

Dear Frances Heavey-Cook

I have received your objection towards the Premises License application for the venue formally housing Bennies Kitchen.

Firstly I would like to describe exactly what we have planned for the venue.

The venue is quite large which provides us with enough space to provide a relaxed environment for dining, drinking and functioning facilities. We look to open the venue as a restaurant and a bar with general evening and weekend entertainment on a moderate level as you would find in the current venues within Clowne and surrounding areas.

The Venue has only applied for a license until 1am which falls in line with all other premises within our local area. Other local premises within walking distance also have a license until 1am and the neighboring Premises the tap house has an entertainment license until 2am which ours will end before this.

We feel that there has also been some confusion around when we will use the 1am closing time. We have applied for these hours so that it covers us for when seasonal dates fall on a week day so that we don't have to constantly apply for extended opening hours and also to keep consistency for if we have a private booking using our function suite.

We are going to be working with the local authorities and also other local businesses to crack down on anti-social behavior so that it doesn't become an issue/get any worse than it already is in the future. We will be providing door staff and security for the venue at weekends to prevent any issues around the venue and this will also reassure customers and local residents that the area will be safe for all to attend and we can also monitor and prevent any issues from occurring.

We will also be joining/creating a local pub watch which will also prevent any anti-social behavior, so if there is any trouble in a venue the people involved will not be able to attend any of the other venues in the area.

In regards to parking the venue has 5 customer carparking spaces at the side of the venue and all of the other customers will be advised to not park on the streets and use the carparking facilities within walking distance to the venue located next door to the Nags Head and also the carpark off of Church Street. In the planning for the local area this also states that Tesco carpark is used for public parking as well as customer parking.

Due to noise as stated on your letter of objection the license application states that live and recorded entertainment will go on until 1am. Inside the venue this will be the case but any sound from music will not be played outside of the venue past 10pm as this falls in line with the national guidelines.

All other venues in the area have an entertainment cut off of the same time if not later than what we have applied for.

To stop the spread of sound leaving the building we are covering all windows in a thick Perspex to help towards the soundproofing and will also be taking other measures into consideration to stop this as much as possible.

Due to the distance that you live from the property you should have no issue with sound as you will be too far away.

In regards to people standing outside of the venue this is no different to any other venues in the village especially the one that is connected to the property. This will be a shared area between both venues and as it is already being used for this purpose this should not be an issue.

Your point on your objection is that there are already too many licensed properties in the area. I would like to add that the amount of licensed properties is nothing in comparison to how it has been in the past and this never caused a significant amount of trouble.

Your final point I don't see the relevance that has towards the objectives that are set by licensing and has no relevance to the application form that has been submitted

We are working really hard to develop a venue that caters for everyone including families within the local area and we would like to think that this is going to be a great addition to the offerings within the local community.

I have added a copy of the licensing objectives and also copy of the licensing conditions that are in place for the venue.

If you do have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with us on the details below.

Jonathan Smith - [REDACTED]

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Kind regards

Peter Hopkinson (Premises license applicant and Business Owner)

Jonathan Smith (Assigned Designated Premises Supervisor and Personal License Holder)