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Sent: 17 June 2022 08:15

To: Legal Regulatory Services <lrs@npt.gov.uk>

Cc: Rachel Matthews <r.matthews@npt.gov.uk>

Subject: Rum and Co license review

Dear Sir/ madam

With reference to my previous email, please can this additional point be raised during the meeting.

Objection to any entertainment outside on the basis that it will be extremely intrusive and annoying to local residents.

If an outside entertainment license is granted then it should be on condition that any entertainment is acoustic only, with no amplification of the sound.

A considered exception could be as an example Pontardawe festival. Most residents accept that this is a village tradition.

Yours Sincerely

Keith Evans

Email 2

From: Keith Evans

Sent: 16 June 2022 10:00

To: Legal Regulatory Services <lrs@npt.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Rum and Co, 12 High Street Pontardawe - Committee

Good morning

Regrettably I am unable to attend due to other commitments. Obviously I would like my objection to the license brought up in the meeting. Points I would have liked discussed are as follows:-

Why is such a late license required? It is most unusual for persons to be having a meal in the early hours of the morning! Is this just a front to attract probably already intoxicated patrons after other venues have closed?

What type of entertainment is planned?

If entertainment is ongoing in the venue, what would you consider to be a reasonable sound level and how would you manage it? (From an expert perspective, based on the size of the venue, anything over 90 db would be excessive. In perspective, a rock band would probably be around 100 db in a professional large venue).

What does the venue have in place to prevent the egress of noise from the premises? Currently there does not seem to be anything, not even double glazed doors and windows.

How do you propose to minimise noise from patrons departing the venue, especially during the early hours of the morning as you are requesting? Previously your door staff have been most ineffective at managing this. Sound carries over enormous distances in the quiet of the morning.

Why do you think the location of the venue is suitable for such a late license when it is located in such a highly residential area? There are people living directly across the road from the venue, to the sides, behind, and I believe in flats above.

Would you wish to put up with the anti social behaviour of intoxicated persons during the early hours of the morning if you lived near by?

Maybe these points could be discussed on my behalf? I think they are extremely valid and should be taken into account.

Yours sincerely

Keith Evans

Dear Sir/ Madam - Email 1

I understand that the premises known as Rum and Co, High Street, Pontardawe, has made application for a license to cover them until either 2 or 2.30 am. I wish it to be known that I strongly object to the granting of this license.

I am a resident living in Orchard Street, Pontardawe, which is relatively close to Rum and Co. My correspondence with (Redacted) in the Environment department will show that I have been subjected to annoyance caused by loud music and general rowdy, anti social behaviour on weekends for quite some time. The issues were caused by another premises, The (Redacted). The level of loud music and anti social behaviour increased substantially with the opening of Rum and Co. One Bank Holiday weekend was particularly horrible. There was extremely loud music coming from there until 2am. Closely followed by the loutish behaviour of persons leaving the premises. This is just one incident. I did actually contact Rum and Co to complain. I spoke with who I believed to be the owner/ manager. His words to me were that he would get the act to turn down, but he couldn't do anymore as he was new to the business and learning!! Not the most brilliant of answers I think

you will agree. Fortunately the Council saw sense and withdrew their license. Since then, the weekends have been pretty much trouble free. There has been very little late night anti social behaviour, and no loud music matters to be concerned with. The previous issues associated with the (Redacted) appear to have been resolved. I have met with the manager of the (Redacted) who is sympathetic of the impact of the premises on residents and has, in fairness sorted out the issue relating to loud music.

I am completely speechless if granting Rum and Co a license until 2 or 2.30 am is even being considered! Let alone including outside entertainment....The village is simply not suited to such a premises. Look at all the issues with (Redacted) and the (Redacted). I am aware that (Redacted) are causing problems with noise also. Pontardawe is a highly residential area. The premises in question are not located far enough away from residents to be allowed to operate until early hours of the morning. It is a fact that persons leaving at those times are likely to be intoxicated, and are going to be noisy. Residents should not have to, and will not put up with that!

If an entertainment license is granted to Rum and Co, then I would expect the following restrictions to be a condition of retaining that license.

1. All entertainment to cease at 11pm.
2. The sound from any amplified source is to be contained within the premises.
3. The sound levels of entertainment are to be monitored and restricted to automatically cut off if the set level is exceeded.
4. The premises is suitably sound proofed to prevent egress of noise from amplified sources. (At present the premises does not even have double glazed windows or doors....This should be a basic requirement if being licensed for entertainment).
5. No amplified entertainment to take place outside.
6. Spot checks to be made by Council staff to ensure the above are complied with.

The above should be prime considerations for any premises wishing to be licensed. Especially so in highly residential areas.

Finally, I'd like to add that I do not complain about matters lightly. I am a retired (Redacted). I have a high tolerance towards persons behaviour and noise matters. I am also a musician and a sound engineer. I love loud music. I operate large sound systems and know a lot about sound. There is a time and a place for it! Highly residential areas are most definitely NOT the place for it. The Pontardawe Music festival being the exception as this is a traditional aspect of the village which

residents accept and expect.

I am happy to discuss this matter further if required. I can be contacted on the below telephone number.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Evans