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Subject: The Bank Cocktail Lounge - Application for a Variation to a Premises Licence by Keystone Entertainment
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Dear Sirs,

We act on behalf of Dominion Pubs and Bars Limited, the Premises Licence Holder of the George Hotel, High Street, Amesbury, Salisbury, SP4 7ET.

As can be seen from the attached street plan, our client's premises at 19 High Street are directly opposite premises which currently trade as The Bank Cocktail Lounge.

We are instructed to make an objection to the application to vary the Premises Licence by Keystone Entertainment, to:

1. Remove the condition that states the entrance shall be relocated to the side door;
2. To include a condition that the front entrance can be used when there is no recorded music or live music performed on the ground floor, otherwise the side entrance must be used;
3. To include a condition that the first floor be limited to background music only;
4. To update the floor plans.

Our client only objects to the removal of the condition that the entrance has to be relocated to the side door, and then the associated condition that the front entrance can then be used when there is no recorded music or live music performed on the ground floor, otherwise the side entrance must be used (1 and 2 above).

Our client's premises are a hotel, and have been a hotel for many years, long before The Bank Cocktail Lounge opened.

Being a hotel, customers book rooms and expect to enjoy a good night's sleep.

However, with the existence of The Bank Cocktail Lounge directly opposite to it, on a very narrow street, our client has experienced complaints from customers who have not been able to sleep due to the noise from the nightclub directly opposite the road.

That is the situation as it is now, when The Bank Cocktail Lounge must use the side door as the entrance to the building, a condition which was imposed on the Premises Licence on 10th September 2018.

Should customers of The Bank Cocktail Lounge be able to use the front doors directly opposite our client's hotel, then this will cause more disturbance to the hotel and its residents, not only from people coming and going using this entrance, but also from people queueing.

We are attaching to this email copies of videos showing the situation as it is now on the High Street on occasions, and the levels of disturbance when the entrance to The Bank Cocktail Lounge is at the side entrance as opposed to the main entrance itself. **Could the video footage not be made public, since we believe it should only be shown in private at a hearing where the public should not be admitted.**

We would also like the Committee to note that the premises has, in any event, been breaching its Premises Licence now, and it has been using the main entrance on the High Street to allow customers into the premises despite the condition on the Premises Licence which states: *"The entrance to the building will be relocated to the side door at all times (amended 10/09/2018)"*. We attach a photograph showing the entrance being used. It calls into question if the Premises Licence Holder does not observe this condition now, what other conditions is it breaching or will it breach in the future. Should the variation be granted, our client therefore has little faith that there will be no recorded or live music allowed on the Ground Floor. In any event, that condition will have no effect up until 23:00 under the provisions of the Live Music Act 2012, which would suspend such a condition until that time, and so there will be music breakout when the door is opened and closed.

Please keep us advised of the date of the hearing, so that we can attend in support of this representation.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Carla,

In addition to the representations which we made last week, we also wish to highlight the fact that with the entrance being moved directly opposite the hotel and in closer proximity to the bedrooms, there will be additional noise coming from those people who are coming out of the premises to smoke. There is no indication nor conditions as far as we can see on the Premises Licence which requires anybody to use an enclosed smoking area whereby access is confined to those people who have entered the premises, rather than a general smoking area outside on the street.

Yours sincerely

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