

## Appendix F – Email to Councillor Kitterick

Dear Cllr Kitterick

I hope you do not mind me contacting you directly but your objection and email address has been forwarded by the Licensing Authority.

As you are already aware, I act for Admiral Taverns Piccadilly Limited who are the premises licence holder of the Dover Castle. I have copied James Cockerill into this email who is the tenant and has been operating the premises for over 13 years. I have also copied Deborah Bragg from the Licensing Authority into this email.

I can confirm that in its current form the Dover Castle does not operate as a nightclub nor as a neighbourhood pub, but as a late-night entertainment venue predominantly catering for the gay community in Leicester. The Premises Licence already permits all licensable activities on Friday and Saturday until 4am the following day and should our application be granted there is to be no change to the concept.

The hours being applied for are the same as the previous application, however we have made the following amendments to this application:-

1. We have proposed a condition stipulating that the premises will operate a dispersal policy which ensures the safe and gradual dispersal of customers from the premises. The Designated Premises Supervisor will ensure that staff receiving training on the policy.

I attach the dispersal policy which would be a live document and subject to change as times go on. James and his staff are fully aware of the importance of ensuring customers leave the venue as quietly as possible to aid a more gradual dispersal and to not cause a noise nuisance to the local residents. It is also worth noting that the majority of the measures included in the dispersal policy are already in place and being complied with at the premises.

2. We have proposed a further condition stipulating that door supervisors will remain on duty outside the premises for 30 minutes after the premises are closed to the public to aid with dispersal. If a group of customers are found to be loitering near the building they will be politely asked to move on as quickly as possible.

Since the previous hearing on 18 August, James has also traded until 2am on 10 occasions which were Wednesday 2 September, Thursday 3 September, Sunday 6 September, Wednesday 9 September, Thursday 10 September, Sunday 13 September, Wednesday 16 September, Thursday 17 September, Sunday 20 September and Wednesday 23 September. We have spoken with the Environmental Health Officer Andrew Sansome, who has not objected to our application this time, and has also confirmed he has received no noise complaints against the premises on the above dates and that the last noise complaint against the premises was received in 2017 which was in respect of music breaking out from the building.

Given the experience of James and the measures already in place at the Dover Castle, it is evident that the premises are not currently causing a noise nuisance for the local residents, and with the additional measures detailed above and with no change in the style of operation at the premises being proposed, the Dover Castle will continue to sufficiently control the noise made by their customers leaving the premises when they have left the immediate curtilage of the property.

Once you have reviewed all of the proposals should you have any further queries then please do contact either James or myself. If you are now agreeable and are happy with the additional measures proposed, I would ask you to withdraw your representation by confirming to Deborah. In any event, we would like to invite you to the Dover Castle to meet with James to discuss the application and the

premises more generally on Friday 23 October at midday. Please let us know if you would like to attend.

Regards

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