

Application for full variation to a premises licence at 19 Wyle Cop, Wyle Blue World Bar/Restaurant

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Representation: Mrs A. J. McKeever

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. Proposed variation to the Premises Licence 19 Wyle Cop and related planning application 22/05558/FUL

My concerns with the change of use to this business can be summarised as follows:

1. Noise pollution in what is already a congested area of pubs and restaurants;
2. Environmental pollution from smokers congregating in a small area surrounded by dwellings;
3. Customers congregating in front of the premises which is on a very busy road and potential danger to moving cars and pedestrians due to the pavement size immediately outside.

Within a 100m radius of the site there are three existing café premises and at least 10 establishments serving alcohol, including the Nag's Head pub which is next door. The area does not need another late night bar.

The proprietor already has a licence to serve alcohol with a meal condition. Should this condition be removed and the hours extended as proposed, the previous planning restrictions limiting these criteria will be rendered ineffective for the site as a whole.

The variation proposed to create a drinking establishment is likely to give rise to disturbance and noise in the area, not only from music and talking inside but also as customers come outside to smoke, as is common place, and to use the proposed outside toilet; noise issues could also be created or exacerbated when people enter and leave the premises and with noise levels competing with the Nag's Head next door.

The noise level associated with a drinking establishment in such close proximity to many neighbouring residential units would create a level of nuisance (primarily consisting of noise but potentially including light and privacy disturbance also) far above that which would be acceptable for a residential dwelling within a town centre location.

As such, this proposed full variation of the licence is likely to cause significant adverse impact on the quality of life for local residents contrary to national policy set out in paragraph 185 (a), (b) and (c) of the National Planning and Policy Framework:

'(a) mitigate and reduce to a minimum potential adverse impacts resulting from noise from new development – and avoid noise giving rise to significant adverse impacts on health and the quality of life;

b) identify and protect tranquil areas which have remained relatively undisturbed by noise and are prized for their recreational and amenity value for this reason;

and c) limit the impact of light pollution from artificial light on local amenity, intrinsically dark landscapes and nature conservation.

The proposed full variation of the licence also contravenes the provisions of Shropshire Local Development Framework Adopted Core Strategy policy CS6 'Contributes to the health and wellbeing of communities, including safeguarding residential and local amenity'.

For these reasons I strongly object to the application.

Mrs A. J. McKeever

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