

## Appendix D

### Stone, Derek

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**From:** Robson, Debra  
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**To:** Robson, Debra  
**Subject:** FW: Application ref. 20/01652/LAPREM

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**From:** Ben Sharpe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 01 March 2020 21:45  
**To:** Licensing Shared Email [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Application ref. 20/01652/LAPREM

To Whom it may concern and FAO. Ms Debra Robson,

I write to you with my strongest objections to the Keppel's Head Hotel's application to increase the length of time for playing live/recorded music and selling alcohol from 2300 to 0200 everyday of the week.

I live at 23 The Hard and as a result share a wall and courtyard area with the hotel. Being a doctor working at Queen Alexandra Hospital I frequently start work at 0715 during the week and at weekends. The idea of being subject to live music until 0200 prior to a shift is a concerning prospect and has potentially serious ramifications towards patient safety.

On Valentine's Day this year the hotel hosted live music. Due to the proximity of my flat I was able to hear every word while trying to sleep (as working the next day). Having phoned the hotel they assured me it would stop at 2300 (as per their licence I now note) however the music didn't finish till past 2315. I feel that this is a clear indication of the lack of attention they already pay to their current licence.

On a final note the Hard already has four bars with many more bars and clubs in Gunwharf. There is currently the frequent attendance of the police dealing with drunken violence and petty crime in the area and I don't see how adding another late night venue would help with that. Frequently when my partner comes to stay after late finishing shifts at the hospital she is subject to a barrage of abuse from drunk patrons of the establishments already open, she doesn't need another. With a licence till 0200 the hotel will be the end point of the night for many and focus potential violence and trouble right next to my front door. Secondly with the proximity of the entrance to Keppel's Head being just by the bus stop customers loitering outside smoking will likely not only obstruct the already bottlenecked footpath forcing people to walk into the road but also force the smell of smoke up into the residential properties above.

I'd be grateful for your serious review of my concerns and the complete misery that this application has the potential to cause. I'd welcome any further discussion you require and can be contacted via this email or by my mobile which I have noted in the signature block.

Yours sincerely,

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