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Subject: SRU154341 - Drill Variation, Brentwood Road Romford

Dear Sirs

I refer to the recent application for a variation to the premises licence at The Drill, to extend the hours of the premises licence until 00.00 hours Monday-Thursday and 01.00 hours Friday and Saturday. I am assuming that the terminal hour on a Sunday will remain until 22.30 hours. I am commenting on the application regarding the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

Whilst I appreciate that the use of the shed bar will continue to be used under the hours permitted by the current licence (until 23.00 hours Monday-Thursday and 00.00 Friday and Saturday, 22.30 Sunday) I have concerns regarding the proposals, particularly around the use of the beer garden (irrespective of the time of closing of the shed bar) and the noise from customers as they leave the premises in the early hours of the morning.

I note that the current conditions indicate that a Public Nuisance Policy is to be agreed between the premises licence holder/DPS and the Environmental Health team at the Council. I cannot find any records that this has agreed by the Council, and would be grateful if a copy of this agreement can be provided. I would also be grateful if you could provide details of the noise limiter installed and used at the premises.

I note that music and speakers are not to be provided to the external areas of the venue (as required by the current licence) which does address some of my concerns, however it does not address the concerns that I have regarding customer noise in the outside areas (particularly in the summer months) until the early hours will cause a public nuisance to those neighbouring residents. This from the front of the pub (facing Tesco and the flats above the shops opposite the venue on Brentwood Road), as well as those properties on Slewins Lane, which overlook the beer garden. No measures to address these concerns have been put forward, to ensure that customer noise does not cause a public nuisance.

Similarly, as customers leave and congregate as they leave, in what is a predominantly residential area in the early hours of the morning, residents will be affected by this noise.

My final concern is that the proposed hours are in excess of the Council's licencing policy, of 23.00 hours Sunday-Thursday, and 00.00 hours Friday and Saturday. No specific measures have been made to address these concerns.

I do appreciate that the Environmental Health team have not received any complaints in the last year regarding the premises, and this could indicate that the pub is well run, and is complying with the licencing objectives, however the extension of hours will inadvertently increase the noise in the area in the early hours, primarily from customer

noise. Whilst I do appreciate that the current conditions of the licence will remain, the control of customer noise has not been adequately addressed, and the application is at odds with the Council's licencing policy. As such I am unable to support the requested application.

I would welcome any comments you may wish to make, and additional measures to be added to the operating schedule to address these concerns. In order for me to address any comments you may wish to make before the consultation period ends, I would welcome your comments by 17 October 2025.

Regards

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