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> **Subject:** Enquiry - Licensing (Ref: GE-1638399437)

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Enquiry type	Licensing
Details	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I have been trying for several days to submit a comment against the proposed variation in licensing for Queen's Hall, Cuckfield, app. number LI/21/1341. Each time I try to submit an error message comes up saying 'Your comments could not be submitted due to an error in the system'.</p> <p>As the closing date for comments is today (1st December) I am forced to submit my comments and objection here and ask that they please be registered against the application as per the due process.</p> <p>Our comments are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- commenting as a neighbour- objecting due to prevention of crime and disorder, public nuisance and other issues <p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p>

I am writing to strongly object to the variation in licensing in its current form. My partner and I feel strongly that if the current proposed licence is agreed it will result in a number of detrimental effects to our wellbeing and livelihoods, and that of our neighbours.

Our property directly adjoins the memorial garden and on several occasions this year we have already been disturbed by the noise from events held at Queen's Hall. The noise has at times been so loud it can be heard through double glazing with all doors and windows closed. This has prevented us from entertaining family and friends, and has even prevented us from sleeping at night. As you can imagine, when outside the noise is even worse, making it impossible to sit outside in our private garden and forcing us to keep windows and doors closed, even in summer.

I work as a teacher for the local authority and have to rise early during the week. The music and noise from the hall has already kept me awake on several evenings up to midnight, disrupting my sleep. This is with the music currently turned off by 11:30 and the noise coming from people exiting the hall; the idea that it may continue outside the Hall until midnight on any day of the week is daunting, and I fail to see how it will not affect my livelihood.

My partner works from home almost every day of the week and has also been affected by the noise from the hall. He often feels unable to make business calls because of the music that can be heard in the background, again with all doors and windows shut.

We can only imagine how much more intrusive the music will be if allowed to be played outside in the memorial garden, and the extent to which this will affect our wellbeing.

The current licence states that doors and windows in the hall should be shut at 9pm so as to contain the noise, however we can see that windows and doors are not being closed. We would like to know how the council plans to enforce this, in addition to their statement that people outside will be moved inside at 9pm in the new licence. This information should be added to the licence application.

The council also state in their conditions that a sound limitation device will be maintained, but do not state what the sound limitation will be. This should also be added to the licence application.

We feel that the application should be amended to the following:

- The number of events per year should be limited (we believe there is a current limit of 20 weddings per year, this limit should also apply to outdoor events) and this limit should be stated on the application
- Sundays should have no events with live or pre-recorded music or performances to allow residents to recover
- Monday - Saturday all playing of live or pre-recorded music or performances and should cease by 10pm
- Monday – Saturday alcohol should not be sold on the premises after 10pm

We appreciate that the Queens Hall is an important village amenity and has multiple uses and functions. However, we do not think it is unreasonable to ensure local residents working in the community are able to get a good night's sleep on weekdays and one day of respite at the weekend. This is particularly important given changing working conditions leading to more people working from home and requiring a suitable environment to do so.

Kind regards,
Residents, xx High Street

Contact preference

Email

From: [Jon Bryant](#)
To: [Olivia Barnard](#)
Subject: RE: Representation - Application to Vary Premises Licence Queens Hall
Date: 06 December 2021 15:00:00
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Dear Olivia

Thank you for your reply.

To clarify, the current licensing hours of the existing licence remain in place and are not affected by this application to vary the licence. The existing licence allows music to be performed only inside until 00:00hrs Mon-Sat and 23:00hrs on Sunday. The variation application is not in respect of these licensable activities.

The variation is to allow the following activities in the garden area:

The consumption of alcohol in the garden area up to 2100 hours. So Wednesday – Friday customers/users of the hall would be permitted to drink in the garden from 18:00 – 21:00 and on Saturday 12:00-21:00, and they would then have to move inside the premises if they wish to continue drinking up to 23:00 hours.

The request to hold a play in the garden area with amplified music is for just once a year. The varied licence would only allow this on one occasion a year.

The application states that the music will only be played in the garden area during the wedding ceremony. This therefore does not allow the outside playing of music during any subsequent wedding reception as that is not part of the ceremony.

There cannot be music played in the garden area other than during wedding ceremonies. It may be that other residents are confusing this with the requirement that any people drinking in the garden area will be moved inside at 2100 hours.

I am more than happy answer any questions you may have in respect of this application either by phone or by a visit to your address.

Issues around the existing licence in respect of noise and non-compliance with the licence conditions should certainly be brought to the attention of the Licensing Team and the Environmental Protection Team who deal with noise nuisance.

I have requested that a date is identified for a possible hearing date. Due to the Christmas period this is likely to be on or before the 20th December. I will update you once I have been informed of a panel date.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Jon

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From: Olivia Barnard <redacted>

Sent: 06 December 2021 13:14

To: Jon Bryant <Jon.Bryant>

Subject: RE: Representation - Application to Vary Premises Licence Queens Hall

Dear Jon,

Thank you for your emails.

I understand the application is to extend the current licence to cover performances outside, as well as inside. However I am conscious that performances outside will be considerably louder than those inside, and therefore should be under stricter time limits. I cannot seem to see the operating schedule online, so apologies if I may have missed some of the finer details here.

In respect of the recorded music played outside during wedding ceremonies; does this mean during the actual ceremony only, or during the ceremony and subsequent wedding reception? If the former then I would question why a licence is required outside up to 12:00am Mon-Sat and 11:00pm on Sundays? I can't imagine there are many ceremonies taking place that late and would request this be limited to 6pm throughout the week.

If the latter then I would strongly object to this change in licence. The music is already overpowering under the current licence, where the sound limitation device and walls of the hall are presumably limiting it's volume to local residents. The playing of music outside (presumably without the sound limitation device) would be even louder and have a greater impact on our lives. Our bedroom and study face the garden of Queen's Hall and are a mere 50 yards from where the music would be played. This will no doubt limit my partners ability to concentrate or take work calls during the day, and for both of us to sleep at night.

I understand via word of mouth from other residents that there may be a requirement to have all music moved indoors after 9pm. However, I cannot see this anywhere on the application and this would not be of any assistance during the day. There is also ongoing evidence that the current rules are not being adhered to or monitored in any way by the Parish Council, and I therefore have no faith that any future conditions will be adhered to (we will shortly be raising with you a complaint about another incident of loud music and windows not being shut while a party was being held in the hall last weekend).

Lastly, if a condition has been added to limit the consumption of alcohol to 21:00, then why is the application allowing the sale of alcohol until 11pm? Surely the application itself should be amended, rather than adding a condition, to avoid any confusion here.

Kind regards,
Olivia Barnard

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Jon Bryant](#)

Sent: 06 December 2021 10:42

To: [olivia](#)

Subject: RE: Representation - Application to Vary Premises Licence Queens Hall

Importance: High

Dear Miss Barnard,

I am following up on the below email I sent to you on the 3rd December.

Have you had the opportunity to consider the conditions that will be added to the varied licence? If they are not acceptable I will need to arrange a hearing by the Licensing Panel by the 31st December at the latest.

Please could you update me either way. If you are able to supply a contact phone number I can talk to you further about this.

Kind regards

Jon

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From: Jon Bryant

Sent: 03 December 2021 09:01

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Subject: Representation - Application to Vary Premises Licence Queens Hall

Dear Miss Barnard,

Thank you for your representation in respect of the application to vary the current premises licence at Queens Hall, Cuckfield.

To clarify the licensing process, this application to vary the licence is not a review of the current licence and concerns the potential impact of the variation application. To confirm the current licence allows the following activities

Licensable Activities authorised by the Licence and the times the Licence authorises the carrying out of Licensable Activities	
A performance of dance - Indoors	
Monday to Saturday	09:00 - 00:00
Sunday	10:00 - 23:00
The exhibition of a film - Indoors	
Friday to Saturday	14:00 - 23:00
A performance of live music - Indoors	
Monday to Saturday	09:00 - 00:00
Sunday	10:00 - 23:00
Ent similar to dancing/making music - Indoors	
Monday to Saturday	09:00 - 00:00
Sunday	10:00 - 23:00
The performance of a play - Indoors	
Monday to Saturday	09:00 - 00:00
Sunday	10:00 - 23:00
Any playing of recorded music - Indoors	
Monday to Saturday	09:00 - 00:00
Sunday	10:00 - 23:00

Sale by retail of alcohol	
Wednesday to Friday	18:00 - 23:00
Saturday	12:00 - 23:00

The application to vary the licence is to extend the performance of plays to include outside and the provision of recorded music to outside as well. The existing licensable hours are not changing.

However the application is more specific in respect of recorded music and the performance of plays.

The application states within the operating schedule that: *throughout the year a local theatre production group use the hall for plays, these are always held indoors and amplified music may be used. Once a year an outdoor play is held (currently on Cuckfield Rec), amplified music may be used. This will eventually be held in the garden.*

In respect of recorded music the application states in the operating schedule: *Music will only be played during wedding ceremonies, there will be no amplified or unamplified music played in the garden other than this.*

The application also states that the use of the garden area for the consumption of alcohol will only be permitted until 2100 hours.

Conditions are placed on the licence in accordance with representations and on the basis of the submitted operating schedule.

Therefore currently the additional conditions that will be added to the licence will be:

1. Music will only be played during wedding ceremonies, there will be no amplified or unamplified music played in the garden other than this.
2. On one occasion a year an outdoor play can be held with amplified music.
3. The use of the garden area for the consumption of alcohol will only be permitted until 2100 hours

Do these conditions assist in resolving your representation?

If not I will speak with the Parish Council regarding your representations.

In respect of the windows not being closed during the Summer period and excessive noise from the premises, when this occurs would it be possible to advise me or the Environmental Protection Team and then I can take this up straight away with the Parish Council.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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