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Cocktail Lounge & Events



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APPLICATION TO VARY PREMISES LICENCE: THE BANK COCKTAIL LOUNGE, AMESBURY

Dear Resident

Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback on our application to vary our premises licence. I appreciate that any changes to an existing licence may cause concern and I wish to explain what changes we have agreed to make as a result of the feedback received.

Firstly, having seen your comments and heard the views of representatives within Wiltshire Council, we have decided not to pursue a variation to our standard hours. This means we will not be seeking to extend our hours of operation beyond 0200hrs.

At present, our premises licence allows us to open the venue and sell alcohol on bank holidays, Christmas Eve and New Years Eve until 0200hrs. At the time of writing our initial application, we forgot to include recorded music which means on these 'non-standard' days, we are required to stop playing music at 0000hrs. Given that these 'non standard' days are likely to be popular with our guests, we wish to adjust our licence so we can offer recorded music until 0200hrs. This is in keeping with other venues in the town centre.

All other aspects of our application remain unchanged, and as follows:

We wish to adjust the overall timing that we serve alcohol from 0800hrs to 1200hrs. We agree that it is not appropriate for us to serve alcohol before midday.

We wish to remove the clause requiring us to reduce noise levels after 0000hrs. Wiltshire Planning set a condition that states that music emitted from the site shall not exceed 40 decibels before 2300hrs, 30 decibels after 2300hrs-0200hrs and a noise curve 20 inside the nearest residential bedroom 2300hrs-0200hrs. We believe that this condition is a lower threshold than the premises licence condition, and likely to benefit local residents more.

We wish to amend the clause requiring us to use the side doors on Friday and Saturday. We believe that the side door should be used at all times to reduce the potential impact on local residents.

We wish to amend the clause requiring us to have 4 door supervisors. We believe that 5 door supervisors are more appropriate for a venue of this size and capacity.

We wish to present revised plans. As we went through the planning process, we were required to make some changes to our plans to conform to building regulations. This included installation of a disabled toilet, reducing the height of the bar and other minor changes. It is a requirement that we update our premises licence where any changes have been made to the original plan.

I hope that this provides some confidence that we are listening to local residents and responding appropriately. I will write to you in due course regarding our proposal to introduce a community focus group where local businesses and residents can meet to discuss ways that we can positively live and work together in the town centre.

Best wishes

Nathan Muirhead
Director