

APPENDIX D

Additional observations/comments submitted by interested parties (in advance of mediation meeting)

Thanks for the update and notification of the forthcoming mediation reference the above. I represent the freehold owners of 49/50 East Street and Grays Almshouse.

Regrettably I am unable to attend the mediation.

I note and welcome the proposed conditions by ASC, but make the following observations:

Surveillance - Please could the definition of comprehensive include a specific requirement that the system covers the exterior of adjoining properties and the pedestrian alley between 48 East Street and 49/50 East Street

Noise – there is no mention of noise restriction. Assuming this is a matter for Environmental Health, please can you ensure that their input is obtained, and further appropriate conditions controlling noise are imposed on any licence granted.

Regards

David White BSc FRICS, Registered Valuer

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Attn: Brad Fear

Further to your notification below, I write further on behalf of my client, freeholder of 49/50 East Street, Taunton.

We previously requested conditions dealing with the prevention/cleaning up of any fouling in the surrounding area, notably in the pedestrian footpath between the application site and my client's property. I note that the proposed conditions do not deal with this issue, and request that such a condition be imposed on any licence granted.

Please ensure that this issue is raised and dealt with during the mediation session on Friday 09 September.

David White BSc FRICS, Registered Valuer - Agent for Adjoining Owner 49/50 East Street

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Good evening, apologies for the delay in getting back to you.

I am afraid that I will be unable to make the meeting however I have outlined the main points as I see them from our perspective.

The live music for us would be an issue - especially from lunch time on weekdays - unless the licensee could provide assurances that there would be sufficient soundproofing in the venue that the sound could not be heard from the outside of the building. We have both an office and training facility next door and having music would be a disturbance during our hours of operation and the only way for us not to hear it would be to ensure our windows are closed - not as much of an issue during the colder months but when it is a bit warmer it seems unfair that our staff and students should have to be uncomfortable without the windows open, or inconvenienced by the noise from the venue next door.

Likewise with the emptying of bottle bins etc - while I appreciate that this has to be done, if it can be done outside of office hours to avoid disruption to our business it would be greatly appreciated.

We would like assurances that there will be sufficient CCTV covering the alley between the venue and our property. It has always been a hotspot for anti-social behaviour but more so when there was a previous late night venue open. Bottles and glasses were thrown or discarded on a regular basis which makes the entrance to our business unsightly and it seems unfair that we should have to deal with it or clean it up. We have also had our property damaged on several occasions and while we have no evidence that this was directly linked to the venue, it has not happened since it has been closed..

I would like the licensee to accept responsibility for the cleanliness of the alley after they have closed ensuring that any litter directly relating to their patrons is cleared - while I note that Avon and Somerset police have mentioned that there should be no drinks containers taken out of the venue, even with the best door staff it still happens and with the council seemingly removing the bin from the bus stop outside the venue it is our concern that rubbish will end up outside our premises when patrons are leaving and venture up the alley to urinate or worse - as was also a common sight when coming into the office.

We fully understand that the licensee in this case is not the same as when the other issues happened we would like very much for them not to happen again should the premises be granted a licence.

We also don't wish for another person's business to suffer because of our objections but we feel it's important that we can both coexist without either of us being unable to carry out our business because of disruption from the other

Many thanks

Ben England, Director

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