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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 June 2022 17:32  
**To:** WRS Enquiries <enquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk>; Dave Etheridge  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** External Email : Re: 57 Monkeys

To whom it may concern

We understand that 57 Monkeys is being taken into review. We fully support local businesses and the town of Bromsgrove. It would be a massive shame and a great loss to the youth of the town and the night time economy of Bromsgrove if the venue were to close. We have never encountered any issues with the venue and from our knowledge and understanding the night time economy would hugely benefit from more support from the authorities to manage the crowds at closing times. This would enable a safer night out for all in the town. We would ask that you look at the wider picture of what the night time economy requires rather than seeing it as a singular issue with the venue.

Yours sincerely

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 27 June 2022 14:40  
To: WRS Enquiries <enquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk>  
Subject: External Email : Testimony from [REDACTED]

for the support of 57 Monkeys

To Whom it may concern,

To hear the news that 57 Monkeys may be closing down has come as sad news for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. For the past 2 years now since the COVID pandemic, 57 Monkeys has been our new home. Due to Artrix Arts Centre closing and many schools and community centres in the local area not hiring space, we approached Mike at 57 Monkeys to see if he would be open to hiring his premises out to both [REDACTED] companies who teach performing arts to children aged 6-18 years.

For the last 2 years we have successfully made this work together. Mike, Adam, and the team at 57 have been nothing but professional, kind and accommodating. They have ensured a clean, safe and professional venue for our children within our community to continue their classes and their love of performing, which in turn has helped their mental health and life skills through what has been a challenging time. Without having 57 as a venue this wouldn't have been possible. Our parents and carers have been delighted to support this decision and continue to do so. As they appreciate that together with cleaning rescheme, risk assessments and all preparations in place the children's well-being and safety is always put first.

Our business may not have survived without this lifeline. We will be forever grateful to Mike and the team for the use of this amazing space. As someone who has provided performing Arts training in Bromsgrove now for 16 years it would have been devastating for this to have folded. Thinking outside the box though and through community teamwork we have managed to launch a new Youth Theatre and keep 90 children within our community engaged using this brilliant venue.

It would be a great shame to us to lose our new home, we love this space it's creative, clean and has been a solace to us all.

On another note, I have taught young people from Bromsgrove now for 16 years and many of my ex-students who are now in their early 20's enjoy nights out at 57 Monkeys. I often catch up with them and they have nothing but great nights out in a club they feel safe in. There are not many places for young people to go out in Bromsgrove as it is – surely by taking the one place away, where they feel safe, have a good time in a controlled environment and is local to them could potentially lead to more youngsters on the streets in groups, boredom or them having to travel to go out and thus Bromsgrove losing business.

I would strongly request that 57 Monkeys be supported as one of Bromsgrove's most popular destinations and the hub of our business which is supporting our children and their families in the local area. Creating jobs, ensuring young people can achieve and reach their potential.

If I can offer any assistance in this matter, please do call or contact me.

Kind regards,

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 July 2022 15:31  
**To:** Dave Etheridge [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** External Email : 57 Monkey's Licence Review

Hi David,

This is fyi:

To whom it may concern,

I have been informed that the licence of the night club 57 Monkeys has come up for review. I feel that I am compelled to comment on this situation.

57 Monkeys has been the late-night venue for Bromsgrove for a number of years and during the duration of our time at the [REDACTED] and is the late-night destination of choice for the town and surrounding areas. Working in my day job in South Birmingham its name and the name of Bromsgrove is known and it attracts people to the town which is good for us all.

I feel that although the club has existed in many forms previously it has been run and maintained the best under the current leadership. The owner Mike Taylor is a very intelligent and thoughtful man who leads the operation very well with support from Adam Colin and the whole team. Their staff are well trained as are the door team/company. We have often shared door staff so know how good they are and I know the standards that both Mike and I expect of them in their roles.

Also, 57 Monkeys has also been a key member of pub watch and Mike has chaired this many times showing their/his commitment to the late-night economy and the development of Bromsgrove as a whole. Mike and his team deeply care about the town and their passion for it shines through. When others have stepped way Mike has stepped up! Mike and 57 will also support other venues and for this he and his team must take great credit.

If the night club were to go it would be to the detriment of Bromsgrove's night time economy and shift people to other areas such as Redditch, Worcester and Birmingham which will be no good for us all. This will impact on the town as although there is the Slug, Wetherspoons and Kumo I feel only having one true late-night venue will cause a great deal of issues and may even make people not come to the town as much.

What 57 and Kumo need is council and police support on Worcester Road to help them at key times of the night as inside the venues they both man it well but the issues come outside which is not something they can always control or get involved in.

If 57 goes we need to ask ourselves why, what could we have done to help as a community to help and what will be the repercussions as it provides a great service alongside the other late night venues in our great town.

If you would like to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks and best wishes.

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 07 July 2022 04:56

**To:** Dave Etheridge [REDACTED]

**Subject:** External Email :

As a local business providing Taxi Transfers for many years in my opinion 57 Monkeys is a great asset to local businesses including the many Taxi Operators and Sole Traders in Bromsgrove and also further afield.

It provides a late night established entertainment venue where people can enjoy celebrating and partying till the early hours, I've also visited on a number of occasions, I've found it to be well staffed, trouble free and a safe venue to visit.

Yours.

Hello,

Just wanted to write letter to you to show that 57 Monkeys Night club has got support from  
Your club management has always been supportive of our business and we always  
knew if we would need anything we can approach you for help.  
We believe that you are running your club to best ability and it's not always easy to manage night  
life venue and public is very quick to judge you as a business without knowing the facts.

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We would like you to continue to run your business as we believe we also benefit from it for our  
customers who would like to stay in the town after our closing.  
If there is anything we can do to help you, please get in touch.

Many thanks

[Redacted signature area]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 July 2022 13:06  
**To:** Dave Etheridge [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** External Email : Fwd:

Kind regards

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**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2022 12:26:01 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:**

Hi

I am a resident of [REDACTED]

I have lived [REDACTED] 57 monkeys for over a year now and I don't have an issue with any of the noise made due to this establishment. It is loud, however, nothing more than I would expect living in a street with pubs, clubs and food take out areas, in fact most of the noise I hear is people queuing to get their pizza and kebabs from Antonio's pizza after.

I rarely see police or hear of them coming, think I have noticed them twice in the whole time I have been here, which isn't a lot considering the area being a night life area.

Kind Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 July 2022 15:22  
**To:** Dave Etheridge [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** External Email : 57 Monkeys, Worcester road, Bromsgrove

To whom it may concern,

I have been operating my business in Worcester Road, Bromsgrove for the past 17 years. Worcester Road is where people meet up weekly to catch up with each other, drink, eat food and have fun. People have had great memories from early teens when they started going out in this road. Most memories are great and that is why people keep coming back. I understand that a minority of people could cause nuisance and spoiling the good night for others. The answer to stop the nuisance is not to destroy the fun for majority of people. It is best to find the root cause and put the right solution in place and that requires investigation and analysis of the finding rather than assuming what the problem is and taking wrong decisions. This would shift the problem to other towns and cities and at the same time destroys the local businesses and economy. My suggestion is to share your research and finding with relevant people and find the solution on a collective bases.

Yours faithfully

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 July 2022 19:54  
**To:** WRS Enquiries <enquiries@worcsregs services.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** External Email : 57 Monkeys

**Good Evening**

I write this as the security provider for the venue 57 Monkeys in Bromsgrove in relation to the review that has been put in place and I wish to make some observations in relation to this.

My doorstaff feel that the venue is being unfairly treated in relation to this review in particular regarding the police aspect of the venue. I have visited the venue multiple times myself and never seen the police outside the venue, I am also aware from having spoken to my staff that they feel the police fail to support them with regards to incidents that occur around the venue. There is also a belief I understand that the police regularly sit outside the venue, this is not the case at all in their opinion and feel that this is a very unfair view of the venue itself.

Incidents happen at every venue, we look after plenty and I have personally been a head doorman at venues in towns and cities throughout the midlands over the years and can honestly state that I believe the management team at 57 Monkeys adhere strictly to the Licencing objectives and feel that the level of incidents at 57 Monkeys do not warrant a review of its licence, particularly given the way post-lockdown behaviour amongst the general public has deteriorated in my opinion the venue do everything possible to achieve the Licencing objectives.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to let me know.

**Kind Regards**



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To WRS

I live on Worcester Road Bromsgrove at the address above. I have also known the nightclub since its beginnings and the residents on the road. I have to say that at times it feels like a lynch mob headed by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to rally for the closure of the club. As they both own multiple properties along the street it is in their interest to get the place closed down. They also made no secret of being elected as councillors for the sole purpose of getting the place shut down. Yes there are issues on the street but you never see any police about, so why should they get the blame? The whole thing to me is unfair and full of self interest for those against the club. I disagree with this review whole heartedly.

