

This Representation Relates to the Following Licensing Objective(s)

Please tick one or more boxes ✓

- 1) the prevention of crime and disorder
- 2) public safety
- 3) the prevention of public nuisance
- 4) the protection of children from harm

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Please state the ground(s) for making the Representation (please read guidance note 1)

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder:

A change to the licence agreement, allowing the loud music to continue playing beyond 11pm, will increase the amount of people turning out of the Ark Tavern immediately prior to and just after midnight. The extra noise and occasional associated bad behaviour would not be acceptable around midnight, as it is bad enough as it is at around 11pm. There are quite often incidents of shouting and screaming outside of the Ark Tavern and at times there have been fights, scuffles and drunken behaviour in the road outside. On one occasion a car was driven into our close and into the front of one of the houses, badly damaging the wall. It was reported that the occupants were drunk and had just left the Ark Tavern.

Public Safety:**The Prevention of Public Nuisance**

The licensee is applying for a change to his existing licence conditions and we have strong objections to one part of his application. Our objection is to the application to extend the hours that the landlord can play live music, including heavy rock bands. This is because of the proximity of the Ark Tavern to our home (see attached maps) and the noise levels currently experienced.

We have been told that the landlord has taken several measures to try and reduce the noise levels. This approach has been appreciated, but sadly it has not really worked for us, to eliminate the noise nuisance fully. Although we are not 100% happy with the current situation, we are however willing to compromise and accept the status quo, so long as the music volume does not increase again. However, we strongly object to the request for extending the hours until midnight, as we feel this is a very unreasonable request. We feel that 11pm is plenty late enough for such disturbance, especially with young children and older citizens also living within near proximity of the premises (see attached maps).

We have lived at this address for over 24 years and we have only had such continual noise issues from the Ark Tavern in the last two to three years.

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The Protection of Children from Harm:

Please use this box if you wish to provide further details, additional sheets can be used if necessary.

Unfortunately, we have had to make several complaints regarding the Ark Tavern over the last couple of years due to the high levels of noise from the live music played by various groups, including heavy rock and pop bands.

Currently the music stops at 11pm and although we can still hear the music, we are willing to accept that is a reasonable time for the music to stop. However, when the music stops at 11pm the public house remains open.

If the new application is granted this will enable the music to be played until 12pm (midnight) and we think that would be very unfair to the residents who live in near proximity to the Ark Tavern. Residential properties surround the Ark Tavern (see attached maps), the nearest of which is only about 15 metres away and directly opposite the public house, only separated by the width of the road and pavements.

To allow the music to be played after 11pm we feel would be very unfair to us and other residents in the immediate area, it does have an impact on our lives, as people go to work etc. and have to get up early in the mornings. People also work at the weekend these days, not only in the week. So, to be kept up until after midnight, because of the loud music, we feel is unacceptable.

I will also be making a complaint to the noise pollution department regarding the granting of future Temporary Event Notices. I can provide you with a copy if required.