



MEMORANDUM

To: Chris Boyle, Licensing Officer

Date: 2nd November 2016

Application to Vary a Premises Licence Section 34 Licensing Act 2003
Roffey Park Institute, Forest Road, Colgate, RH12 4TB

This Department has serious concerns regarding the proposed variation to change the condition relating to sources of noise from music, singing or speech whether amplified or otherwise must be barely audible outside noise sensitive premises so that it is inaudible inside noise sensitive premises between the hours of 22.00 to 07.00, to, between the hours of 00.00 until 07.00

This Department has recently investigated a justified noise complaint whereby a neighbouring residential property was subjected to unreasonable noise inside the bedroom to the property as a result of amplified music from an event at Roffey Park Institute.

Although it is proposed to relocate the sources of amplified sound to a location further away from the residential properties in an attempt to mitigate the impact of noise on neighbours, it is still intended to allow customers to use the outside patio areas until 23.00. Local residents are entitled to expect a fair degree of peace and quiet especially during evening hours.

This site is in a rural village location and during evening hours background noise levels to the area will reduce significantly, this will intensify the impact of any direct noise source from all forms of noise from amplified music, persons speaking, shouting or laughing whilst using the external areas. Noise will be more intrusive especially when neighbours open windows in summer months.

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 be quiet or leave the area can lead to disputes, arguments and confrontations which cause even greater disturbance.

Given the recent complaints this Department would like to see the original condition for noise to be barely audible outside noise sensitive premises so that it is inaudible inside noise sensitive premises between the hours of 22.00 to 07.00 to remain in place.

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

Paul Hobbs
Principal Environmental Health Officer