

## **Appendix 4 – Additional observations and recommendations from Environmental Health, following objection.**

**From:** Edward Vandyck

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**To:** Brad Fear; John Rendell

**Cc:** Lorraine Pegler; William 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 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.

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**  
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**Somerset Council**