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**Re : TEN application - The Post Office Margate - 20/07/19**

1 message

2 July 2019 at 13:05

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Miss Parry,

Environmental Health have been asked to comment on the above TEN application.

I note that you have applied for alcohol and regulated entertainment from 20:00 pm until 01:00 am. Unfortunately given that the application covers two days you have only referred to 20/07/19. You may wish to confirm the exact days this TEN covers. I also noted that there are no overall times of operation. You have stated in the 'nature of the event' box music from 20:00 pm until 01:00 am but in the box covering licensable activity you have only stated 01:00 am. You may wish to confirm the exact hours that this TEN will operate.

During the planning stage of the conversion of the former post office to a restaurant, Environmental Health were concerned over the possible use of amplified music. The description given by the applicant was that this was not the direction of the business and low-level background music was more likely. With this in mind a condition was placed on the application for sound insulation that would reflect a restaurant use. A noise report was produce which showed that the sound insulation was below the required level and works were required. Condition 6 of the permission required these works to be completed prior to development commencing. It was conveyed to be agent that the current level of sound insulation would not support amplified music.

On 24/09/18 Environmental Health received a complaint from a resident of the post office building that they were affected by amplified music from the premises over the previous weekend. I understand that the resident wanted to approach the premises directly but first wanted information from us. We received no further contact from the resident following that conversation. This complaint shows the likelihood of complaint from amplified music at your premises.

I note that you have applied for hours until 01:00am. The premises itself has no smoking area other than the public highway directly outside. By extending the hours this will extend the time that patrons may spend outside smoking. This area is directly below residential windows. We would be concerned that undue noise from patrons will affect the premises above.

Based on the information above Environmental Health objects to the application you have made. The objection is in support of the licensing objective the prevention of public nuisance. The grounds for the objection are that the premises is unsuitable for live or recorded music due to the level of sound insulation separating it from the residential dwellings above it. We are also concerned that patron noise in the early hours of the morning will have an undue effect on local residents.

It should be noted that the changes to the live music act allow you to play music until 23:00 pm under your current licence. If this is the direct that you plan you should be aware that our current opinion is that the sound insulation in the building may be insufficient to support this.

Regards,

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