



Cecil Square
Margate
CT9 1BD

Saturday 10th June, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to The Gallery on Cecil Square, whose license is currently under review.

I live on the same square as The Gallery and have been regularly disturbed by their activity for over a year. Disturbances range from being kept awake by extremely loud music, to being woken frequently throughout the night by fights and rowdy patrons spilling into the road. These disturbances are particularly pertinent at around 3 to 3.30am, when patrons are leaving the premises, but frequently continue throughout the whole period The Gallery is open. There are tables permanently outside the premises, where patrons are permitted to sit and drink until closing time. No effort is seemingly made by staff to keep noise to a minimum whilst patrons are drinking and smoking in this area, outside of the building. Weekends are no longer a time for me and my family to rest and recharge; my heart sinks when I see the bouncers putting up the barriers on a Friday or Saturday night as I know we are in for a night of being woken at least three or four times.

I write this letter on the complete understanding that I live on a busy, centrally located town square. Cecil Square is a bustling hub of the community. That is something that should be recognised and celebrated. The Gallery, however, negates that community - particularly after 11pm - with a wanton disregard for their neighbours. They frequently and consistently flout their licensing conditions, ultimately going against TDC's licensing objectives.

I understand that a condition of The Gallery's license is that "The noise from any entertainment must not be audible in any neighbouring or adjoining premises". Music from The Gallery is frequently clearly audible from inside my house, even when all doors and windows are closed. The Gallery has huge glass windows that do not seem to be soundproofed. Even with all windows and doors closed I can still often hear exactly what they are playing. This is reiterated later in the conditions of the Gallery's license: "The DPS shall be caused to be exercised such effective control over the volume of sound produced from within the licensed premises that no nuisance from noise from any public performance, entertainment or rehearsal or use of a public address system or other use of sound amplifying equipment, is caused to the occupier or occupiers of any immediately adjoining or neighbouring property." They are not taking responsibility for this.

It is also a condition of their license that "The DPS shall, to the best of his ability, maintain and keep good order and decent behaviour in the building during the permitted hours of entertainment." The number of times I have been woken by brawling and shouting by Gallery customers suggests that this is not the case.

Ultimately, The Gallery's disregard for their own licensing conditions go against three of TDC's four licensing objectives, specifically:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- public safety
- the prevention of public nuisance

I look forward to these matters being addressed.

Kind Regards,

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I understand The Gallery on Cecil Square's license is under review. I live on Cecil Square and am keen to voice my views on the matter.

My wife and I are routinely kept awake, or woken, by noise from The Gallery and have been for over a year. My wife is now heavily pregnant, making the disturbance all the more problematic. The disturbances range from extremely loud music (completely unsuitable considering the building is essentially glass fronted), to rowdy patrons shouting outside until the early hours (there are tables outside that patrons are permitted to drink and smoke at until closing time). 3-3.30am is often the worst time, when the patrons leave. There are frequently fights, rowdiness, shouting and screaming.

I fully appreciate that we live on a busy town square and have absolutely no issue with living near a bar. I do however, have issue with the irresponsible and antisocial manner with which the Gallery conducts itself. Their behaviour negates the majority of TDC's licensing objectives (the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance) and break specific conditions of their license ("the noise from any entertainment must not be audible in any neighbouring or adjoining premises").

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need anymore information.

Kind Regards,

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