

Rep 1

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 5:31 PM

To: Licensing [REDACTED]

Subject: Application for a an alcohol licence at C side, 8 Pope Street, Brewery Square,DT1 1GW

As close residents of the above property we object to this application at the address noted in the heading of this e-mail for the following reasons:

1 The application is completely open ended and if granted alcohol could be sold on 365 days of the year from 12 noon until 23.00 hours.

2 We cannot agree to this licence to sell alcohol for consumption outside the premises (which is the main thoroughfare from the Railway Station into Dorchester town) where people could be dancing and singing thus blocking the pavement for the public who maybe in wheelchairs, pushing prams and pulling luggage along. Drinking outside has been covered with a vague reference to Christmas and selling gluwain - again very open to interpretation. There were people on the pavement on Saturday 30 September at 10.45 pm.

3 The application states about 60 people will be allowed inside the premises, presumably including the staff and at times the band members - who will control this, would one disabled access toilet suffice such a number of people drinking alcohol particularly as there are no other toilets for general use in the vicinity?

4 These two properties were completely separate prior to the conversion - one being a small shop selling records and the other a dress shop the latter with probably a maximum of 5 or 6 people inside at any one time. Has the fire officer been consulted as presumably from the rear there may only be one exit based on the statement that there is one toilet. We believe that this was originally designed as one commercial outlet, split into two shops and is now one unit again. The emergency exit entails going through a series of passageways - is there clear signage in the event of an emergency? Can we assume that Change of Use procedures for these premises has been formally granted.

5 Whilst we appreciate that this is an application for a licence to sell alcohol by its very nature as people imbibe over a long period of time the sound levels are bound to increase and the apartments close to this project are bound to be affected possibly until well after 11 pm.

Should the licence be granted do residents have the right should complaints arise and if so to whom?

We have based this on the facts we know please advise if any of the above statements are incorrect.

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Brewery Square

Rep 2

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2023 6:52 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: Objection to C-Side License Application 8 Pope Street DT1 1GW

For the following reasons we object to the sale of alcohol/drink/music at the above address:-

1. The license applied for is intended to cover the 8, Pope Street commercial premises alone but which is interlinked with the adjacent Vinyl Van record shop (next door) presumably sharing facilities. Does this mean that a communal door will be installed to cover both the individual premises or that the two individual existing access doors will remain? In the case of an individual music/alcohol event will this be controlled by security staff on the doors or door?
2. The two premises are interlinked, what would stop the public consuming drinks in the Vinyl Van shop for which a license has not been sought. Surely this change of use must also be covered and policed.
3. No planning application has been sought to cover this change of use for either premises which under current planning application regulations is required by the Sui Generis regulations directive.
4. The license applied for covers events with music and alcohol consumption (to be consumed on and off? the premises from 12noon to 11pm. on any day of the year which reading between the lines could cover a day, any consecutive days, weekends or weeks. What may start out as a speculative trial of individual music/alcohol events could extend into consecutive daily occurrences once the word gets out. The granting of the license could convert the premises into the equivalent of a "mini nightclub".
5. Most of the restaurants and cafes in the Brewery Square area that serve both alcohol and food are adequately serviced with toilets that are commensurate with the public attendees. The only toilet facility available at 8 Pope Street is one toilet for the disabled which will not be adequate for the 60 people they intend to cater for. What will happen at closing time when people disperse on to the street in Brewery Square when the only other public toilets are in Trinity Street. This may become a local hygiene problem.
6. In the past the Vinyl Van shop has held a number of open day events for the public where music has been broadcast at an unacceptable level, the ceiling sound proofing barrier between the commercial retail units and the apartments above and adjacent has proved totally inadequate, even if the music is played at low volume. Self limiting noise level control on the DJ sound system should be imposed.
7. Are the public access doors to No.8 self closing, security controlled and sound proofed?
8. The accommodation for the premises caters for an expected audience attendance of 60 people. What happens when more than 60 people turn up to No.8. and spill out onto the street and how will that be possibly controlled? This could be a recipe for Street disturbances that will not disappear at closing time at 11pm.

To summarise, the concept of the Brewery development was built to provide for an integrated closely knit mixed development of apartments with commercial retail below, restaurants, cinema,

hotel etc interdispersed with other amenities for public use. At no time was it designed to accommodate venues that could possibly increase noise levels, disturbance, public hygiene nuisance on a very regular basis. We therefore object to this alcohol/ music license on the grounds of inadequate security provisions, toilet facilities, sound proofing controls in the venue and the closeness of 8 Pope Street amongst a mixed housing development where the habitants live in very close proximity to one another. There are covenants that strictly control noise levels and disturbances for the flats themselves.

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Rep 3

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 1:48 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: Concerns about the C-Side License Application 8 Pope Street DT1 1GW

To Whom it May Concern

My wife and I would just like to bring to your attention concerns about this application.

We can't object as far as we are aware, as we do not know exactly what is planned in these premises and whether noise from inside, or smoke and noise from people that may loiter outside will rise up to negatively impact all of us residents above.

Many of us came to live here under the impression that Brewery Square told us it would be a quiet area.

We already suffer negatively from noise in the square and from the top of the street from the Brewery shop who hold concerts, and despite shutting doors in the Summer, it still dominates the sound of our own TV. Should residents have to seal themselves in, so that just a few can pollute the air with noise and smoke?

More pertinently, there have been a few events in the Vinyl shop blasting loud music. Polite requests to consider those of us living above them have not gone down well, even when the security personnel have arrived.

If alcohol and other events are added into the mix, you will understand why many of us are fearful about our futures living here.

Many living rooms and bedrooms are over this area.

Kind regards

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Rep 4

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 2:15 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: Licensing Application Objection - C-Side, Brewery Square

Good afternoon,

I am writing to object to a licensing application for C-Side, Pope Street, Brewery Square, Dorchester, DT1 1GW.

It is my understanding that the shop known as Vinyl Van has extended into the adjacent unit and is proposing to enhance its current music and event footprint. I live on [REDACTED] in Brewery Square, [REDACTED] and I object to the licensing application (attached) on the grounds of excessive and unreasonable noise levels, causing significant disruption.

On Saturday evening/ night (30 September), there was an unacceptable level of noise (music and loud voices etc.), where Vinyl Van were hosting a launch event for their new space.

The poster for their event states that the party would run from 7pm-11pm however the noise was still going much later than that. I am unsure whether or not their fire door was mostly kept open or closed for the night but ultimately the noise was too loud - far beyond what would be considered reasonable. There was a period of time from approximately 10pm where the noise significantly increased - I do not know if this was due to the volume being turned up higher, or the fire escape being opened more substantially. The noise was a significant inconvenience and my partner and I barely slept until the early hours.

Their licensing application states: *We plan to be open from [...] but are looking to expand our offer with occasional evening events, music nights, live music and potentially a food offer at a later stage. We would like to obtain a licence so that we can serve alcohol at these social events and music themed daytime / evening sessions. We estimate that the premises can comfortably hold around 60 people at a time [...]. We anticipate that events will be during our normal trading hours and evenings but we are applying for a licence to cover all days of the week to account for the odd occasions where we might want to hold events on a Sunday or Monday.* Whilst I would not look to complain to the Council after one evening of noise I am gravely concerned that, should their license application be granted, there would be many repeat experiences.

Furthermore, during the course of the evening on Saturday 30 September, there were multiple individuals in the fire escape, seemingly using it as overflow party space. The application states: *There is [...] an exit to the rear of the shop that leads to a service corridor and exit.* To clarify, this space is a fire escape, not space for people to use to socialise or use as an alternative exit. In addition, I have seen a photograph from another resident that shows boxes piled up and the passage having been used as storage (a significant obstruction to the fire escape) - their use of this space on 30 September is unacceptable and simply dangerous.

From the information in their license application, the intention behind obtaining the new licence for their additional space is to host more evening events similar to Saturday 30 September, and to sell alcohol. Based on my experience of Saturday night, this would be emphatically inappropriate and unreasonable for the residents of Brewery Square in the close vicinity.

The social media posts from Vinyl Van and C-Side about the event evidence music being played and alcohol being served across both units - I do not have information as to whether or not they had obtained a temporary licence for the evening of 30 September.

I hope that you are able to take into account the significant impact on residents during the application process, and take the appropriate view that a license permitting regular evening events there would be a serious inconvenience (arguably even a danger) and should therefore be denied.

With kind regards,

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