

Public Agenda Pack



LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
Friday, 21 March 2025
10.00 am
Luttrell Room - County Hall, Taunton TA1 4DY

SUPPLEMENT TO THE AGENDA

To: The members of the Licensing Sub-Committee

We are now able to enclose the following information which was unavailable when the agenda was published:

Agenda Item 6 Minehead, 'Bar 21' - Variation of a Premises Licence (Pages 3 - 6)

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Supplementary document – Response to notice of hearing – Environmental Health Officer (Thursday 13th March 2025)

From: Edward Vandyck
Sent: 13 March 2025 15:21
To: Brad Fear
Subject: FW: WK/000054665 NOTICE OF HEARING - Application to Vary Premises Licence - Cafe Bar 21, Minehead
Importance: High

This is to confirm my attendance at the above Hearing on 21st March.

I believe the hearing is necessary with respect to the prevention of public nuisance from amplified sound; customer noise outside will have to be carefully managed.

My representation of 8th March 2025, (attached) serves as a summary of the key points for the noise concerns.

There is an additional document to submit, the email sent to the applicant dated 7th February 2025 (Title: 'NMP, CafeBar 21...'). This outlines the essence of advice from Environmental Health, and the range of specific noise control issues which would need to be addressed within an appropriate Noise Management Plan in this case.

Sincerely,

Edward Vandyck
Environmental Protection Officer
Somerset Council

Attachment 1:

From: Edward Vandyck
Sent: 08 March 2025 13:48
To: Brad Fear ; John Rendell
Cc: Lorraine Pegler; Willam Wynn
Subject: Bar 21, The Avenue, Minehead - Licensing Hearing 21 March 2025

Application to Vary the Premises License

Environmental Health have undertaken visits and had helpful discussions with the applicants and their representative. The most most recent correspondence with the applicant being that of 19/02/2025 at 09:34.

A sound test of the function room using amplified sound has established that the fabric of the building is not currently capable of preventing noise problems amounting to a public nuisance to nearby noise-sensitive premises, both to those flats in the building above, and in the vicinity. This assessment applies to music as entertainment at any time.

Further concerns arise about associated, additional noise from the rest of the premises, both from customers and amplified sound, late at night.

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Accordingly, without additional measures to control sound, Environmental Health must object to the application as it stands.

However, should the committee be minded to vary the premises license, to allow events with amplified sound, we recommend that it is conditional upon the following:-

- No events with music and amplified sound to take place prior to the submission to, and approval by, the Licensing Authority of a Noise Impact Assessment (NIA), undertaken by a suitably qualified person; and a suitable Noise Management Plan (NMP) to restrict amplified sound and customer noise. These documents should address the necessary
 - * works of noise insulation and noise control at the premises, including verification of their effectiveness
 - * management requirements.
- Both the required NIA and NMP will also need to address the potential issues of noise arising from
 - * the use of the rest of the premises when events take place in the function room
 - * the dispersal of customers late at night.

Sincerely,

Edward Vandyck
Environmental Protection Officer
Somerset Council

Attachment 2:

From: Edward Vandyck
Sent: 07 February 2025 10:52
To: William Wynn; Lorraine Pegler
Cc: Environmental Health West and Taunton; Brad Fear
Subject: NMP, CafeBar 21, The Avenue, Minehead, TA24 5AY

Dear Both,

Noise Management Plan [NMP]

Following the visit with my colleague Verity Cole yesterday. I have below put (in brackets) the items from our discussion that we understand to be on the list of measures likely to be required to prevent public nuisance from noise following your recent application to vary the premises license.

Your NMP is likely to be further informed by the result of the 'sound test', to examine noise breakout from the premises when amplified music as entertainment is played in the Function Room.

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There are likely to be measures to add. We discussed the further works of sound insulation required for external doors.

I have included some of the controls for noise that you previously stated [in *italics*], and I have put in Headings. You may wish to develop / add to these.

Times of operation

Bar21 will close at 12pm preventing an over-spill into the street. The use of the function room from that time will be for private parties only.

Persons responsible for ensuring the NMP is implemented

Named persons and /or position

Inside

Function Room

All doors and all windows will be closed from 11:00pm

(Amplified sound, including music as entertainment [as opposed to 'background music']: at all times, all windows and doors to be kept closed; close-fitting window baffles fitted to front windows)

(Words to the effect that: In the last half hour of the evening, music levels to be gradually reduced, to avoid putting customers into the outside at 'peak music')

(Works – acoustically-treated mechanical ventilation, to allow events with music to take place without opening windows and doors. This is likely to require the services/advice of a ventilation engineer)

Outside

Customers

([From 23:00?] at least two door staff to be employed, with at least one outside at all times)

Amplified Sound

(There will be none after 23:00hrs)

At the link below, please find comprehensive listings covering items which may be in a NMP, as an example. You may feel that not all those listed in the following document will be appropriate – it is a case of including what is necessary and what works:-

[Noise management plans](#)

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By all means, come back to me should you need further information.

Sincerely,

Edward Vandyck
Environmental Protection Officer
Somerset Council