



Re: Notice of hearing - Meram Kitchen (XO Lounge), Unit 3 Brewery Square, Dorchester.

From [REDACTED]

Date Mon 20/04/2026 20:05

To Licensing [REDACTED]

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To whom it may concern,

I wish to submit additional comments regarding the licence review for Meram Kitchen/XO Lounge.

I understand the licensee has circulated a form to customers claiming that the Brewery residents want the venue shut down. I would like to clarify that my representation is not intended to close the business, but to ensure that the conditions of the licence and lease are respected.

My complaint concerns the noise levels experienced within the flats—specifically from customers leaving late at night, the use of the outside terrace, and the sound system in the basement. Although external noise is minimal, vibrations from drums and bass are felt as high as the second floor.

Noise recording equipment was recently installed in my flat; I have been informed that these recordings captured the bass levels and that the investigation is ongoing.

While noise and vibrations have slightly reduced recently due to the DJ booth being relocated, they remain audible, and I still require earplugs to sleep. A permanent solution to prevent sound propagation through the building's structure is necessary.

Furthermore, noise from departing customers has not improved despite new signage. There is currently no active management of the street area, leaving the residents' peace to the "common sense" of customers. This continues to cause significant disturbance, and smashed glassware is sometimes found outside the following morning.

To conclude, I am not asking for Meram Kitchen/XO Lounge to close. I am simply requesting that the venue adheres to its licence and lease conditions to prevent further nuisance to the residents living above.

Also, I can confirm that I won't be able to attend the hearing as I have work commitments.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

On Thu, 16 Apr 2026, 15:41 Licensing, [REDACTED] wrote:

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[Dorset](#) Council as the Licensing Authority hereby gives notice that a hearing under the Licensing Act 2003 will be held in the Council Chamber, Dorset Council, County Hall, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ on **5 May 2026** starting at **10:30 hours** to consider the application for a review of a premises licence for **Meram Kitchen (XO Lounge), Unit 3 Brewery Square, Dorchester**.

The application and all the representations will be included in a report that will be available on line five working days before the hearing on the Council's Web Site, the link for which will be sent to you when it is published.

If you would like to add anything to that which you have already submitted, please e-mail it to us at least 24 hours before the date of the hearing.

As you have either made a representation or are the applicant / agent for the applicant you are entitled to attend this hearing. If you would like to participate you will need to send us a "Notice of Attendance" under the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.

You can send us your "**Notice of Attendance**" by replying to this letter and answer the following questions no later than **23 April 2026**. ****Please note if you do not respond by the end of this date, you will not be able to speak at the hearing.****

Name:

1. Will you be attending the hearing?
2. Do you want to speak at the hearing?
3. Will you be bringing anyone to speak on your behalf? If so, please supply the name.

If you wish to attend the hearing remotely, please let me know and I will arrange for a Teams link to be sent to you.

If you do not wish to attend this meeting but would like to watch it, it will be available on the Council's Web Site - [Browse meetings - Licensing Sub-Committee - Dorset Council](#)

Many thanks

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