<u>Rep 8a – withdrawn</u>

<u>Rep 9a</u>

Re Variation of Premises License for Stuart Call Ford - "Steptoes, 192 High Street, Kimberworth".

Dear Sir/Madam,

the following concerns/issues that I want to raise which are related to one of the four licensing principles:

I have

The prevention of public nuisance

Three years ago when the representation process was initiated for granting a premises license to "Steptoes" bar, myself and another resident were able to chat to Mr Ford regarding our concerns. We came to an amicable agreement to address these concerns so did not require a formal hearing. Mr Ford has mostly stuck to what was agreed and public nuisance has been kept to a minimum. Noise has mostly been contained within the building. I have a couple of new concerns regarding the changes Mr Ford has requested:

1. Noise levels when people are outside/at end of night when people are leaving:

The highest noise levels are when people are outside either smoking or at the end of the evening when they are waiting for transport/are dispersing. People can be quite loud after they have been drinking all evening and no amount of notices/staff intervention tends to stop this. The finishing time is now going to be 1 hour later per day – over the weekend people will be leaving around midnight. I don't want there to be an increase in noise levels or anti-social behavior due to the later finishing.

2. Increased noise levels caused by live music/dance:

As stated most of the noise from the premises so far has been contained within the building. Mr Ford has already had some live acoustic music on occasion at the weekends which has not really caused a nuisance. If he now intends to add live amplified music/dance, I do not want there to be an increase in noise levels coming from the building. As the premises is a small size, it will be easy for amplified music to filter outside and cause a nuisance. I don't want banging music coming from the premises all evening and also beyond 11pm. If the premises has live music or dance, the front doors (and any windows) should be kept closed to mitigate this and music volume lowered. The premises has air conditioning/heating so the doors should not be left open anyway.

Summary

As stated since the bar opened, Mr Ford has for the most part stuck to what was agreed to keep disruption to my property and the surrounding area to a minimum. I do not want any changes to the license or planning to make the situation/nuisance worse. If these license changes are ratified and there is an increased level of noise as a result of the later opening or live music/dance, then I will take the matter further. This will include complaints to Licensing and Environmental Health.

<u>Rep 10a</u>

----Original Message-----

Sent: 02 June 2023 09:34 To: Licensing <<u>Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk</u>> Subject: Steptoes cafe bar

Hi

We would just like to put our point AGAINST having extra licensing hours at Steptoes cafe bar. We didn't want the bar to open in the 1st place but it went ahead anyway.

Mr Ford also said there would not be any music as it was going to be a place where people could sit and chat so he's gone against his word as having music and dancing on at weekends already.

The residents were never contacted about the music licence and also him wanting extra licensing hours by post.

A neighbour found by chance an application paper on the floor that had been ripped down from a telegraph pole so if he hadn't found it we would be none the wiser.

We Object to extra licensing hours which would result into noise from customers and taxis outside our property in the early hours.

The bar opens early in the day so why open longer at night ????

We are also experiencing a droning noise from steptoes extractor fans x3 on all the time which is annoying.

I'm hearing it now writing this email to you and I'm sat in my conservatory. Can anything be done about that ??

Kind regards,

<u>Rep 11a</u>

Licencing, RMBC, Wing A Floor 3 Riverside House,, Main Street, Rotherham, S60 1AE



STEPTOES 192 HIGH STREET, KIMBERWORTH - Variation of Premises License.

Dear Sir/Madam,

With regard to the application by the above to vary the premises license with extended hours and addition of live music I wish to put forward my concerns under the following heading:-

The Prevention of public nuisance:

I am led to believe that Steptoes Bar on High Street, Kimberworth has applied for a Live Music License and extended hours to 23.00 hours Monday to Thursday and Midnight Friday to Sunday.

The Colin Public House opposite has also loud gigs at weekend and the noise can be heard by nearby residents, especially when the punters disembark full of booze.

Steptoes Bar, up to now has been a pleasant venue to relax and enjoy a quiet evening out, but extended licensing hours plus live music will only cause more disruption and anger with the surrounding residents. Another point is that residents including myself are constantly picking up Bottles, Cans, and empty glasses from front gardens, road side and pavements. This will no doubt increase and I don't see any reason why the nearby residents should be subjected to further unpleasantness.

Yours faithfully