

APPENDIX D

Licensing Manager
Licensing Service
Civic Offices
Guildhall Square
Portsmouth PO1 2AL

19th December 2022

Reference: 22/03275/LAPREM

Dear Sir / Madam,

We strongly object to the application for a late licence at 88 Clarendon Road based on the following concerns. The location is extremely close to quiet residential housing.

A business whose hours of business are late at night are not compatible with this location. Where alcohol is involved, inappropriate behaviour is usually increased. This is not acceptable in an area with residential properties where young children and elderly reside in the immediate vicinity.

There is limited parking in all the surrounding roads, residents too often have to drive some distance away from their homes to find a parking space. This problem has been exacerbated by the council granting 25 (or more) parking permits to a hotel in Florence Road. Granting a late-night licence would add to these parking difficulties.

Vehicles parked in the surrounding roads at night have an inevitable risk attached. If that risk of possible damage is increased by introducing a considerable number of people, late at night and having been in an environment where alcohol and possibly other substances are involved, then this is not an acceptable risk to have placed on existing residents.

Generally, any activity involving increased numbers of people, vehicles, music and alcohol after 11:30 at night is not appropriate for a residential area and it increases the possibility of becoming a public nuisance and significantly raises the risk of criminal and disorderly behaviour.

The owner has already demonstrated a disregard for the local residents by hosting numerous very noisy events that have gone on until the early hours of the morning, where people have been outside drinking and generally making a nuisance. This has had the effect of disturbing people generally and especially the children, who have been unable to sleep because of the noise. I assume that, as this application is for late night licensing, these events were conducted without the appropriate licences.

In Somerset Road the residents have in the past, already suffered from vehicles being scored and furthermore a case of vehicles bonnets being jumped on. CCTV footage available.

Southsea already has night spots where police and security can control late night drinking, namely Guildhall Walk, Palmerston Road and Gunwharf Quays. Granting a late-night licence at 88 Clarendon Road is wholly unacceptable. The small space available is unable to accommodate its customers already resulting late-night gatherings spilling onto the pavement and roundabout and creating an obstruction. The property has not been equipped with any dedicated sound proofing which any normal music venue would have.

Yours faithfully,

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