

**ArmfieldMick**

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**From:** Holly Stinchon <hollystinchon@hotmail.com>  
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**To:** ArmfieldMick  
**Subject:** The lounge barrowford

I am writing in respect of the above application: variation of premise license . I would like to voice strong concern as to the variation of current licensing arrangements, specifically the increase in the hours that live music can be played indoors and the increase in hours alcohol can be supplied on the premises. I am writing to strongly oppose these increases for the reasons outlined below for the following reasons. The bar is still directly between two residential properties- a house and a first floor flat and is faced and backed by residential properties. The everyday operations of the business currently disturb neighbours. There are problems with noise both from inside and the coming and going of uncontrolled/intoxicated patrons, that have already had a detrimental effect on local residents. This would be compounded by the bar being allowed to serve alcohol later and open into the early hours of the morning.

In addition to the existing problems with noise the bar already operates most weekends at least an hour past their proposed closing times. So by allowing a variation of this, residents would have to suffer the disturbance of patrons leaving the establishment until likely 3am.

Also the planning officer outlined to the bar that the rear of the property was predominantly residential and that patrons should not be using the rear fire exit and congregating in the back street. Periodically this is still being used as a smoking area for patrons, which causes even more disturbance to neighbouring residents.

The business owners regularly use the property themselves outside of business hours and the current family that live in the property have the same issues we had when we lived there. Lock-ins happen on a regular basis where music is played and intoxicated people leave the bar well passed the current agreed operating hours.

Ourselves and the current occupants of the property are aware that not all these issues can be addressed by licensing but we both feel that an extension as proposed would further compound the situation and make the living situation unbearable.

Often through the summer months, when live music was played indoors as per current licensing arrangements the bifold doors across the front of the establishment were left part of fully open, meaning that live music was at an unbearable level both inside the neighbouring residential properties and outside. When we lived in the property and live music was being played it felt like you were inside the bar, it kept us awake, you couldn't hear the tv and it woke the children up. There have been previous and I believe ongoing Noise nuisance complaints regarding live & recorded music and patron based noise.

Barrowford is a small village not a busy town centre, so is there really any need for a nightclub? I would ask that that consideration is made for if this fits with the image of business of a small village.

The business owners have not demonstrated much consideration to the impact their business has on neighbouring residents over the last year and I don't hold out much hope that they will endeavour to do this if these extensions are approved. In the last 30 years many businesses have come and gone from this section of gisburn road and in that time non have caused such upset to local residents.

Thankyou for your consideration of the above issues with regard to the application.

If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact us

Regards

Holly stinchon and Matthew Pye

Owners and previous occupiers of 83 gisburn road

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Sent from my iPhone