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Representation to Wiltshire Council
Reference: WK202109006 (Variation of Prestbury Sports Bar, The Close, Warminster, BA12 9AL)

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We are objecting to this licence variation on the grounds of it becoming a public nuisance. This application will allow excessive and annoyingly loud live music and sporting events that will be heard by us in our quiet property and garden in North Row, which is only a short distance from The Prestbury Sports Bar.

We live in a heavily populated residential area where a number of elderly and vulnerable people live. Last spring and summer, we had to put up with excessively loud music from the Prestbury Sports Bar that caused extreme anxiety at a time when we were shielding from our family and friends and welcomed the quiet and peacefulness of our garden as a way of combating a depressed state of mind. The excessive noise during the best part of every weekend was most unsatisfactory.

We would like to make various points relating to the four Licensing Objectives:

(a) General - Customers feel safer outside following Covid

I refer to the following review on the Trip Advisor website where a visitor to the Prestbury Bar in August 2020 stated:

“Music in a tatty car park no distancing or COVID precautions loud amplified with audience singing to call this back street bar second rate would be a compliment it’s a dive.

If you like a place to be rough then this might be for you.

Total disregard of any COVID rules also promoting karaoke ! And indoor events so avoid unless you want to spread COVID”

I would therefore doubt that the Licensee has any regard for the safety of its customers.

(b) Table service ensures regular security checks

It is clear from the Trip Advisor review that this has not happened in the past.

(c) Public safety

Again, there has clearly been no regard to public safety in the past.

(d) The prevention of public nuisance

The trip advisor reviews clearly states that the audience were encouraged to participate and by looking at some of the entertainment that has taken place in the past on YouTube, (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKmgYBHPKg> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eWRcKVZTRIs>), it clearly shows the amplified music that they wish to promote externally.

This cannot be compared to a moving car that drives slowly down The Close. In addition, if any audience is encouraged to sing along, then the volume of the noise is inevitably going to be louder.

This would be detrimental to the environment in which we, and many others, live. Weekends and bank holidays are generally the only time in which we can recuperate from our working environment, and I feel strongly that our mental health should be taken very seriously.

Summary

We would ask the Licensing authority to consider whether this is necessary, justified and proportionate given the significant impact it will have on the residents' health every weekend.

Covid restrictions have clearly been blatantly ignored in the past and the management have not been interested in the well-being of their customers. I hope that Wiltshire Council take a different view regarding the welfare of the local residents.

Yours faithfully

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