

APPENDIX C

Dear Licensing team

I am writing to object to Delaneys request to extend their licensing hours on Fridays and Saturdays.

The original license was granted despite advice from Environmental Health to the contrary. They cited the fact that there were several flats directly above Delaneys and the mezzanine floor in the cafe made any soundproofing inadequate. Further to this they highlighted the fact that Castle road is a heavily residential road, quite narrow, and with high buildings; the neighbours opposite Delaneys and along the road would therefore also be inconvenienced considerably by music and general merriment which goes hand in hand with an alcohol licence.

The decision to grant the licence was made with the proviso that it would be until 9.00pm in consideration of the above advice.

There have been several occasions when Delaneys has taken advantage of the opportunity to take extended license hours for special occasions. At these times no consideration has been given to neighbours and music has been played at an unacceptable level, despite promises to the contrary.

The general volume of people talking and imbibing in the premises, and once they spill onto the street, has been unacceptable to many of us along the road, but I am very much aware that it is worse still for those living above the premises. Imagine being unable to hear your television above the noise, or having to wear ear muffs in bed when trying to sleep. I have been upset to learn that this is what life is for a lady in her late 80's, because of Delaneys change to a licensed premises. The noise travels down the road and can be heard close to Hambrook Street where I live, making it impossible to have windows open during the summer, this is not a healthy way to live.

The owner makes promises to keep noise to a minimum but is often not there, and cannot police this, even if her intentions are honourable.

Having a licence at all is not acceptable, but discarding the licensing team's earlier attempts to minimise the impact to the residents in the street by extending the hours would be untenable.

Regards Pamela McGuinness