

27 September 2019

To whoever it might concern,

I write with reference to the current licencing application made by Hyde Dendy, of Esplanade Road, Paignton.

I would direct you to the submission that I made when the current licence was granted and state that my reservations remain the same, in that I do not believe that licencing objectives will be promoted by granting this new application for an extended licence, as I believe there will be a return of the antisocial behaviour and public nuisance that we used to be subject to, particularly at the currently proposed closing times.

Since the current licence was granted, I can say that it has been a real pleasure to be able to sleep on a Friday and Saturday night without disturbance from the public nuisance of noise and antisocial behaviour.

I would also like to point out that through this summer the Hyde Dendy has hosted live outdoor music on Sundays, and some Saturday, afternoons that has been so loud that I could still hear it in my living room with all the windows closed, which is not something that I particularly want to do when the weather is hot and sunny.

I will be happy to restate my previous reservations from when the current licence was granted if it is required.

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Further to my letter dated 27 September 2019, I would like to expand on my reasons for my opposition to the application:

I have been the owner of the [REDACTED] since [REDACTED] 2007, and over the years and over all the different operators of clubs or bars at the said premise, we have always been subject to an erosion of our quality of life due to noise, antisocial behaviour and general public nuisance. I therefore do not believe that licencing objectives will be promoted by granting this new application for an extended licence, as I believe there will be a return of the aforementioned antisocial behaviour and public nuisance.

In the past, when the business was licenced until 03.00am, it caused loss of sleep or being woken up by patrons of the establishment leaving, running up and down the road, shouting, screaming or even singing any time between 03.00am and about 04.30am. In the past, I can remember lying in my bed at around 03.00 one Saturday or Sunday morning and hearing a death threat shouted by one individual to another. Am I supposed to lie there and ignore it or am expected to call a Police Force who remain massively understaffed and overstretched, and from experience, are unlikely to be able to attend?

Add to this the fact that this summer we have been bombarded with live music outdoors from the establishment on Sunday (and some Saturday) afternoons, that has been so loud that I could still hear it in my living room with all the windows closed, which is not something that I particularly want to do when the weather is hot and sunny. And if the extension to the licence is granted, I can expect to have to put up with that after my sleep has been interrupted for the prior two nights, as I have had to previously when the licence was granted until 3.00am.

We are in an area where there are a large number of guest houses and bed and breakfasts. We are in that business ourselves and we are trying to sell a good night's sleep to our guests. This is something that is directly impacted by those problems outlined above. A fair number of our guests over the years have been affected by these things and have mentioned it to me. I know of some guests from nearby properties who checked in on a Friday night for a week and checked out again Saturday morning because of this antisocial behaviour.

So I compare what has happened in the past and what is likely to happen again, with how it has been since the licence granted only extended to 1.00am. Since the licence was limited to 1.00 am we have had no complaints from our customers and, on a personal level, I've managed to have uninterrupted sleep on a Friday and Saturday night without all the noise, public nuisance and antisocial behaviour.

I have also taken into consideration that The Spinning Wheel has a licence until 01.00am. There is, sometimes some disturbance at closing time, but very rarely. It seems to me that The Spinning Wheel is a well-run establishment with owners who care about the impact of their business on the local neighbourhood. If the licence was to be extended, I could expect occasional disturbance at 1.00 am from those leaving the Spinning Wheel, and then more disturbance any time from 3.00am, which has in the past gone on until after 5.00am sometimes. Surely it makes sense and is in the best interests of the B&Bs and residents of the area if both licences were to terminate at 1.00am, as they do at present.

Another point I would like to make is that some years ago local residents, the Police Licencing Officer and the Council Licencing Officer got together in the dining room of the ~~XXXXXX~~ to discuss the problems that we have had to endure, only to be told that the Police have problems attending at the 03.00am closing time due to limited manpower and the fact that it is also the time of their shift changeover.

To sum up, I am not in favour of the granting of the extension to the licencing hours as it has been requested for the reasons stated above. I would point out that history suggests that the owners and operators should be forced to consider local residents with regard to their patrons leaving their premises, and of the excessive volume of the live music that affects us all, particularly on Sunday afternoons.

Finally, I would like to mention that there are other local residents, some of them senior citizens, who are affected by all of the matters covered above who are not prepared to identify themselves to the applicant of the license and so will not make

any representation. I would like to think that the licencing authority could take their best interests into account as well.

In summary, if a license was granted until 3.00am it wouldn't make any difference to us whether it was for 40 or 400 people. If they're drunk and disorderly, 80 people are just as capable of disrupting our sleep as 400.

In conclusion, I oppose any licence that extends beyond 1.00am, as this is the time at which all other local licences end.

Yours faithfully,