



INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

To:	Chis Boyle Licensing Officer	Date:	24th August 2015
From:	Paul Hobbs, EHO, Environmental Health and Licensing	Your Ref:	Wabi, East Street, Horsham

Licensing Act 2003 - Wabi, East Street, Horsham

Variation to open the rear garden patio area - 01:00hrs on Friday and Saturday

I refer to the above application to vary the Premise Licence to extend the current hours of use for the rear external garden area. The applicant has submitted a Noise Management Plan and specified that there will be no music played in the garden. Its use is limited to patrons drinking & eating only. They also advise that the number of patrons using the patio after 23.00 will be limited to a maximum of 50 persons who will be supervised by a SIA Licensed Door Supervisor.

Wabi have applied for a number of Temporary Event Notices (TENs) in recent months to allow customers to use the external patio after 23.00. Environmental Health (EH) did not object to the TENs as we used the opportunity to monitor for complaints of noise from neighbouring residents. We did this in order to assess the legitimate aspirations of the business against the protection of local of residents from noise nuisance. Unfortunately we have received complaints of excessive noise from patrons using the external patio. As a result of the complaints EH objected to a recent application for a TEN to use the patio after 23.00.

This Department has serious concerns regarding this application due to potential noise and general disturbance to neighbouring residents living in the vicinity to the premises. Local residents are entitled to expect a fair degree of peace and quiet after the hours of 23.00.

During the later hours there is a significant reduction of background noise levels from traffic noise, etc. This reduction in background noise will intensify the impact of any direct noise source from persons speaking, shouting or laughing whilst using the external areas. Noise will be more intrusive especially when neighbours open windows in summer months.

The noise generated from 50 people is likely to be more intrusive when the ambient noise level is quieter. Another factor to take into consideration is that people socialising tend to become louder as the evening progresses. Such groups are difficult to manage and if asked to vacate the premises are likely to cause more disturbance once in the adjacent streets.

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Therefore this department objects to this application on the grounds that it will undermine the licensing objective for the prevention of public nuisance.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Hobbs', written in a cursive style.

Paul Hobbs
Principal Environmental Health Officer