

Appendix 3

To whom it may concern

Durham Constabulary are objecting to the Temporary event notice submitted for Sunday 31st December 2023 for 23:30hrs-04:00hrs under the prevention of crime and disorder, public Safety, and public nuisance objectives.

The applicant has applied for 4am for the sale of alcohol and the provision of regulated entertainment under part 3 of the Temporary Event Notice, however under part 2 of the notice when asked to describe the nature of the event the applicant has stated Disco and paying bar for New Years Eve Closing at 2:30am. I am therefore basing this objection on the hours requested in part 3.

On New Years Eve, licensed premises by their very nature attract large groups of people some who consume alcohol to excess and by extending the hours that the patrons can consume alcohol, the propensity for drunkenness and alcohol fuelled violence will increase accordingly.

By allowing a premise to be open and sell alcohol until 4:00am patrons will consume more alcohol and the effects of excessive consumption will likely have an impact on the Crime and Disorder and Public Nuisance objectives

The consumption of alcohol lowers inhibitions and makes risk taking behaviour more likely and increases the likelihood of violence and disorder. Patrons are less likely to live within the footprint of the licensed economy and as such, do not show the same concern for the area resulting in public nuisance such as littering, street fouling and rowdiness.

In relation to public nuisance, I am aware of a complaint have already been raised in relation to excessive noise from this establishment.

In relation to preventing crime and disorder, New Year's Eve is one of the most challenging nights for all the emergency services. This date is synonymous with high levels of intoxications marred with drink fuelled violence. I would argue that any lengthening of the licencing hours over this period would add greatly to the potential for crime and disorder in the town centre.

I am also concerned around the availability of taxis at that time of the morning. Drunken people leaving the venue may well have to walk home due to the shortage of taxis as public transport will not be available.

The unavailability of taxis and public transport also raises the concerns over the safety of female patrons having to make their way home. At 4am there maybe nowhere to move to as a place of safety; No 40 will be closed and volunteers no longer present in the town centre.

The Old Dun Cow has several conditions attached to its licence which offer responsible authorities and patrons some confidence that the premises are upholding the licensing objectives and allow responsible authorities to challenge the premises when conditions are not being met.

When a premises is operating under a TEN Notice the conditions attached to the premises licence do not apply, most worryingly around the requirement for door staff and CCTV and the premises will effectively be condition free during the period of the notice.

Thankyou

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