

Appendix 2: Additional Supporting Document from the Applicant

Statement Regarding license review of the Devon Dumpling Pub

The noise coming from the Devon Dumpling pub has become a very common and disruptive issue. It is consistently loud, particularly on Friday and Saturday nights, when the pub appears to host events or simply draws large crowds. This level of noise has become almost routine on weekends, even since their last review. However, during the recent spell of sunny weather, the noise extended to most nights of the week, with people occupying the beer garden well past 10pm, creating persistent and intrusive levels of noise.

On the specific dates when the videos were taken, the noise was exceptionally loud, to the point where it was impossible to ignore, which is precisely why I decided to record it. That said, this extreme level of noise is not unusual and is nearly replicated most weekends. It is clear that this is not a one-off problem, but an ongoing disturbance.

A major contributing factor is the size of the beer garden, which I believe is far too large. It allows an excessive number of people to congregate outside, resulting in a significant amount of noise pollution. I am unsure how this was approved during planning, given the close proximity of residential homes. Most evenings, and especially on weekends, the beer garden remains full of patrons shouting, laughing, and generally being loud well beyond 10pm. Only in the past month, likely in response to this review process, has there been any apparent effort to curb the issue.

This situation has had a real and negative impact on my family's life. The constant noise disrupts our evenings and makes it difficult to relax or enjoy time in our own home. It interferes with sleep and creates an ongoing sense of stress and frustration. We feel that our right to quiet enjoyment of our property is being overlooked in favour of commercial interests.

I urge the relevant authorities to seriously consider the scale of the beer garden and the regularity of these disturbances. This is not a rare occurrence but a persistent problem that is affecting the quality of life for local residents.