

Licensing Act 2003 REPRESENTATION FORM

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refused

Other Persons

*Name/ Name of busi- ness/organisation you represent	Dr Mel Walters and Dr Tim Haines		
*Postal address			
Telephone number			
Email address			
This is the most reliable way for us to communicate with you, please provide an email address if you have one			

*Name & address of premises for which the representation is being made

Bobby's, Units 25 and 26, The Parade, St Marys Place

Ref 24/01720/LPREM

*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

PUBLIC SAFETY

This application is for the conversion of a shop to a Tapas Bar in a historic listed building with adjacent shops (currently open 0900-1715 Monday to Saturday) and apartments above. The building is in an area of Shrewsbury where there is peace and quiet, close to but not in the bustling part of the centre of Shrewsbury. It is behind the medieval St Marys Church and graveyard. The area is not a 'backwater', it is a place where people have positively chosen to be quiet. There are a large number of residences in the area and many people like to live there so that they can walk around Shrewsbury rather than drive. It is currently a relatively safe place for residents (including women on their own) to walk back to their flats/homes, even in the late evening. The proposal is for extensive opening hours from 0800 to midnight (with other variations on Sundays and Bank Holidays) with most of the eating/drinking on the open-air terrace. The intention is to sell alcohol throughout this period for consumption on and off the premises. The application also includes for playing live and recorded music. An inevitable concern is that the drinking associated with the 'bar' nature of this application will make walking in this area late at night less safe.

THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

A walk around Shrewsbury on a summers evening gives a very good indication of how noise travels. The activities and music from the bar/terrace will inevitably lead to increased levels of noise for people who live in the flats above and the other residences close by - with subsequent issues for their health and wellbeing. Even without music, the chatter of a lot of people drinking and eating in an outside space can be very loud and annoying. It may be relevant for you to know that we have clauses in our lease that say that we should not 'use our property for activities which are ...noisome .. or which .. may become a nuisance or annoyance .. to neighbouring property' and we can't allow 'recorded sound or a musical instrument to be heard outside our flat'. Surely there must be reciprocation as Watergate Mansions and St Mary's Parade are immediately adjacent to each other.

It seems inevitable that this significant change of use will lead to increased rowdiness, drunkenness and anti-social behaviour in the area around St Marys Church, particularly late at night. As there are no public toilets open in the centre of Shrewsbury after 16.00 it seems inevitable that the graveyard will be at risk.

As the application allows for selling alcohol for consumption off the premises (and they may wish to sell food to take-away too), this would inevitably lead to increased traffic and parking issues in the area of St Marys Place, where access is one-way only and parking is very limited.

THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM

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.

We suggest as follows, but our flat does not directly overlook the proposed bar and those residents who's flats do may feel that these 'cafe type' conditions may still lead to annoyance/nuisance:

> No alcohol to be sold that would be consumed off the premises No live music to be performed or recorded music heard outside the The Parade Units 25/26. Opening hours restricted to the current The Parade shop opening hours of 9.00 - 17.00 Monday - Saturday No take-away food to be sold Licence review after 6 months

- 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.

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23	June	2024

Signed:

Date:

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