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Subject: Temporary Event Notice, NEON, Bridport, New Year's Eve

Good afternoon,

On behalf of Dorset Council Environmental Health I wish to make a representation against this notice to extend the permitted hours of operation from 02:00hrs to 10:59hrs (1st Jan 2022) on the grounds that this extension to the operating hours could undermine the licensing objective of preventing public nuisance.

The last time a TEN was granted at this venue our department received several complaints which are of an ongoing nature. On the 4th November a warning letter under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 was sent because as a Council we were satisfied that there were reasonable grounds to believe that noise from the premises was having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, and is unreasonable, and of a persistent or continuing nature. It made several recommendations including ceasing use of the rear beer garden from midnight except for emergency egress and for persons wishing to smoke.

There was a further complaint this weekend about noise from the garden area after midnight and recordings were made which suggest that either the recommendation is not being effectively complied with or it does not go far enough to control the noise emanating from the premise. We would advise the operator to take action to address this as there is a strong possibility that failure to do so would lead to formal action by this department.

There are very few conditions on the premises license in relation to controlling public nuisance and none are automatically applied to the TEN. The above is a recommendation not a condition and therefore cannot be applied to the TEN. Sergeant Gosling has encouraged the operator to seek a variation of the premises license to enable the extension of licensable activities on certain occasions as a sustainable alternative to applying for Temporary Event Notices. We would encourage the operator to adopt this approach to enable a consultation to take place with all Responsible Authorities, stakeholders and the local community.

Yours sincerely,

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