

Wednesday, 18 October 2023

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Dear Mr O'Neil,

I am very sorry I misunderstood that I needed to apply in writing to attend the hearing. I am dyslexic and sometimes get these things wrong and I have just come back from holiday. I will be happy to attend but as I have addressed all aspects of complaints raised I would hope there is no need to hear from me very much.

I purchased number 10 to improve the general building, and make it one homogenous structure to welcome visitors off the train outside Shrewsbury station. I intend to change the windows back to the original sash style, and make the additional rooms, a more intimate space than the bar, primarily for conversation and meal consumption.

I do not intend to have more bar or live music source. My original application was very straightforward and would allow extra music sources outside etc. The application is altered to take into consideration everything that's been said by all parties - the only worry seems to be noise from the back garden and the new license would temper the existing license so giving all parties what they want.

I know that a proportion of the people, who made representations, have actively withdrawn their objections and the remainder have not responded at all. In the light of this I have decided to progress with this application, having addressed everything raised and the advice from other agencies.

I have owned and run the pub since 2018 investing my own money to make it structurally sound converting the pub to one level giving full disabled access and facilities. We plan to invest another £250,000 in completing the disabled access hotel development with wet room wheel chair access bathrooms. Renovating the former 'Ark' building into the development. This would add further jobs/staff to the 7 jobs the Tumbledown Hotel presently employ. I have a wish to sustain and renovate the two substantial buildings.

I own in Shrewsbury, St Annes Church and the old Albion Vaults ensuring they have a place in the future of Shrewsbury, I have done this so far without any grants etc and I will progress to work with all agencies to this end. I have a history of complying with the terms of the Licences I hold ie premises, personal and SIA licences, along with the temporary event licences I take out at the Church/Brewery periodically.

I have moved around appointments to be here for the hearing, if the committee has any questions I'm quite willing to address them in person.

Regards

Christopher Julius Jones