

Licensing Act 2003 Responsible Authority representation

This representation is made by a responsible Authority for the London Borough of Havering concerning an application for a premises licence variation for the premises as detailed below.

Premises Name and address: The Drill Hotel Brentwood Road Romford RM2 5TD

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Summary of Objection: Objection to an application for a variation to a premises licence as if granted likely to undermine the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder and public nuisance.

Policy Considerations:

12. Licensing Hours

12.1 When dealing with new and variation applications the Licensing Authority may give more favourable consideration to applications with the following closing times: Public Houses and Bars 23:00 hours Sunday to Thursday Midnight Friday and Saturday Nightclubs 01:00 hours Sunday to Thursday 02:00 hours Friday and Saturday Restaurants and Cafes 23:00 hours Sunday to Thursday Midnight- Friday and Saturday Off licences 23:00 Monday to Sundays Hot food and drink supplied by takeaways, fast food premises Midnight- Sunday to Thursdays 01:00 Friday and Saturday Hotel residents only 24 hours sale of alcohol for on sales only

12.2 Consideration will also be given to the type of area that the premises is located in with regulated activities normally being permitted until 23.30 in residential areas and 00.30 in mixed use areas.

12.3 The above hours are a guide and each application will be considered on it's own merits.

12.4 The above hours are intended to guide applicants on the Licensing Authority's expectations when preparing their operating schedules.

12.5 For applications within the above hours there is no presumption that the application will automatically be granted in all cases where a relevant representation has been made. If no representations are received, the application will be granted by the licensing authority

under delegated powers.

12.6 Applicants who wish to provide licensable activities outside the hours specified above should ensure where relevant the operating schedule specifies detailed measures to militate against crime, disorder and public nuisance etc. taking into account:

- The location of the premises and the character of the area in which they are situated
- The proposed hours during which licensable activities will take place
- The adequacy of the applicant's proposals to prevent crime and disorder and prevent public nuisance
- Whether customers have access to public transport when arriving at or leaving the premises
- The proximity of the premises to other licensed premises in the vicinity and the hours of operation of those other premises policies and proposals for the orderly dispersal of customers.

17. Noise

17.1 The Licensing Authority is committed to protecting the amenity of residents and businesses in the vicinity of licenced premises, particularly when late hours have been sought. Where relevant representations are received, the Licensing Authority will request appropriate restrictions or controls on the licence to support the prevention of undue noise disturbance from licensed premises.

17.2 The Licensing Authority will seek to balance the protection of residents from undue disturbance against noise and the activity that is the natural by-product of people going about their business, entertainment or leisure.

17.3 The Licensing Authority expects that premises intended for the provision of noise-generating licensable activities are acoustically controlled and engineered to a degree where the noise from the premises when compared to the ambient noise level will not cause undue disturbance. The Licensing Authority recognises specific difficulties associated with premises structurally linked to would be licensed premises and the limit of sound insulation performance that can be achieved. In some circumstances licensed premises adjoining residential properties may not be appropriate.

Representation

This representation against the application is primarily based on the fact that the premises is situated within a residential area and the public nuisance licensing objective is likely to be undermined.

The Authority recognises that the premises is on a busy roundabout and close to a mixed-use commercial area, however, there have been issues in the past with patrons congregating in the area upon egress causing noise nuisance to neighbours.

The authority also recognise that the current tenants are good operators and have a good working relationship with the council. Unfortunately, the location does lend itself to being a premise with a presence in the late night economy. The commercial value of trading later has to be balanced with the needs of local residents reflected in the local licensing policy.

The hours requested sit outside the recommended policy hours for licensed premises in a residential area. The current licence already authorises licensable activities until 00:00 on Friday and Saturday nights.

Any further extension of hours is likely to increase noise nuisance, specifically from regulated entertainment and live music. Whilst residents in the vicinity may have become accustomed to the current noise levels, any extension could cause additional disturbance. The background noise levels from traffic would be lower at 01:00hrs and as a result the noise from those levels would be heard more acutely.

Dispersal from the premises would also be later. It is conceivable that a customer could get their last order at 01:00hrs, exit the premises at 01:20 and congregate externally, awaiting a taxi or speaking to friends before departing. Whilst the request for later hours for licensable activity is until 01:00, there is a risk that disturbance and nuisance could continue far beyond those hours.

Considering the risk of undermining the crime and disorder licensing objective, with increased hours of the sale of alcohol comes higher levels of intoxication. This can impact on an individual's decision making abilities and become a risk factor in issues of anti-social behaviour and violence.

It can cause customers to be louder and more boisterous, again having the potential for disturbance to residents. Previous incidents at the premises have been at dispersal where fights have occurred in the street.

Conclusion

The Licensing Authority respectfully requests that the licensing sub-committee refuse the extension of licensable activities at the premises as it is against the recommendations with the Authority's policy hours and is likely to undermine the licensing objectives.

Complaint and Inspection History (if applicable)

N/A

Other documents attached

N/A

Signed

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Dated: 02nd October 2025