

APPENDIX 4



I wish to make the following representations regarding the Application to vary a premises licence involving The Miners Arms, Mossley Road, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Amplified music and entertainment causes noise to residents especially in premises that were not designed to prevent problems caused by it. The Miners Arms is in a terrace with shared party wall and next to residential dwellings. It has no car park but does have a 'garden' area in a small back yard at the rear. It is not known whether this is 'official'. The application to vary the premises licence states that there is a request to extend the opening times are 09.00-00.30 Monday to Saturday and 09.00-00 on Sundays in addition to Recorded Music.

Since the new landlords took possession of the lease, The Miners Arms has already held karaoke nights which penetrated the walls of my residential dwelling until late at night and to an unacceptable level.

Please inform me if these premises have been assessed by a consultant from Tameside MBC re the following:

- Are they proposing to play music during the day and evening?
- Have they engaged an acoustic engineer, acoustic consultant or noise and vibration consultant who can install a sound insulation scheme?
- installed an acoustic lobby and ensured doors are closed at all times
- avoided holding entertainment in rooms with windows or doors facing out onto residential areas
- kept windows closed at all times.
- Made sure doors are close-fitting and constructed from dense materials and kept closed as much as possible
- fitted mechanical ventilation systems so that they do not need to open doors and windows.

- Fitted all ventilation systems with acoustic baffles
 - designated somebody to control the noise levels for the evening.
 - considered giving neighbours the name and telephone number of the person responsible for controlling the noise so they can alert that person if there are any problems.
 - installed a sound limit or cut-out device, with the maximum sound level approved by the Local Authority
 - Assured that fire doors (if they have them) will not be opened for ventilation. Are they connected to a sound-limiting or cut-out device?
 - been assessed on whether music is being played in outside areas in a residential area.
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- Do they have a designated premises supervisor who will take all reasonable steps to ensure nobody causes noise nuisance while on the premises or while leaving?
 - Have they put up notices asking for patrons to avoid causing too much noise, especially when leaving?
 - Have they employed trained door stewards to restrict entry at certain times and control noisy patrons? Is this a requirement of the licence?
 - informed taxi firms they should not sound their horns etc. when collecting customers?
 - what type of windows and door openings have they?
 - What type of ventilation and air conditioning is on the premises?
 - Do all emergency doors such as fire exits have well sealed acoustic doors which open in the direction of escape
 - Are perimeter listening tests going to be carried out on a regular basis to ensure that the noise levels emitted are appropriate and not excessive for the time of day?

The type of music and the level it is played at may be acceptable to those on the premises but often it is a common cause for complaints as those in the surrounding area can find it intrusive. These problems often occur because music levels within the premises tend to increase as the event progresses and when put against the background noise level, which generally tends to fall as the evening progresses, the noise level can seem at an increased level to those in the surrounding area.

It is well known that particular types of music such as dance music can cause a huge problem due to a strong bass beat, which tends to carry further. Music that emanates from outside the property from places such as a garden will

often be much louder to neighbours than if it was inside the premises and would be more likely to cause a disturbance Noise nuisance often becomes more of an issue if the premises is located in a residential area as the Miners Arms is.