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License Application by Mrs Samantha Boreham Ref No: 14/02102/LAPRE2 **The Octagon, St Ives, Cambs PE27 5BH**

Licensing Department
HDC

I am writing to register my objection to the application for a premises license by Mrs S Boreham. The basis for this objection is that granting a license for these premises will not promote the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of public nuisance, the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety.

I live at Cromwell Terrace and my house is a short distance away from the Octagon. The concerns are that an establishment serving alcohol and playing recorded or live music until the early hours will cause a disturbance to the properties along the Terrace and many other residences near to the Octagon. Our property is an 1850's listed building, it has old sash windows with original thin glass and I would therefore be greatly affected by any music travelling the short distance from the Octagon especially as my bedrooms front on to the Octagon.

At present noise from traffic subsides around 7pm leaving us in relative peace. A venue at the Octagon will cause a direct disturbance not only from noise escaping when doors are opened to allow people in and out to which I believe will be pretty regular but also because there are a number of seating areas shown outside which will also cause a disturbance through noise. How can you have 30 plus people in a small collective area and keep the noise level down enough to not carry the short distance to my property and garden which is a few yards away from the Octagon.

Turning out of an evening and waiting for taxis in the early hours will no doubt cause a disturbance and possible drunkenness and disorder. The need for doormen is a great concern it indicates that trouble will be expected. If people are removed from the premises they will be left on the streets to cause havoc.

We have had problems from vehicles screeching around Waitrose car park and tooting horns in the early hours of the morning and have on many occasions had to contact the police who have had to deal with the problems. This is a matter of record. We have fought to have it stopped.

I have read in the Hunts Post this week that Cllr Ablewhite is reported to have said "the existing building has historical value which meant that HDC would insist on it being kept in its present form rather than being

knocked down". It is impossible to see how the proposed new building constructed mainly from glass and brick and is two stories high fits the description as mentioned in the paper. If the proposed building were to be allowed light pollution would be a problem and on hot summer days, given the building is mainly glass the doors would be left open for comfort even if there is air conditioning, this again causing a noise disturbance.

We live in a residential area and people living around the town experience more than enough noise and disorder late at night, we should not be subject to even more.

Lastly, there is a safety issue. During the day, young families are likely to use the premises and given the Octagon is situated in the middle of a car park, parents with shopping, prams and pushchairs would have to have eyes in all directions to ensure the safety of their children, it would be dangerous!

In view of the above, I would urge the Licensing Authority to refuse the application.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Anita O'Carroll