

## **Consultee Comments for Licensing Application 11/02544/LAPRE**

### **Application Summary**

Application Number: 11/02544/LAPRE

Address: 138A - 138B High Street Sevenoaks Kent. TN13 1XE

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Leeann Leeds

### **Consultee Details**

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On Behalf Of: SDC Environmental Protection

### **Comments**

I refer to the above application which has been passed to the Environmental Protection Team for comment.

Having reviewed the application I have some concerns about the proposed activities.

I note that the applicant is asking to extend operating hours to 01:30 Monday to Sunday. I am concerned that whilst this extension in hours amounts to only 15 minutes Thursday to Saturday it would extend the operating time Monday to Wednesday by 1hr 30 mins and on Sundays by 2hr 30 minutes.

I am concerned that by substantially increasing the operating hours on Monday to Wednesday and Sundays (well beyond the typical operating hours for similar premises in Sevenoaks High Street), Wonderlounge will become the dominant noise source as background noise level reduces. This may have the effect of heightening the impact of noise from the premises.

In addition there is a danger that by staying open later than other premises Wonderlounge will become a destination for revellers leaving other premises within the town. This would introduce the potential for large numbers of people to congregate outside the premises at an unsociable hour.

It should also be noted that planning conditions currently limit the permitted operating hours of the premises to 00:00 Monday to Saturday and 23:00 on Sunday for the purposes of protecting the amenity of the area

With consideration to the above I would therefore ask that opening hours Monday to Wednesday

and on Sunday are retained as in the current premises license.

Should members be minded to grant the proposed extensions to opening hours I would ask that admittance to the premises be restricted after 00:00 in order to prevent large numbers of patrons attempting to access Wonderlounge after other premises close.

In order to control noise from queuing patrons and smokers at the front of the premises appropriate door staff should be employed and adequate signage displayed reminding patrons to consider noise impact on neighbouring residential properties.

I would note that this consultation is without prejudice to any future planning consultation.

I understand that when 138A/B High Street, Sevenoaks was initially granted planning consent works were undertaken to acoustically protect the flats above. Unfortunately I have been unable locate the design specification for this work and therefore I am unable to quantify the potential sound protection afforded by this work.

Should members be inclined to grant this aspect of the license I would ask that following conditions be considered.

1) Before any regulated entertainment takes place a noise limiter shall be installed and set in consultation with members of the Environmental Protection team. Any such condition should enable the noise limit to be adjusted as necessary to mitigate sound intrusion at nearby residential properties.

For information- The applicant should note that the current glass areas to the front of the premises and the doors which open up onto the forecourt adjacent to Tesco (including the fire door) are unlikely to provide significant noise attenuation. This may consequently affect the level at which it is agreed the noise limiter is set.

2) During the playing of regulated entertainment the fire exit to the garden shall not be opened (except in emergency) unless a suitable sound lobby has been provided. Should the applicant wish to install a noise lobby details of the scheme shall be submitted to The District Council for written approval.

3) When regulated entertainment occurs access and egress to the property shall be through the sound lobby only (except in emergency).