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6<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Mr Stone,

**LICENCING APPLICATION REF. NO: 21/00308/LAPREM**

Many thanks for your email of the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021, enclosing Grand Hotel Excelsior International Limited's response to the written submissions by interested parties.

I am heartened by the Hotel's concern for the wellbeing of their neighbours and their assurances that they would not seek to use the full range of the authorised licencing parameters if their application were to be granted by Portsmouth City Council.

As already stated, whilst not objecting to the application *per se*, I am concerned that, given the proximity of numerous private dwellings to the proposed hotel, the requested licence to serve alcohol and stage live performances, dancing and recorded music until 03.00hrs, if approved, may lead to undue night-time disturbance.

Although I am certain that Grand Hotel Excelsior International Limited will honour their written commitment to stay well within the limits that a successful application will grant them, a change in circumstance may well negate this undertaking. Should the Company decide to sell the property or adjust the terms of the ownership there is no guarantee that a third party or new owner would be so mindful of the wellbeing of Marine Gate Estate residents.

Grand Hotel Excelsior International Limited states in their letter that, "*There will also not be an event held every day of the week*". Should the Licencing Sub-Committee be minded to grant the application, they might also choose to place a limit on the number of events that can be held weekly at the hotel. However, I can quite see that this could be an unreasonable restriction on the Company and I would rather that a blanket closing time of 23.00 hours for all events serve as an equitable solution.

I therefore renew my request that the Licencing Sub-Committee consider restricting the sale and consumption of alcohol in the grounds of the proposed hotel, but not inside the hotel building, to 09.00 hours to 23.00 hours from Monday to Sunday inclusive. This restriction to

equally apply to the playing of live or recorded music, performance of dance, parties, barbeques and similar entertainments, both inside and in the grounds of the hotel.

It is worthy of note that similar limitations applied when the Royal Marines Museum owned the property and grounds and held events of a similar nature to those proposed by Grand Hotel Excelsior International Limited. The residents of Marine Gate Estate were generally content with these arrangements.

Yours faithfully,

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Dr Anthony Cleland Welch OBE, FIoD