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Summary of points raised at mediation meeting (including proposed amendments to licence application)

- **The applicant proposes bringing back the terminal licensable hour on Fridays and Saturdays from 2:30am to 1:30am instead; with licensable activities to end one hour earlier than proposed in the original application on those days.**
- **The applicant also proposes the addition of another condition (added to the ones already agreed with the Police and outlined in a previous e-mail), which would limit the sale of alcohol in the morning (between 8am and 11am) to restrict these to sales *with food purchases only*. E.g. *'Between the hours of 8am and 11am daily, alcohol must only be sold to customers also making a purchase of food.'***
- The Police have agreed a condition requiring the use of CCTV already, and the applicant has observed that there does seem to be a CCTV camera located down the alleyway between 48 East Street and 49/50 East Street (albeit not currently active). The applicant is going to check with Somerset West and Taunton's Planning team to see if this is something they can utilise, given that it looks onto a public highway, and he is more than happy to use this if possible. The applicant also mentioned having discussions with Planning about CCTV at the front of the building, but emphasised that this option might prove more of a struggle with Planning than the camera in the alleyway.
- The applicant offered assurances that the business does not intend to hold live music events during the daytime, and so there shouldn't be noise disturbance to neighbouring businesses during office hours. With regard to evenings, the applicant has also advised that the sort of music/performance they would usually look to have in the evening would be varied, but ultimately they would not be looking to hold events loud enough to disrupt customers (i.e. so that they can't hear each other speaking within the premises) or neighbours. It was noted in mediation that some conditions are already in place, following the agreed position with police, in relation to noise nuisance:
 - Doors and windows must be kept closed whenever regulated entertainment takes place other than for entrance/egress to or from the premises.
 - Prominent, clear and legible notices must be displayed at the exit requesting that patrons respect the needs of local residents and leave the premises quietly.
- In addition to the above points on noise nuisance, discussions were had regarding the possibility of implementing measures to control noise after 11pm, to ensure neighbouring residents in the Almshouses are not being disturbed late into the night. Though no objections were submitted by Environmental Health (following a visit to the premises by an Environmental Health Officer during consultation), a further

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condition could be imposed to mitigate noise nuisance, at the discretion of the Licensing Sub-Committee. For example, a condition may possibly be implemented which requires music to be inaudible from certain premises at a set time. An example of the wording of this sort of condition might be: *'Music must not be audible from the nearest residential property from 11pm onwards'*.

- The applicant has expressed that he is keen to have a strong relationship with neighbours and would therefore be happy to regularly check in with these properties to ensure there are no ongoing concerns.