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Date: 5th October 2016
To: Philip Bensted, Licensing and Land Charges Manager.
Re: Variation of Premises Licence – Arch No9 Military Road Ramsgate
From: Amanda Berry, Environmental Health Officer

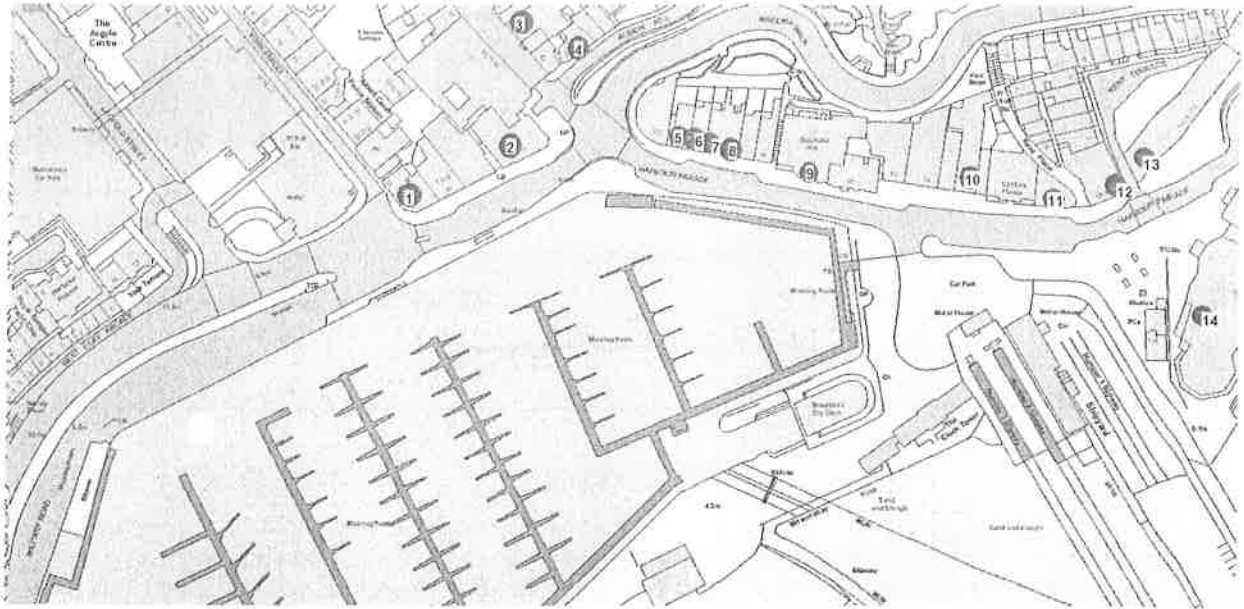
Background

- 1.1 Environmental Health have attempted to call Mr Wiseman to advise our position regarding his proposed variation to increase live and recorded music until 4.15am and consumption of alcohol to 4am – both being extended further on Christmas Eve, Boxing day, New Year's Eve and Fri, Sat, Sunday every Bank Holiday weekend to 5.15am. Currently these activities are permitted until 3am.
- 1.2 Recently, licence applications and enquiries to extend operating hours beyond 3am have been received from The Goose, Clique Bar and Rokka. All application were subsequently retracted following discussions with EH and the police or refused.
- 1.3 Environmental Health are concerned about the potential for noise outbreak and noise from patrons causing a public nuisance to residents in the local vicinity and would not support any extension beyond 3am, particularly in this location which is already saturated with licensed premises and would increase the potential for public nuisance over a wider area.
- 1.4 Ramsgate seafront has numerous licensed premises, all of which are licensed to supply alcohol after midnight (Appendix 1) contributing to a vibrant night time economy. Although this brings benefits to our local economy but at the same time generates additional costs for the council, police and other partners.
- 1.5 Environmental Health is mindful of the balance between the competing needs of our residents and those of our business community. However it is essential to ensure our residents are not unreasonably impacted by public nuisance and can enjoy their homes and environment. As there is little separation of commercial and residential areas in much of Ramsgate, this often means that our residents suffer the impacts of the late night economy, particularly in the radiating residential roads which take the brunt of local residents returning home from a night out. Also there are 21 residential boats residing within the harbour and benefit from very little sound insulation or separating distance.
- 1.6 Environmental Health is unable to suggest conditions to mitigate against public disturbance. The only effective control is through premise closure times.
- 1.7 It is clear that residents in Ramsgate are already impacted significantly and that the Council already supports the night time economy. It is our view that no further increases to opening times or encouragement through increasing regulated entertainment should be permitted.

Conclusion

Environmental Health would request that Members refuse any extension to current premise licence because of concerns that patrons congregating outside and on dispersal could cause a public nuisance to many people residing in the area.

Closing times



1. Mariners	Sun-Thurs 12:30pm & Fri-Sat 1:30am
2. The Royal	4:30am daily
3. The Goose	Sun-Wed 12:30pm Thurs – Sat 2:30am
4. Port & Anchor	1:30am daily
5. Miles Café	Sun – Wed 2am
6. Clique Bar	Mon -Wed 1:30am, Thurs-Sat 3:30am & Sun 1:30am
7. Enoteca	2:30am daily
8. Rokka	3:30am daily (3am alcohol)
9. Oak Hotel	1:30am daily
10. Queens Head	Mon – Sat 1:30am & Sun 12:30am
11. The Belgium Bar	Sun-Thurs 2:30am; Fri – Sat 3am
12. The Waterfront	Sun-Wed 2am (1am alcohol), Thurs 3am (2am alcohol) & Fri / Sat 4am (3am alcohol)
13. Bench Wine Bar	Sun-Thurs Midnight, Fri / Sat 2am
14. Wetherspoons	Sun – Wed 12:30pm