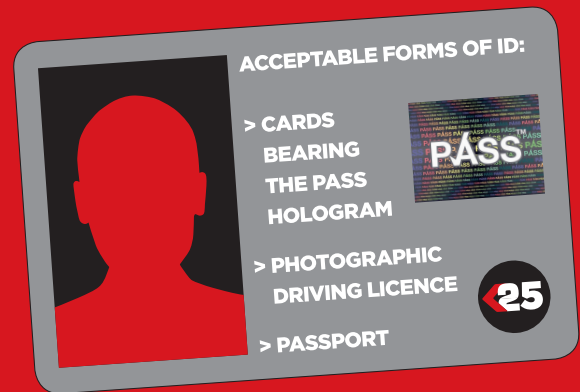
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10th August 2020

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UNDER 25?



**IF YOU ARE LUCKY
ENOUGH TO LOOK UNDER
25 YOU WILL BE ASKED
TO PROVE THAT YOU ARE
AGED 18 OR OVER WHEN
YOU BUY ALCOHOL**

**IF YOU ARE UNDER 18
YOU ARE COMMITTING
AN OFFENCE IF YOU
ATTEMPT TO BUY
ALCOHOL**



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**Bromsgrove District Council
Licensing Sub-Committee
12 August 2020**

**Tranquil Bar Limited - 1 Bear Hill,
Alvechurch, Worcestershire, B48 7JX,**

Documentation lodged on behalf of the Premises Licence Holder

Acting for the Premises Licence Holder, I have attempted mediation with those who have objected; additionally I have had extensive meetings with the Police Licensing Sergeant (PS Richard Field) and the Licensing Authority.

The Police have stated; based on the information within the application and taking into account the four Licencing Objectives, their conclusion is that they fully support the granting of this premise licence, with the amended hours and conditions.

The Police have carried out extensive investigations, including a site visit and negotiated extra conditions and a reduction of hours on the licence.

PS Richard Field is aware that there have been a number of objections to this application and is happy to attend or dial into the Licensing sub-committee meeting to answer any questions that are posed to West Mercia Police.

The following amendments have been made to the operating schedule of the application and agreed with the Police and the Licensing Authority:

1. Opening hours. Reduced to 2300 hrs. Sunday to Thursday & Midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. This is in line with other venues in the area.
2. Non Standard Times -New Year Eve to be changed to 01.00 hrs finish and other bank holidays to be allowed an extra hour as per the original application.
3. Smoking area - As this area backs onto housing; a condition within the Public Nuisance section has been added that all customers will not be allowed to use the outdoor smoking area from 2200 hours every night.

There are eight Responsible Authorities who *could have objected* to this application in relation to any of the Four Licensing Objectives - none of them considered it necessary, and therefore believe that this premises gives them no concerns in its hours of operation or licensable activities.

The following documents are attached in support of this application, and will be fully utilised by the premises :

- Operations and staff training manual
- Challenge 25

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- DPS Authorisations
- Refusals log
- Covid 19 - Risk Assessment

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Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) Authorisation for Sale/Supply of alcohol

Tranquil Bar Ltd

I am the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS), and the holder of a Personal Licence and I am the person in a position of authority at the premises.

I hereby authorise the following named personnel to sell and supply alcohol, to comply with the Licensing Act 2003.

This being either when I am present on the premises or in my absence. I can always be contactable on the following telephone number: _____.

NAMES OF AUTHORISED PERSONS:

I, being a person named below am aware of and accept my responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003 and will endeavour to comply in accordance with the licensing law and the licence conditions attached to the premises licence.

Name	Personal Licence Number (If Applicable)	Date	Signature

DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR - AUTHORISATION.

Name: _____

Personal Licence Number: _____

Signature: _____

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REFUSALS LOG BOOK

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If a customer appears to be under 25 and fails to produce a valid ID photo, the sale should be **Refused** and recorded in this refusals log. Staff should write an entry whenever an age-related sale is refused.

No ID - No Sale

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DATE	PRODUCT	TIME	NAME OF PERSON OR DESCRIPTION	OBSERVATIONS	STAFF MEMBER
01/04/2020	2 x Glasses of wine	1830 Hrs	Male blond 175 cm tall, approx. 17 years of age	Nervous and refused to show ID	Nicki Jay

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Tranquil Bar Ltd

Location:

1 Bear Hill, Alvechurch
Worcestershire
B48 7JX

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Covid-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways, and a virus called Coronavirus causes it. Symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe or fatal.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Additional Controls	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff • Visitors to our premises • Cleaners • Contractors • Drivers • Vulnerable groups - Elderly, Pregnant workers, those with existing underlying health conditions • Anyone else who physically comes in contact with you in relation to your business 	<p>Hand Washing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand washing facilities with soap and water in place, and signage in place. • Stringent hand washing taking place. • See hand-washing guidance. • https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/ • Drying of hands with disposable paper towels, if possible. • Staff encouraged to protect the skin by applying emollient cream regularly • Gel sanitisers in prominent positions both inside & outside areas of the premises 	<p>Staff will be reminded on a regular basis to wash their hands for 20 seconds with water and soap and the importance of proper drying with disposable towels. Also reminded to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues - Follow "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it" and to avoid touching face, eyes, nose or mouth with unclean hands. Tissues will be made available throughout the workplace.</p> <p>Encourage staff to report any problems at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>To help reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) reminding everyone of the public health advice</p> <p>Posters, leaflets and other materials are available and displayed.</p>			

	<p><u>Cleaning</u> Frequently cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly, particularly in areas of high use such as door handles, light switches, tables & chairs using appropriate cleaning products and methods.</p> <p><u>Social Distancing</u> Social Distancing -Reducing the number of persons in any work area to comply with the 2-metre or 1 metre guidance</p> <p>Taking steps to review work schedules including start & finish times/shift patterns. Best efforts to reduce number of staff on site at any one time. Also relocating workers to other tasks.</p> <p>Redesigning processes to ensure social distancing is in place.</p> <p>Ensuring sufficient rest breaks for staff.</p>	<p>Managers are to ensure that the necessary procedures are being adhered to and must carry out rigorous checks.</p> <p>Staff to be reminded on a daily basis of the importance of social distancing, inside the premises as well as the outside serving area.</p> <p>Management checks are to take place to ensure this all policies are adhered to.</p>			
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		<p>Social distancing also is to be strictly adhered to in staff area and smoking area.</p> <p><u>Wearing of Gloves</u> Where Risk Assessment identifies wearing of gloves as a requirement of the job, an adequate supply of these will be provided. Staff will be instructed on how to remove gloves carefully to reduce contamination and how to dispose of them safely.</p> <p><u>PPE</u> In all settings, individuals are to observe social distancing measures and practice good hand hygiene behaviours.</p>	<p>Staff to be reminded that wearing of gloves is not a substitute for good hand washing.</p>			
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		<p><u>Symptoms of Covid-19</u> If anyone becomes unwell with a new continuous cough or a high temperature in the workplace, they will be sent home and advised to follow the stay at home guidance. Line managers will maintain regular contact with staff members during this time.</p> <p>If advised that a member of staff or customer has developed Covid-19 and were recently attending our premises, the management team will ensure that the track and trace policy is followed.</p> <p><u>Mental Health</u> Management will promote mental health & wellbeing awareness to staff during the Coronavirus outbreak and will offer whatever support they can to help</p>	<p>Internal communication channels and cascading of messages through line managers will be carried out regularly to reassure and support employees and customers in a fast changing situation.</p> <p>Line managers will offer support to staff who are affected by Coronavirus or has a family member affected.</p> <p>Regular communication of mental health information and open door policy for those who need additional support.</p>			
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Premises Licence & Site Operations Training Manual	Tranquil Bar Ltd
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This Operations and Training Manual contains instructions and guidance covering various policies and procedures.

The intention of this manual is to:

- Assist in staff training and awareness.
- Act as an 'aide memoire' for all staff
- Referencing valuable information quickly and easily
- Providing guidance to staff as part of their on-going training and development.

The Training Regime

All on-site staff must read the training material provided and then satisfactorily pass the subsequent written test before being authorised to sell alcohol. It is important that this information is fully understood, should a staff member not satisfy the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) that they understand all of this then the DPS will not authorise that staff member.

You are at risk of prosecution for making unauthorised sales.

Refresher training will be undertaken at least on an annual basis, to sell alcohol and a number of refresher quizzes should take place to help in testing all staff and their knowledge.

Due Diligence Measures

- Staff are to satisfactorily undertake a training questionnaire - all questions to be answered correctly.
- Training Statement is to be signed by staff member and countersigned by Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS).
- Staff Authorisation sheet, to be signed by staff member and countersigned by the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS).

The Premises Licence Holder may also consider putting staff members forward to sit the APLH – {Award for Personal Licence Holders} exam if there is a likelihood of them becoming a DPS in the future. For further details, please contact Licence Leader Ltd, or any other reputable Licensing consultant.

All staff training will be properly recorded, as well as individual staff authorisations to sell alcohol, and retained in the premises licensing folder and kept on the premises. The DPS/Manager should complete both the alcohol training statement sheet and the authorisation record sheet. All staff will be issued with their own confirmation of having received their initial training, whether under this regime or any alternative proprietary system, keeping the originals for your own records. All staff will be shown on the authorisation record, which will contain their signature as proof of their understanding of the training they have received and the responsibilities that they hold in the sale of alcohol. Subsequently as staff are re-authorised to sell alcohol on a regular basis this should form part of the refresher training and they are indicating by signing the authority sheet again that they are still fully conversant with the rules relating to the sale of alcohol.

New staff members should then be added as they join, subsequently signing again on a regular basis thereafter, after each refresher. The alcohol training and authority sheets are designed for quick reference by any of the Responsible Authorities, which may visit the premises and for you to identify and maintain all training requirements up to date.

Premises licence - Licensable Activities

You can only carry out the sale of alcohol off the premises during the licensable hours of the premises licence. The penalty for selling outside permitted hours is substantial – and may include a possible review of the premises licence.

Staff Authorisation

Under the terms of the grant of the premises licence: It is an offence for a person to serve alcohol to anyone unless they have been authorised to do so by a personal licence holder.

Underage Sales

It is an offence to sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 18, or to anyone purchasing alcohol on behalf of someone under the age of 18. It is an offence for any person under the age of 18 to buy or attempt to buy alcohol. It is an offence for anybody under 18 to sell alcohol unless authorised to do so by a responsible person. Responsible persons are defined as:

- The Premises Licence Holder
- The Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS)
- An individual aged over 18 authorised (ideally in writing) to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises by either the Premises Licence Holder or the Designated Premises Supervisor.

It is an offence to allow alcohol to be served to someone under 18 if the staff member could have prevented it. If a Challenge 25 scheme is adopted, then each customer wishing to purchase alcohol who is unknown to the cashier serving as a person who is over 18 years of age must be asked for satisfactory identification to prove their age. If they cannot or are not asked; then the staff member may be committing an offence should the condition wording be specific in this regard.

If a customer looks, under 25 they **Must** be challenged to prove that they are over 18 by producing photographic proof of age, which must include a photograph and state the full date of birth of the customer. The only forms of proof of age that we will accept are:

- A passport
- A photographic new style driving licence
- A PASS accredited Proof of Age ID card such as: The Citizen Card

Do not accept any other form of ID under any circumstances

Note: the penalty for the member of staff selling alcohol to an under aged person ranges from a fixed penalty notice to a criminal conviction and a substantial fine. You must ensure that you are completely satisfied as to the customer's age BEFORE you make the sale.

Do not ask staff members or 'take someone's word' that, they are over 18 and always use CHALLENGE 25.

DUE DILIGENCE PROCEDURE

All staff are to be regularly briefed on the following topics:

- ii Test purchasing
- iii Age restricted products
- iv How to check proof of age
- v Follow the guidelines
- vi What the law says
- vii Due Diligence procedures

Protection of Children from Harm

To protect children from harm and comply with the law, the vast majority of retailers take under age sales very seriously. There can be major consequences for businesses, licensees AND individual members of staff. Penalties for breaking the law include substantial fines, loss of licences, even imprisonment. Individual members of staff may be taken to court, and prosecuted. They could also lose their job.

Trading Standards & Police are amongst the Responsible Authorities who are consulted on licence applications under the Licensing Act 2003. If a licence holder sees and the staff are not following the guidelines outlined in this booklet then these matters may be raised during the licensing process. Any evidence of underage sales can also trigger a review, which could lead to loss of the Licence.

Test purchasing

Trading Standards and the Police (sometimes-together) check that the law is followed and can carry out test purchases of all age-restricted products as part of their enforcement duties. The test purchases are made with volunteer young people who are to look their age.

These test purchases follow procedures supported by the government. They are allowed as evidence of underage sales. Following these guidelines and asking for proof of age and receiving appropriate proof (asking by itself is not a defence), should make sure that you do not make an illegal sale. Samples of 'proof of age' are shown on the photo cards poster in the support material

Age restricted products – age restrictions

Alcohol Products 18

By following the rules regarding age related products, it will help you show you are taking 'all reasonable precautions and exercising all due diligence'. This is legal-speak to say that you must have behaved in a way that can provide a defence in law if an illegal sale takes place. You must

be able to show that you are doing all that you possibly can to make checks. This is what the courts would look at should an illegal sale take place.

How to check proof of age ?

If a customer who looks under 25 and asks to buy an age restricted product, ask for one of the prescribed forms of proof of age and check it. If appropriate proof of age cannot be produced, you must refuse the sale and make an entry in the refusals register. You must only accept proof of age with date of birth and a photo. Remember to check that the photo matches the customer and that you can see their face clearly, including asking them to remove hoods and caps.

Proof of age cards need to carry a PASS hologram to show that they are part of an approved scheme and have been correctly issued. When you see a genuine PASS logo you can be more confident that it is valid proof of age, however there are good forgeries in circulation. Please see over page for checks.

• *Always follow these checks*

1. Check that the PASS hologram is genuine and flush with the body of the card.
2. Check that the photo matches the person using it and that it is printed on the card, not just stuck on top of it. Ask them to remove helmets, hoods and sunglasses if you are not sure.
3. Check that the date of birth is properly printed on the card and that you have calculated the date of birth correctly.
4. Check that the card has not been tampered with in any way.
5. Check the person. If you are unsure about any of the above, you must, and have the right to, refuse the sale.
 - *Acceptable proof of age includes*
 - 10-year passport
 - Photo driving licence
 - Citizencard
 - "PASS " accredited proof of age card scheme

There are fake proof of age cards about so if you are unhappy with a card for any reason, refuse the sale. Items such as birth certificates and national insurance cards are not good enough. They carry no photo so can be passed between friends. Legally you have the right to refuse to sell to anyone, whether over or under age, if you are unhappy with the sale in any way.

REMEMBER - If in doubt Refuse the sale

- Don't try to judge ages. Only accept approved proof of age cards with photos and date of birth.
- Follow the 'Challenge 25 Rule' and ask for proof of age from anyone who does not look over 25. Remember, if you guess wrong you could end up in court!
- Know when dates of birth will be correct. Are they 18 yet? Just having today's date with the relevant year of birth will do!
- Fill in a 'refusals book' each time a refusal takes place. The DPS should check entries regularly to make sure all staff are using the register.
- Do not sell to an adult you suspect of buying for under age young people. It is an offence for an adult to buy alcohol on behalf of someone under 18. This is known as proxy selling.

- Support colleagues when they refuse sales. It can be difficult to say 'no.'

Alcohol

The age at which product alcohol can be legally served and bought is 18. Do not sell to over 18s who you think may be purchasing for under 18s. Both the owner of the business and the seller may commit a criminal offence if alcohol is sold to an under 18. If you are found guilty of selling alcohol to a person under 18 the premises licence to sell alcohol is at risk.

Under 18s cannot legally purchase alcohol. Always ask for proof of age before you serve and check the details. You can face prosecution and a criminal record or alternatively the police can issue on the spot fine if under age sales are made.

Checking Proof of age

When you ask somebody to produce proof of age in order to complete a purchase you must ensure that only an approved form of identification is accepted and that you check it correctly:

Only accept -

- A valid passport
- A European style photo driving licence
- A PASS accredited cards such as a Citizen card

Always ask for the identification to be handed to you for authentication purposes

Check that

i. Passport

- not altered in any way
- the passport date - it is valid
- the photograph - it belongs to the customer
- date of birth - the customer is old enough to complete the purchase

ii. European style driving licence

- not altered in any way
- the licence date - it is valid
- the photograph - it belongs to the customer
- date of birth - the customer is old enough to complete the purchase

iii. PASS cards

- not altered in any way
- the card is completely flat with no raised edges around the photo or PASS logo
- reject the card if it is not flat
- the PASS logo hologram 3D effect is working
- the card date - it is valid
- the photograph - it belongs to the customer
- date of birth - the customer is old enough to complete the purchase

iv. The customer

- matches the photograph on the card
- is not acting suspiciously
- has not altered the card offered in any way

If you are in any doubt about the validity of the identification offered or the age of the customer even with the identification, **you MUST refuse the sale and record the details in the refusals book**

What to watch out for regarding the ID of a person who is possibly under the influence of alcohol.

Signs of Intoxication

There are many signs that a person may display as they become intoxicated. As blood alcohol levels rise, differences can be noticed in coordination, appearance, speech and behaviour.

An intoxicated person may typically show some of the following signs:

i. Behaviour and Physical Signs

Becoming loud, boisterous and disorderly Dropping possessions, rambling conversation, becoming argumentative Fumbling and difficulty in picking up change Loss of train of thought e.g. forgot to pay for goods Annoying other customers and staff Swaying and staggering Difficulty in paying attention Becoming incoherent, slurring or making mistakes in speech Difficulty walking straight Not hearing or understanding what is being said Becoming physically violent Bumping into fixtures/other customers Drowsiness, dozing or sleeping while in premises becoming bad tempered or aggressive Glassy/bloodshot eyes and lack of focus Observe customers in difficulty lighting cigarettes whilst outside the premises using offensive language. Falling, Vomiting Exhibiting inappropriate sexual behaviour Flushed Face Dishevelled Clothing Person smells of alcohol

DUTY TO REFUSE SERVICE

It is your duty to refuse to serve under 18s and you must refuse to serve a person if they are or appear to be drunk.

How to refuse a sale

Sometimes refusing a sale will make the customer angry. Here are some tips to help you handle difficult refusals.

Ask for proof of age. This helps the situation, as it is not a direct refusal. It says that you will make the sale if they can produce valid proof of age. Only accept proof of age with a photo, and only if you are happy it is correct.

Refuse politely. If necessary repeat your refusal clearly.

Keep calm. Do not get into an argument.

Explain briefly, why you cannot sell. Try saying

- 'I'm sorry; if I serve you I might be breaking the law.'
- 'We have a policy of `no proof of age, no sale.'
- 'Our company policy is not to sell these products to young people.'

Show customers notices, posters and stickers that indicate you will not serve alcohol to under 18s or sell other age-restricted products.

Be positive in your refusal. Have a firm tone of voice, be confident and use direct eye contact. The law is on your side and you are doing the right thing.

Call your supervisor or manager for support if necessary.

Record details in your premises' refusal register.

Report incidents where you have felt threatened and/or intimidated.

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Remember, *you commit an offence* if:

- You sell alcohol to a person who is under 18
- You allow alcohol to be sold to someone who is under 18 when you could have prevented that sale
- You sell alcohol to a person who is drunk
- You sell alcohol to a companion of a person who is drunk for the drunken Person's consumption
- You allow alcohol to be sold to someone who is drunk when you could have prevented that sale

On the spot fixed penalty, notices can be issued for serving alcohol to someone who is drunk or under age with prosecution also being a possibility.

If someone is drunk or disorderly they can be ejected from the premises and the Police must assist if requested to do so - if you think a customer should be ejected please ensure that you seek assistance from a colleague and follow your company procedures in order to deal with the incident properly and safely.

Keep calm. Do not get into an argument. **Explain briefly, why you cannot sell.** Try saying
• 'I'm sorry; if I serve you I might be breaking the law.' 'We have a policy of 'no proof of age, no sale.'

Training for Staff **Tranquil Bar Ltd**

Member of staff [Full name]	
DPS or Personal Licence Holder delivering training [Full name]	

A new checklist will be used to record when;

- a new staff member is appointed
- changes to the premises licence or policies have occurred
- when carrying out refresher training for existing staff.

This is paramount to our business and to demonstrate that we are showing our best endeavours to comply with the requirements of our premises licence and the licensing objectives of 2003 Licensing Act.

What the law says about selling alcohol & the penalty staff and the business can face if an underage sale occurs?	
That the premises must hold a premises licence to sell alcohol. That they understand what the licence requires and the consequences for them and the business should any person sell alcohol in breach of any aspect of the alcohol licence.	
What the alcohol licence and conditions of the operating schedule require.	

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EG: [i] ensuring alcohol is only sold during licensing hours, [ii] mandatory conditions as well as any conditions that are set out in the Annexes to the alcohol licence that are specific to our individual premises,			
Why selling alcohol underage and underage drinking is a problem for local communities, as well as the harm caused to underage drinkers themselves?			
What our policy is for challenging customers for proof of age?			
1. What our shop policy is, for the types of proof of age (ID) staff should accept?			
How to operate any 'till prompt' system installed?			
The signs to look out for that the customer may be buying alcohol for others who are underage ('Proxy purchasing')?			
What staff should do if they suspect the person they are serving is a 'proxy purchaser'?			
Where and how to record any refusals to sell, challenges for proof of age, use of fake ID or any other incidents such as aggressive or abusive customers etc.?			
Why it is important to record incidents/refusals to sell?			
The law that staff under the age of 18 are not allowed to sell alcohol to anyone and the consequences for breaking this law?			
What the policy is for an under 18-year-old to get authorisation for sales involving alcohol?			
Full name of person trained	Signature	Position in shop	Date dd/mm/y y
Full name(s) of trainer(s)			
Full name of Designated Premises Supervisor or personal licence holder, authorising person trained to sell alcohol. (NB Under 18's cannot be authorised to sell alcohol).			

Agenda Item 4

From: LYNDA ROBERTS

Date: Tuesday, 04 Aug 2020, 12:46 pm

Fwd: 20/02410/PREMLI

We wish to add further objections to this letter which has already been submitted. We would also request that you take into account two points that we forgot to include in our original letter of objection to a license being granted for No. 1 Bear Hill.

As our property building as No. 1 and the license request that music be part of the application, to a late hour i.e. 11.00pm, we are concerned that due to the age of the building, we will be disturbed by sound that is known to travel through solid substances, not only the brickwork but also the structural timber beams that run through Bear Hill and connect to the timber beams in our part of the building. These beams are between 10" and 11" square so would conduct sounds very well. (Note please that water authorities still use wooden poles to detect water leaks.)

Our second point of objection is that an outside smoking area is approx 25' from the rear bedroom window of our property, this room is used, why is it deemed acceptable for a smoking area to be sited so close to residential accomodation.

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