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From:
Sent: 22 October 2014 16:18
To: Licensing
Subject: Octagon Building, Station Road, St Ives

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing with regards to the License Application which has been made against the above mentioned building and wish to express our objection to the application. We are the owners of 8 Cromwell Place, St. Ives which is situated no more than 500 yards from the building which is a Grade 2 Listed building in a conservation area and is our family home for ourselves and our 2 young children. Our concerns regarding the application are as follows:-

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1. As you may be aware, a further 2 social venues are being opened close by in St. Ives, the old Robin Hood public house and a Weatherspoons. These will already cause additional noise and pedestrian traffic outside our property, adding a 3rd social venue so close will only heighten the problems outlined below.
2. Due to the fact our property is, as mentioned, a listed building situated in a conservation area we are bound to restrictions on modifications and alterations such as double glazing. This currently only causes mild problems with the occasional group passing by in the late hours. However with a live music venue open 7 days a week until 1am we are certain that this will become a nightly issue for ourselves and our family for the following reasons:-
 - a. A late night music venue itself will be noisy and with young children, midnight is far too late for noise levels to be so high. Even if the venue itself is well sound proofed you cannot prevent noise leaving the building when windows/doors are opened and closed.
 - b. The outside seating also raises the same issue in relation to our property being so close and noise levels from outside people being so close.
 - c. Opening another social venue so close to our Property will also cause more pedestrian traffic, we are not only concerned about noise, but the language/behaviour that will occur outside our house which not only do we not want to hear but we especially do not want our children to be exposed to. This is also a concern with members of the public choosing to congregate outside the venue/close to the venue (and therefore our home) after closing giving no end time to the levels of noise and potentially offensive language/behaviour we will be exposed to.
 - d. Motor traffic noise will increase due to taxis and cars using the car park so late at night to access the venue.

3. We further would raise the issue of safety in the area. We are concerned of the danger to our children and ourselves for those behaving inappropriately upon leaving the venue. Something neither we or the venue owners would be able to control.
4. With regards to the above point we are also concerned that crime levels will rise in the immediate area due to the potential behaviour of those leaving the venue.
5. Again, with people leaving the venue litter will become an issue, we currently find ourselves disposing of other peoples take away rubbish and cans in the morning and this problem will only increase with an additional venue in St Ives, so close to our property. This will also be an issue to the immediate area having a detrimental impact on the environment in which we and our surrounding neighbours reside.

To summarise, we are concerned for the safety and welfare of ourselves and our children, the noise levels and language/behaviour that our children and ourselves we be exposed to and the environmental impact in the immediate area as a direct result of a License being granted for the Octagon Building. We therefore would ask that you treat this correspondence as a direct objection to the application and await your response on the matter.

Yours Sincerely

Mr A.J. Kirkham & Ms D. Sarll

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