

**Gyula and Diane Szanto - The Block 23, Churchgate**

We are writing concerning the proposal for the hours applied for the above business.

We object and are very concerned.

Historically this premises has been granted licenses and the noise from there has caused considerable disturbances to local homes.

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If The Block is granted the applied for licence there will be considerable continual disturbances to the families in, The Biggin, Jill Grey Place and the close surrounding area.

We feel this should not be allowed to happen and should be rejected for the consideration to the existing community.

Please can you keep us informed of the progress of this and names of people to contact.

**Tracey Grainger – 4 Jill Grey Place**

[REDACTED]

**Chris Back – 6 Jill Grey Place**

I object to a licence being granted under the terms of this application. The main reason for my objection falls under the category "prevention of public nuisance", specifically noise nuisance. By way of background information, I (and other local residents) suffered considerable noise disturbance from a previous user of the premises, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The disturbance continued and only ceased when the licence was withdrawn. I am anxious that there should be no repeat of such long term stress-inducing disturbance. The application asks for a licence for the supply of alcohol and variety of other activities (performance of plays and dance, screening of films, and the playing of live and recorded music). The hours and location (indoors/outdoors) vary slightly for the various activities. With respect to the supply of alcohol, the attached written application does state "no bar on the outside" although I do not see this explicitly on the online application. I see no specific constraints for outside on the consumption of alcohol. With respect to the various activities, the application proposes that "all outside entertainment will finish at 21:30". Inside, the hours appear to match those for the supply of alcohol. My personal preference would be that the outside not be used at all. Noise carries very easily from this elevated terrace with a direct line of sight to my (and other residents') windows. With the numbers of users mentioned in the written application ("capacity of terrace will be 60"), the size of the terrace and the corresponding density of users, I do not believe that the "sound boards" (with substantial gaps) will do much to prevent disturbance. If the outside terrace has to be licensed, I would like to see the following conditions or restrictions: #1. Explicit mention of "no bar on the outside". #2. No use of the outside terrace after 21:00. #3. No use of the outside terrace for any of the listed "activities". I think that #2 would be consistent with the conditions applied to Wetherspoons outdoor area. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I think #3 is necessary because of the potential additional noise from these activities. Although 60 people with raised voices can already seem very loud, the addition of (or replacement by) music or film soundtrack could be even worse. Positioning speakers

"to direct sound away" would, in my opinion, only slightly mitigate the problem. Furthermore, I would like to see noise limits and conditions on inside activities, including keeping doors and windows closed. Speaking from experience, when doors and windows are open, a lot of noise escapes from inside. Noise limits are still necessary even when doors and windows are kept closed - low frequencies easily penetrate and carry. The written application states that the "Premises has operated for 18 months with Tens licences with no complaints ... from ... neighbours". I have no idea how many temporary events have been held during the past eighteen months. However it seems likely to me that since the start of Covid-19 restrictions, events and gatherings would have been severely curtailed, and so this might not be a very useful guide to future circumstances. Furthermore, since the premises are intended to be used for event bookings, there is no guarantee that the nature of any such bookings might not change significantly. In summary, I ask that consideration be given to the very real issues of noise disturbance experienced by myself and other residents, and that the licence conditions reflect the potential disturbance that could be caused by use of the outside terrace.