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Representations Supporting the Review Application

1. Responsible Authority - Environmental Health

memorandum

Neighbourhoods

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Neighbourhoods

To:
LICENSING SERVICES

Date: 6 October 2026

For the attention of Diane Kraus

Subject: Licensing review

South Yorkshire Police Licensing Review of licence in realtion to The Sports Box, Unit 1 Imperial Buildings, Rotherham,

Contact:	**Ref:**	**Extension:**
Jeremy Squires	012908	01709 255037

I write with reference to the above application by South Yorkshire Police to which I received consultation papers on **5 October 2026** and would report as follows:

Background

Environmental Health has received several complaints regarding Noise emanating from the Sports Box. The first complaint was received on 5th February 2026. As per standard noise complaint process the reporter was sent a letter asking them to monitor the situation and complete monitoring sheets. The premises was wrote explaining that we had received a complaint and that they need to alter their current licensing practices and reduce the noise emanating from the premises.

On 9th April 2026 we received a further three complaints regarding the same premises, again the same process was followed. We then received a further three complaints on 9th July 17th July 20th July again complaining about loud music emanating from the premises. This makes a total of 7 complainants engaging with the department.

On 5th August 2026 officers were called to one of the reporters' properties to witness the noise level emanating from the premises. They arrived at 22.45 and witnessed loud music emanating from the Sports box which was in their professional opinion a statutory nuisance.

On 6th August 2026, the case officer issued the designated premises supervisor (DPS) and premises licence holder (PLH) with an abatement notice, as result of

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the visit the day before. These notices were hand delivered to the premises and the address for the DPS.

Later that same day, officers were again called to the reporter's address and witnessed loud music emanating from the above premises. On 12th August again officers were called and attended the reporters address for a third time and witnessed loud music and fighting at the premises. South Yorkshire Police were called to attend.

On 13th August a further copy of the abatement notice was served on the premises following the identification of a defect within the original. While serving the notice, officers were told to "f**k off".

Notice Breach

There has been no appeal against the Abatement Notice issued. The period for appeal expired on 3rd September 2026.

On 10th September 2026, officers again attended the reporter's address twice once at 18:30 and again at 23.10 and witnessed loud intrusive music emanating from the above premises. Officers considered this to be a breach of the Notice served.

On 11th September 2026 officers again attended the reporter's address @ 21.12 and @ 22.47 and again at 22.58 again loud intrusive music was witnessed emanating from the above premises. This was again considered a breach.

On 20th September 2026 recording equipment was installed at the reporter's address and several recordings of the noise from the above premises were recorded. These have been assessed, and it is considered that further breaches.

To date, we have not received any communication from the management of the premises despite a significant volume of correspondence, and two separate in-person visits to the premises. This, combined with the continued loud noise, shows a disregard for the impact the venue is having on neighbouring residential properties. It is not how we would expect a responsible licence holder to behave.

Conclusion

It is noted that South Yorkshire Police are requesting full revocation of the licence.

Having read the application and considered this alongside our own evidence, it is the view of this department that the venue has failed to uphold the licensing objectives and has also failed to engage effectively with responsible authorities. As such, there would seem to be no realistic alternative to resolve the issues identified other than that proposed by the Police, and Environmental Health therefore supports this application for revocation.

However, should the committee be minded not to revoke the licence, we would suggest a significant number of additional controls are required by way of amendment to hours for licensable activity or conditions attached to it, as follows:

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1. Hours

a) An amendment to licensable activity such that no music (either live or recorded) shall be played after 11:00 p.m.

2. Conditions

a) Prominent, clear notices shall be displayed at all exits requesting customers and staff to respect the needs of local residents and leave the premises and the area quietly.

b) If the situation should ever arise where patrons are requested to queue outside the premises this will be in an orderly queue on the right side of the premises.

c) The consumption of alcohol or other beverages is not to be permitted in outside areas after 9.00 p.m.

d) The holder of the premises licence shall ensure that no music or amplified speech originating from the premises shall be audible inside any residential property (or hotel bedroom/other relevant receptor) at any time.

Note: For the purposes of this condition noise may be considered inaudible when it is at a low enough level that it is not recognisable as emanating from the source in question and/or it does not alter the perception of the ambient noise environment that would prevail in the absence of the source in question.

e) A noise limiting device shall be installed, fitted and maintained in such a manner as to control all sources of amplified music at the premises. The device shall be hardwired into the premises electrical system to prevent it from being bypassed by the operator.

Note: The noise limiter shall be set in accordance with the requirements of the local authority. After the installation of the noise limiter, the local authority may review and adjust the settings at any time.

The device shall be connected to all permanent music equipment and all available AC mains power sockets, within the area around a stage, within a performance area or near to a control desk.

The device shall be hardwired into the premises electrical system to prevent it from being bypassed by the operator.

Should you require any further information regarding this application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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2. Responsible Authority - Planning

From: Chris Wilkins <Chris.Wilkins@rotherham.gov.uk>
Sent: 27 October 2026 15:07
To: Diane Kraus <Diane.Kraus@rotherham.gov.uk>

Application for the of Review of a Premises Licence – THE SPORTS BOX, UNIT 1 IMPERIAL BUILDINGS, HIGH STREET, ROTHERHAM S60 1PA

Planning Service would like to make a formal representation regarding this application to review the licence.

Planning Service notes that planning permission for the premises was granted in 2018 under RB2019/0807, which included the following conditions:

> **03** There shall be no speakers fitted to the exterior of the building and there shall be no amplified music outside of the premises.
>
> **Reason:** In the interests of the amenity of the locality.
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> **04** The use hereby permitted shall only be open to customers or for deliveries between the hours of 10:00 and 02:00 and the outside seating area shall not be used after 21:00 hours.
>
> **Reason:** In the interests of the amenities of the occupiers of nearby dwellings.

It is understood that the outside seating area is being used after 21:00 hours, in breach of condition 4 of the planning permission. It is also understood that a Noise Abatement Notice has been served in respect of noise generated from the site.

The breach of the condition is being investigated by Planning Enforcement (reference number EN2026/0338) and whilst we have asked the operator to either apply to vary the condition or to comply with it, in view of the Abatement Notice served, should an application be submitted to vary the condition to allow customers to remain outside beyond 21:00 hours, it may not be considered favourably.

I trust these comments will be taken into consideration.

Chris Wilkins

Development Manager
South Team & Enforcement

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Other Peron A

Sent: 02 November 2026 21:06
To: Diane Kraus <Diane.Kraus@rotherham.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: : OBJECTION FW: Re Sports Bar Rotherham Ltd/Sports Box

I am writing in support of the application to review the licence issued to Rotherham Sports Bar Ltd/Sports Box. These reasons for this are listed below:

Incidents we have witnessed:

- Excessively loud music - from mid afternoon to 2am - even on weekdays - It's near impossible to sleep when this is on.
- Drugs
    - I have witnessed drugs being sold by the venue owner from a van outside the venue
    - I have witnessed customers from Sports Box taking drugs outside the venue and on the street in broad daylight and then going back into the venue.
- It does not feel safe to walk past the venue in the evenings or at night because of antisocial behaviour outside the bar.
- I have witnessed multiple fights outside the venue

I **have also been told to following but I haven't witnessed them personally:**

- Sports Box staff dealing drugs over the bar
- Acts of violence inside Sports Box by the venue's owner and staff

Other Peron B

Sent: 02 November 2026 17:05
To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>

I have plenty of evidence that they being not nice with their attitude and their music is very loud too . They also acting like they own that area (blocking pedestrians , entrance etc). Every single time my customers are complaining about the music . I can't say something about the owners but unfortunately reality it is what it is . I do like them and i wouldn't say to close them down . I would only suggest to stop playing that loud music if that possible. I don't really see anything positive for us at all . I would only say that they are annoying with the loud music . Apart from that loud music everything else is ok .

Please do something if you can !