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The HSBC site for a nightclub is totally unsuitable for a night club what a STUPID idea it is right in the middle of the town... there will be more devastation then we have already, with bad behaviour people being sick on the pavements with drink broken windows etc..
MOST of all the noise so unfair for us living in this town just STOP IT NOW!

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Good afternoon.

Please can I log my opposition to a late night licence for this premises on the basis that the rear of the building is in a quiet residential area, a late night licence would have a terrible impact on the residents.

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Hi

I would like to comment on this application please.

The proposed late opening of this premises will cause significant noise disruption not just from the premises itself but the significant amounts of noise caused by late night, often drunk customers leaving at 2 or 4am.

This is a mixed residential area, with many families and children living yards away and so this bar will represent a significant and pervasive public nuisance.

I don't think it's appropriate for it to open later than other drinking establishments so can an 11 or 12 limit please be placed on it.

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To Whom it may concern - Licensing Committee

I am writing with regard to the Licensing and change of usage for HSBC Bank, East St, Bridport.
To the "Bridport Dagger"

I write to strongly object to both the change of usage and the licence.

Being the HSBC are many residential properties. The layout of this part of the town is unusual in that it has many high walls and high sided buildings; shops and retail premises that extend to meet the houses, gardens and many flats situated at the rear of the HSBC.

The noise bounce and echo of these walls makes it a fragile environment for sound. Acoustically, we already here the music at No.10 - the same people that wish to rent the HSBC to present live music. The noise from NO 10 is already a disturbance and people often congregate in Downes St (just opposite) and then continue drinking at Mountfield and Rax Lane. We have suffered for years with Neon Nightclub and Sins before that, having late licenses, not considering neighbours, playing music out on to the street, the front door being wide open and noise pollution affecting residents and also guests at the Bull Hotel. And all this with NO police presence. I have witnessed many fights and threatening behaviour from people

leaving these clubs and No 10 late at night with the music blaring out of open doors as people come and go. It is horrible. As a woman living on my own, I often do not feel safe.

I live directly behind the HSBC and you can already hear everyone in their gardens because of the echo from the walls.

The fire doors of the HSBC open into the garden attached to my building, with a fire escape route past my door. If any staff are opening fire doors or sitting outside, our garden will not be private or quiet. Any noise spill from the building will seriously affect us and our neighbours. The fire doors would need to be alarmed to stop this, I would also think an acoustic baffle inside the building would be needed to prevent noise spill.

I do believe in towns having night life. But I object to owners being able to get away with noise pollution and the local authorities took years to take action to get Neon to behave in a reasonable manner. Finally it has stopped and we only have NO 10 to contend with.

I urge you not to grant this licence and if you do, to ensure that a full acoustic survey is undertaken and to check that this venue can be monitored to behave properly and for us to be sure that we can have a police presence if a later license is granted. If you do, Do NOT let the licence go past 12 midnight at the very latest. We deserve to get some sleep.

The notice on the building displays a notice asking for an entertainment and alcohol licence from 8 am - 2 am seven days a week. This is unacceptable, potentially only offering 6 hours of max quiet time, plus the 30 mins after the building closes of people noisy on the streets, reducing quiet time - night time - the time when some of us have to sleep. No one needs a licence from 8am for a bar and 2 am seven days a week is unfair and unethical.

My flat is a key worker's flat which took me a long time to find. Rental properties at affordable prices are impossible to find in Bridport - many of them are on Downes Street and Rax Lane. I am sure that none of us can afford to relocate and why should we, in order for someone else to make money and profit from something that causes our mental well being and sleep to suffer. Bridport has proved that it cannot legislate against noise pollution nor police the exiting intoxicated customers. Rax Lane is already a very difficult environment. I keep my windows on the Rax Lane shut as we have refuse collection lorries in the lane constantly as there are at least 8 different companies with different dustbin lorries. There are also lorries delivering to the back of Waterstones, Coffee No 1, Fat Face, M and Co and Peacocks. We are all affected by this noise already and just because the flats are rented by people on low incomes, it doesn't mean we should suffer with even more noise.

Surely there can be a better use for this building? More flats are urgently needed for single occupancy in the town and the Town Council have stated this as part of their development plan. This building could have a much better and fairer use.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Yours Sincerely and with hope to be listened to

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We wish to register our objection to this application.

We live in Rax Lane, about 400 metres to the northwest of the HSBC bank.

When the Market House was in its previous incarnation as the Royal Oak, loud music at weekends could clearly be heard from our house, and this was a similar distance away from us as the HSBC premises. So we know from experience how far noise can carry.

The HSBC site is totally unsuitable for a nightclub. There are plenty of places on the edge of Bridport town that would be more suitable.

Even with sound proofing measures, there will be loud noise until 2 am, every night of the week, which will be totally unacceptable, particularly as this is largely a residential area.

Again, as experienced with the Neon nightclub (now closed) there will be anti-social behaviour, littering, vomiting, urinating in public, and this will continue for some after the venue has closed its doors each night.

We are amazed that this application is even considered as an option for the premises, which is eminently suitable for retail and residential.

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We wish to register our objection to this application.

We live to the North of this premises, and our garden backs on to the former HSBC bank at this address. Our bedroom is some 25 m from the back of the proposed night club. Our house is surrounded by other residential properties which back on to East Street. The rear area is bounded by high walls which will channel any noise to Rax Lane.

Any planning consent is likely to impose certain conditions:

1. Noise abatement measures, closing off the windows at the back of the building, monitoring of noise levels at the back, Doors to be kept closed and alarmed for emergency exit only.
2. Provision of adequate extraction of odour from the kitchens and suitable mitigation measures. A noise assessment of extraction plants as well as ventilation equipment in the hall.
3. The opening hours. While the original planning application was for 8am-4am seven days a week, this licencing application is for opening hours 8.00-2.00 every day, with extensions to 04.00 on seven nights per year.

Noise

1. Even with noise reduction measures, the thump of lower frequency notes will be heard from the back of the building. This will cause us sleep disturbance, disrupting sleep patterns, leading to sleep deprivation and related health problems. Continuous exposure to noise can increase stress levels and contribute to anxiety disorders.
2. The fire exit to the premises runs through our garden. Unless proper security measures are enforced, this will result in reduced security and privacy for us, and further noise on the quiet residential homes on Rax Lane

3. The applicant has successfully run a bar on the South side of East street, but this is a major step up in terms of size, and will attract clients from a wider area, creating a great deal of disturbance for other residents of east street and Rax Lane. There is little evidence of policing the high street late at night. The experience of a previous nightclub, NEON, a few doors down, was that a lot of noise was made by inebriated people on the street, fights, yelling, littering and vandalism, well into the night. All attempts by the town council to control this anti-social behaviour, or to close the club down, failed. There was no effective enforcement of the conditions of the licence, either by Dorset Council or the police. If this licence is granted there is no certainty that the conditions will be implemented or enforced..

Ventilation

Placing a night club in the middle of a residential zone will require all windows and doors to be kept closed while the music is playing. This will require air conditioning which will make a considerable amount of noise on the outside of the building. This, along with odour extraction equipment will increase the ambient noise levels, increasing stress levels and contributing to anxiety disorders.

More worrying is if the owners prop the emergency doors open at the back of the building to let air in, or to smoke. This will cause significant noise pollution and also air pollution in our outside space.

Opening Times

The opening times until 02.00 are entirely unreasonable for the people who live in this residential area; and for the licence to be extended until 04.00 will make our lives hell for those two weekends and the New Year. The club should close at 11.00 most days of the week, with an extension to midnight on one or two evenings of the weekend. (it makes no sense to include Sundays, when people have to go to work the following day) .

Licence

The applicant is asking for a licence to sell alcohol on and off the premises (section J). This will increase alcohol consumption in the street, in contravention of Bridport's Anti-social Behaviour Related Public Spaces Protection Order 2022, which applies to East Street outside the premises. Being able to purchase drink outside normal licencing hours is an invitation for groups of juveniles to come out of the pubs and drink in the street until late, with the consequent effect on public order.

The proposed name of the nightclub is also unsuitable in a time of rising knife crime, even though the term refers to a hanging noose – if there is a stabbing associated with someone who has been to the club, the national press will have a field day.

There are many places around the centre of Bridport which do not have homes nearby – the Dreadnought estate, Plottingham, St Michaels estate, St Andrews estate, Gore Cross. These would make much more suitable places for young people to stay up late and listen to music. We would urge you to turn down this application.

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Members have reconsidered their responses to the licensing applications for 'Bridport Dagger' and Seal's Cove as follows:

- **17, East Street (Bridport Dagger).** Object. The Town Council is concerned that the noise from this establishment will present a significant public nuisance, as highlighted by neighbour responses to a recent planning application for the premises, and the absence in that application of noise reduction measures. The premises have not established adequate means of evacuation in the event of fire, endangering public safety. The licensable hours are too late at 2am (and on some occasions 4am) and present a heightened risk of crime and public disorder, with few if any Police stationed in Bridport to address this at such a late hour. The starting hours, at 8am, are considered too early for the sale alcohol, again increasing the risk of disorder, and encouraging excess alcohol consumption with inherent risk to health (public safety). The Council has no objection in principle to the licensing of these premises, and is happy to engage with the applicant to seek further details, assurances, and amendments to the application that address the concerns raised.