

**From:** Stuart Ford

**Subject:** Re: REPRESENTATIONS TO APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE - STEPTOE'S CAFE,  
192 HIGH STREET, KIMBERWORTH, ROTHERHAM S61 2DT

**Rep 8a**

Dear resident,

We would like to take this opportunity to address your concerns regarding our application to extend hours and have live unamplified music with the relevant permissions for customers to dance if they see fit.

The application does state that all music will be unamplified and will be finished by 11pm every night. This is not intended to take away from being a nice, relaxed bar, just to add a different form of entertainment. All music is kept to a reasonable volume and monitored by us.

In response to the parking issues addressed we are unaware that any of our customers are leaving cars overnight anywhere other than our car park. At busy times of course some park on the street but if they are parked legally, we don't see this as an issue. Any parking issues or blocked drives should be addressed with the vehicle owners. We of course do not condone this kind of parking but feel that where people choose to park is out of our control. Please feel free to call in if there are any parking issues in the future.

Kind regards,  
Stuart Ford  
Stepto's Cafe Bar

**Rep 9a**

Dear resident,

We would like to take this opportunity to respond to your concerns regarding the application to vary our license.

We have applied for multiple late opening TENS notices over the last three years and have found that opening later spreads out the times that customers tend to leave. As it stands our closing time is very early for a pub, disrupts our customers evening, and results in us having to what is often over 50 people to leave at closing time. We are confident that in opening an hour later, customers would disperse in smaller groups of their own accord which would mean there wasn't a sudden influx of customers into the car park and street at closing time. We do have signage asking customers to keep noise to a minimum when smoking and leaving and do ask those who are particularly loud to lower their volumes. In terms of anti-social behaviour we are an active member of our local Pubwatch group, and work extremely hard to ensure there is no anti-social behaviour in or outside the premises. In the three years we have been open we have had no major incidents of anti-social behaviour, crime or disorder.

Regarding your concerns about the music, the application states that music will continue to be unamplified, and that all live music will be finished by 11pm. We are happy to keep the door closed while any music is playing and will continue to actively monitor the sound levels from any live music, as we have done thus far.

Kind regards  
Stuart Ford  
Stepto's Café Bar

**Rep 10a**

Dear resident,

We would like to take this opportunity to address your concerns regarding our application to extend licensing hours.

While we didn't originally intend to have live music, all businesses grow and adapt, and this is something our customers and supportive community have expressed an interest in seeing here at Steptoos. There is currently no dancing, the license application only covers those who may wish to have a dance along to the music in future. All music will be unamplified and be finished before 11pm and should therefore cause no additional or later noise.

We have met all requirements by the council with regards to advertising our application which was posted in the Rotherham advertiser and displayed outside the bar. Unfortunately school children appear to have removed this which was replaced as soon as we were notified.

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With regards to the noise from the extractor fans, we don't believe there to be an increase in noise created by them since we opened three years ago as all equipment is the same. We have however consulted an air conditioning engineer over the weekend to discuss how we can lower the volume of it and have since installed a timer on the main cellar cooling unit so that it only runs when necessary.

Kind Regards  
Stuart Ford  
Steptoos Café Bar

**Rep 11a.**

Dear Resident,

We would like to take this opportunity to address your concerns regarding our application to vary licensing hours.

We have no control over the noise created from The Colin and feel it is unfair to 'tar us with the same brush' as such when we actively work to keep noise to a minimum, and our music and entertainment is not of a similar nature or volume. I do feel that this comment should not bear relevance to the application as this noise does not come from Steptoos's.

With regards to rubbish, glasses, cans etc littering the area, again this we feel is us being blamed for other venues customers and actions. We have a restriction on drinks outside, and actively ensure that customers don't go outside with any drinks or bottles. This includes a sign inside, a large board outside and all staff always monitoring this.

Kind Regards  
Stuart Ford  
Steptoos Café Bar