

From: Deptford Society Licensing

Sent: 22 November 2021 21:27

To: Lockett, Richard; Licensing

Subject: New Premises License Application - Badger Badger, 139-145 Deptford High Street, SE8 3NU

Dear Sir, Madam,

Listed on this application is the request to provide Live and Recorded Music, Late Night Refreshment and Sale of Alcohol for consumption on the premises until 1am on Thursday, 2am on Friday and Saturday, and midnight (alcohol sales until 11.30) on Sunday through to Wednesday.

The Deptford Society objects to the late hours requested as we strongly believe it will compromise the Licensing Objective - Prevention of Public Nuisance.

Current Licensing Policy (2020-2025) designates Deptford as a Local Hub/Centre with preferred closing hours of midnight. The applicant's requested hours for 01:00 on Thursdays (particularly sensitive given that this is a weekday evening with market setup on Friday morning at 06:00) and 02:00 on Fridays and Saturdays far exceeds this. It even exceeds the operating hours for premises located in the more urban designation of District Hub/Centre (New Cross, Forest Hill).

When considering this application we appreciate that the applicant has a proven record as a responsible operator, listening and responding to complaints about the noise from recorded music being played inside the premises by making sure entrance doors are kept shut.

However, despite these best efforts it has been understandably impossible to prevent regular noise nuisance from occurring for residents in the vicinity of the premises - the most common causes being from patrons arriving and leaving the premises, from patrons socialising on the pavement whilst smoking, and from the dispersal of patrons when the business shuts.

It should be understood that late night licences on Deptford High Street are particularly concerning for residents as there is a surprisingly low level of ambient noise on the high street at night time. Vehicle traffic generally bypasses Deptford High Street in favour of Deptford Church Street, reducing through traffic to practically zero. Any disturbance which does occur is exacerbated by the acoustics of the unusually narrow high street. This lack of ambient noise means that even the conversation between doormen at the entrance to the premises causes a noise nuisance for residents. It's important to remember that any assessment of noise nuisance is relative to the existing level of ambient noise.

The current hours of operation until 23:00 are within licensing policy and reasonable, making the noise of patrons arriving, leaving and smoking on the pavement outside the premises acceptable. However for the hours to go beyond current licensing policy, as requested, would be intrusive to the sleep of residents and therefore an unacceptable impact on their living conditions.

Yours sincerely,

The Deptford Society