



Licensing Act 2003 - Representation in respect of a variation to a Premises Licence

Details of person or body making representation	
Your Name:	Andrew Sansome
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Details of premises representation is about	
Name of Premises:	Dover castle
Address of premises:	34 Dover Street Leicester. LE1
Application No. (if known)	127247

Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:	
Prevention of crime and disorder	
Public Safety	
Prevention of public nuisance	yes
Protection of children from harm	

Please summarise your concerns about this application:
<p>The Dover Castle public house is located away from the busy shopping streets and main thoroughfares within the City Centre. There are a large number of residential properties (flats) which are located close to and within the surrounding area of the premises. The nearest flats are at Dover House, 50 Dover Street, facing Dover Street and Calais Street; approximately 50 metres from the front door area of the premises, and a new development of flats at Dover Street Apartments, 31 Dover Street. See diagram.</p> <p>Noise levels from late-night entertainment premises located on Belvoir Street / King Street / Wellington Street, Granby Street areas are relatively high late at night, particularly at weekends (under normal circumstances). However, these premises are some way away from the residential properties near the Dover castle and the noise from these premises is unlikely to affect the residential.</p>

This application is a request to extend the hours for opening and licensable activities in the early part of the week to the following

Opening hours (to public)

Sunday – from 01.00 hours to 02.30 hours

Monday to Thursday from 00.30 hours to 02.30 hours

Licensable Activities (Music, sale of alcohol, late night refreshment etc)

Sunday – from 00.30 hours to 02.00 hours

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During daytime and early evening hours, traffic, theatre traffic and visitors, commercial activity and general street activity would generally be the dominant noise source in the locality of the premises. However, late at night and into the early hours of the morning general on-street noise and traffic noticeably reduces; particularly in the early part of the working week.

The Noise Team have concerns that whilst noise breakout from within the premises may be controlled, noise from customer activity is not as easy to achieve. There is an increased likelihood of noise complaint and disturbance from customers arriving and leaving, smoking outside the property and customers using the rear yard area late at night on the days requested.

Away from the direct influence of the premises there is also the potential for noise disturbance in the early hours to residents within the wider locality from customers moving away from the premises in the Dover Street, Wellington Street, Albion Street, New Walk directions that would be difficult if not impossible for the management of the premises to control.

The Noise Team have confidence in the management of the premises that they are able to minimise / control noise from amplified music and voice systems, mechanical and electrical services etc., from within the building; for which conditions can be attached to the licence.

However, once outside and when moving away from the premises it is likely to be very difficult for the applicant to minimise and or control the activities of pedestrians.

It is considered that the use of conditions upon the licence to control the activities of customers after they have left the control of the premises are likely to be ineffective and unreasonable.

Therefore it is normal practice to recommend that the variation to the licence be **refused** as applied for.

Residential properties near to the Dover Castle, Public House



Dover Castle ●

Residential ●

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