

Objection to TEN – Sunset Weymouth 78 The Esplanade, Weymouth

*Environmental Health submission to the Licensing Authority in respect of an objection against a TEN
between the dates of 16 – 22 December 2022*

Background:

The Esplanade is the beach front of Weymouth town and has numerous shops, restaurants, and bars. Additionally, above many of these shops are residential premises, and flats. Most bars are at the southern end of The Esplanade beyond the King George III statue with very few occurring to the north of this. The Sunset Weymouth bar is the only premises on the mid-section of The Esplanade, all other commercial properties (mainly ground floor) are retail units which do not operate late into the evening.

The premises has been a café/restaurant for many years and was brought to our attention because of a potential noise nuisance, for amplified music and speech being played on a Friday and Saturday nights from 20.00hrs to Midnight. A review of the premises licence was undertaken in September and their premises licence was revoked.

A new owner Mr Kakuba has taken over the premises and has been operating as an unlicensed restaurant.

The objection:

A TEN was received by the operators of Sunset Weymouth to serve alcohol and have regulated entertainment on the week leading up to Christmas 2022, including operating until midnight on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th.

We have objected under the prevention of public nuisance, as the known history of the site would indicate that the premises structure is unable to prevent residential premises above from being disturbed by amplified music.

I informed Mr Kakuba of the situation which was already known to him and advised him that should he wish to undertake such events he will in all likelihood need the services of an acoustic consultant to direct him in appropriate sound insulation.

A single private party has been held since Mr Kakuba has been the operator, which gave rise to complaints from the residents above – and in fear of a repetition of the previous occupiers use. This party was held in the basement – the area where he is intending on having these events.

Summary:

It is requested that the TEN is not supported by the licensing hearing committee.

Unfortunately, until appropriate sound insulation measures are taken to protect the residents above Environmental Protection will continue to object to any TENs received or the application for a premises licence, should regulated entertainment be requested as part of the document.

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