

## Gareth Jones

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**From:** Peter Malough  
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**To:** Legal Regulatory Services  
**Subject:** Rum and Co - Grant of Premises Licence

An application for the grant of a new premises licence has been received from Gourmet Catering Solutions Ltd.

The premises has previously been licensed however it lapsed due to a previous licence holder becoming insolvent.

Subsequently an application has been made for the grant of a new licence for the following activities:-

- Films - Monday to Sunday 09.00 – 02.00
- Live Music - Sunday to Thursday 12.00 – 00.00 Friday & Saturday 12.00 – 02.30
- Recorded Music - Sunday to Thursday 12.00 – 00.00 Friday & Saturday 12.00 – 02.30
- Late Night Refreshment - Sunday to Thursday 23.00 -02.00, Friday & Saturday 23.00 – 02.30
- Supply of Alcohol - Monday to Sunday 09.00 – 02.00
- Opening Hours - Monday to Sunday 09.00 – 02.30

When this premises was first licensed it has always operated as a restaurant working solely as a food lead business.

When the licence was transferred the new owners utilised the operating times permitted until 02.30 hours and the venue changed in the evenings to more of a late night bar.

This did generate some complaints mainly due to customers having to use the outside area to smoke late in to the night.

The premises does have use of an external rear beer garden however there has always been a closing time of 10pm, this would have been to protect the residents of Dynevor Terrace whose properties look on to this external area.

The hours applied for by the applicant are slightly different to what was originally permitted as they are now applying to supply alcohol seven days a week from 09.00 to 02.00. The previous premises licence permitted alcohol sales Sunday to Thursday from 12:00 - 23:30 and Friday and Saturday from 12:00 - 02:00.

In regard to the external area the applicant has also proposed to allow customers to use this area until midnight (previously 22.00).

Residents of Dynevor Terrace have spoken to me regarding this and raised concerns about the additional times proposed for the external area.

It is important to recognise that the impacts of the activities applied for within an application are not contained just within the premises, when operating until 02.30 hours there is always a potential for wider impacts as you will inevitably have customers coming to and from the premises or congregating outside whilst it is in operation.

With the external area proposed to be used for an additional 2 hours the applicant hasn't put forward within the operating schedule what control measures they would put in place to prevent public nuisance.

This may be contained in a Noise Management Plan which the applicant has said would be produced confirming they will pay particular attention to noise from the external area – this document hasn't been submitted.

Looking at the operating schedule I note the applicant has volunteered 10 conditions outlining how they will be promoting the licensing objectives; these were taken from the previous licence.

With the hours proposed this would effectively become the latest premises currently operating in Pontardawe.

I would expect some further information regarding how the application will promote the licensing objectives considering how late they will be operating.

I submit a representation to this application based on the prevention of public nuisance objective as I would like to see the below points addressed:-

- A Noise Management Plan must be submitted as outlined within the application; this will give a clear indication of how the premises will control noise both inside and outside the premises.
- With the premises proposing to operate seven days a week until 02.30 hours has a consideration been given to SIA registered door supervisors. The applicant should use their experience and knowledge of their customers when making this assessment however I think there is an expectation where a premises is operating as a late night venue SIA door supervisors should be employed. I believe SIA door supervisors have previously been employed but this isn't mentioned within the operating schedule.

Regards

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