



Memorandum

To Senior Licensing Officer
From Environmental Protection and Community Safety Manager
Subject Premises Licence Application, Skelmersdale Social Club, Witham Road, Skelmersdale
Date 17 September 2015

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Thank you for consulting me with regard to this application.

I have concerns about this new application which seeks to have longer opening hours than the current licence. My concern is particularly about public nuisance from noise from regulated entertainment and patron noise. Noise (particularly from people leaving the premises) that is tolerated at the current hours may not be so at 1.30am weekdays and 2.30am weekends and beyond due to those awaiting taxis. The premises are in a residential area and this application is a significant extension to the opening hours within their existing licence.

There is a lengthy history of complaints from several households between 2007 and 2011 about noise from music and patrons. Abatement notices were served in 2008 in relation to amplified music and voices and musical instruments, but both music patron noise complaints occurred afterwards. Three complaints were received in 2013 relating to patron noise. These complaints were during the hours of operation similar to the current hours, with Temporary Events Notices. This raises doubts about the suitability of the premises for such a late licence.

I believe that these premises in this location are unsuitable for a licence to operate until 1.30am weekdays and 2.30am weekends (and an hour even later on occasions such as bank holiday weekends) due to the potential noise impact on the neighbouring residential properties from regulated entertainment and patrons leaving the premises, including vehicle noise and taxis.

The applicant is proposing a number of conditions aimed at ensuring the prevention of public nuisance, carried forward from the current licence. These are fairly comprehensive, but will not stop the general noise of activity around the premises, in a residential area, effectively in the middle of the night, from patrons voices, taxis and other vehicles. I therefore consider that the operation of these premises as applied for presents a risk to the prevention of the public nuisance objective. I therefore object to the granting of this licence for the times applied for.

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Principal Environmental Health Officer
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