



REPRESENTATIONS PROCEDURE NOTES

- A representation can be made against an application for a premises to carry on a licensable activity within the 28 day consultation period. Representations can also be made against applications to make variations to an existing licence.
- Representations may be made by:
 - Responsible authorities
 - Other persons
- To make a representation you must complete and send this form to licensing@shropshire.gov.uk. Representations may also be submitted by post to: Licensing Team, Business & Consumer Protection Service, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND.

PLEASE NOTE: The representation form must be received by the Licensing Team before the end of the consultation period stated on the site notice, newspaper notice and the Council's website, or it will not be accepted. Posted representations not received within a consultation period due to the postal system will be treated as late and not accepted.

- Where a representation is accepted as relevant, **the Council will share the representation in its entirety with the applicant and their agent.** This is to allow them an opportunity to consider the issues raised in the representation and discuss possible ways to mitigate the objector's concerns with them directly.
- Only in exceptional circumstances will personal details be redacted from representations. This will be when the Council considers that there is a genuine risk of intimidation / violence to the persons making representation. Persons making representations who consider this to be a risk should make it clear on their representation and they will be contacted to discuss further.
- At the end of the consultation period, if any representations remain, the name and address of persons making representations will be published on the report to the Licensing Sub Committee, which will be publicly available.

For further information and guidance please visit the 'current licence applications in consultation' page on our website www.shropshire.gov.uk/licensing where you can find further details on all applications and download our guidance on **Making Representations and what to expect in a Licensing Act Sub- Sub Committee.**



**Licensing Act 2003
REPRESENTATION FORM**

The boxes marked * are mandatory. Representations missing this information will be automatically refused

Other Persons

*Name/ Name of business/organisation you represent	Susan Ratcliffe
*Postal address	[REDACTED]
Telephone number	[REDACTED]
Email address This is the most reliable way for us to communicate with you, please provide an email address if you have one	[REDACTED]

*Name & address of premises for which the representation is being made Bobby's Units 25 and 26 The Parade, St Mary's Place Shrewsbury Sy1 1DL

***Your representation must relate to one or more of the following four licensing objectives. Please detail the evidence supporting your representation or the reason for your representation. Please use separate sheets if necessary.**

THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER At present in the quiet and secluded areas around The Parade and The Court (the residential part of the same building) residents have sadly witnessed frequent drug dealing, rough sleepers and the use of part of the area as a lavatory. Given the size and type of venue proposed, I believe the incidents of crime and disorder in the vicinity, if this licence is granted, will get much worse and would impact on the security and peaceful enjoyment of the residents in the apartments above and the many dwellings in the surrounding area. This concern is heightened by the lack of attention to enforceable steps in the operating schedule to prevent crime and disorder. The CCTV condition that has been offered is woefully inadequate and the door staff condition completely meaningless and unenforceable.
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PUBLIC SAFETY

The present trading hours of the retail area in the building are from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm with the large gate at the rear of the building that is locked overnight. During the day, the terrace is an open area with a cafe at the south end which is open from Monday to Saturday with fully seated service both inside and on The Terrace which stops at approximately 4.00pm. Since the 9th June 2024 The Riverview Cafe has opened on a Sunday from approximately 10.30am to 3.30pm

One of the main fire escapes from the apartments exits is immediately adjacent to the proposed tabled area and the operating schedule does not take this into account, or public safety at all in relation to the apartments above the premises.

If access and egress to the premises is to be via the slope between The Parade and Watergate Mansions, this opens on to the narrow part of St Mary's Place behind the Church with only a narrow pavement on the opposite side of the road. This presents a hazard both to those on foot as well as drivers coming round the tight left-hand corner.

This is very concerning and suggests no consideration whatsoever has been given to the residential properties above the premises in relation to public safety, or at all. All that has been offered on the operating schedule in respect of public safety is a completely unsuitable condition that simply duplicates other statutory requirements, duties or responsibilities placed on the applicant by other legislation.

THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

The applicant operates a number of other licensed premises in Shrewsbury and they all feature regulated entertainment as a significant part of their operation. The applicant has applied for regulated entertainment until midnight from Monday to Saturday within this application, and yet has conspicuously failed to propose steps in the operating schedule to mitigate the inevitable effects this will have upon local residents. These will include Upper and Lower Blackfriars, Watergate Mansions, Windsor Lodge and the apartment adjoining the private car park in St Mary's Place, the houses on the Gay Meadow as well as The Court. This impact will be acutely felt in the apartments directly above the premises, particularly those with balconies which are immediately above the rear terrace and will inevitably and significantly impact upon their quiet enjoyment of their homes. Presently, the Parade as a whole is closed on a Sunday and from 6.00 pm every evening. The Operating Schedule contains no noise management plan, dispersal policy, proposals around sound attenuation devices or any other widely recognised steps to mitigate public nuisance emanating from these premises. In fact, all the operating schedule currently proposes is some posters requesting 'minimum noise' (from whom it does not state) which is completely meaningless and that all staff and entertainers will be aware of commitment to ensure good noise management – to which I am bound to ask what does that even mean?

THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM

It is especially worrying that the applicant has not even suggested a Challenge 25 scheme or any other enhanced age verification policy on its Operating Schedule. This suggests they have no regard whatsoever for the protection of children from harm. As mentioned above, the Riverview Cafe at the south end of The Terrace serves a large number of families who bring their children who need protecting from the worst excesses of alcohol.

In St Mary's Church Hall, a building adjacent to The Parade, there is a dance studio where a large number of children aged from 6 years old attend classes most weekday evenings from

6.00p.m as well as during the day and early evening on Saturdays and Sundays.

Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account. Please use separate sheets where necessary.

It is not my role to suggest conditions; by way of the statutory guidance and the council's own Statement of Licensing Policy the applicant is required to consider the area within which these premises are situated and frame their Operating Schedule accordingly. This has manifestly not happened despite the cheek by jowl location of many residential properties to the premises to which this application is subject. It may well be that responsible authorities propose further steps following the submission of the application but that doesn't alter the fact that the applicant has submitted this application without taking any neighbouring properties into account; this strongly suggests he is incapable and/or unwilling to promote the licensing objectives I believe that this a totally inappropriate use of this area and can only have a detrimental effect on this quiet residential area as a whole.

Apart from restricting the hours for licensable activity from Monday to Saturday from 9.00am to 5.00pm and placing severe limits on the use of the outdoor space, we can think of no other conditions that would remedy our representations.

- Generally, if there is to be a hearing to determine the premises licence application, the Licensing Sub Committee will only be able to consider matters that have been previously disclosed. No new evidence can be introduced at the hearing. It is therefore imperative that you detail all matters that you wish to be considered on this initial representation. Please attach additional sheet if necessary.
- If you make a representation, you will be expected to attend the Licensing Sub Committee hearing and any subsequent appeal process. **All representations in their entirety, including your name, address and contact details will be disclosed to the applicant for the premises licence and their agent.**
- If limited or withheld personal details are redacted from representations, where notice of a hearing is given to an applicant, the licensing authority is required under the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 to provide the applicant with copies of the relevant representations that have been made.

I/We fully understand that this representation will be made available to the applicant and included in the Sub Committee's Hearing papers which are publicly accessible documents, and any subsequent appeal court proceedings.

27th June 2024

Signed

Date:

If this form is sent as an email attachment, its transmission will confirm that you have agreed the above conditions

Please return this form along with any additional sheets to:

licensing@shropshire.gov.uk or by post to: Licensing Team, Business & Consumer Protection Service, Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND