

THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE - see below

LICENSING OBJECTION – EXTENSION OF OUTDOOR TERRACE HOURS

I am a resident of The Court, located immediately above the premises, and I wish to object to the proposed variation of the premises licence to extend the use of the external terrace into the evening.

This objection is made on the grounds of the **prevention of public nuisance**.

1. Previous Licensing Decision

This matter has already been considered at a Licensing Sub-Committee hearing on 24 July 2024 (where more than 70 objections were considered), where it was determined that use of the terrace beyond 17:00 would give rise to unacceptable impacts on nearby residents.

There has been no material change in circumstances since that decision. The relationship between the terrace and the residential properties above remains unchanged, and the character of the area is the same.

The current application therefore represents a further attempt to extend operating hours beyond those previously considered acceptable.

2. Direct Impact on Residential Properties

The terrace is located directly beneath residential flats at The Court, with no meaningful physical or acoustic separation.

Noise from voices, conversation and general activity travels directly upwards into the flats above. During warmer months, windows are open, and the impact becomes immediate and intrusive.

Extending the use of the terrace into the evening would result in ongoing disturbance during the period when residents would reasonably expect peace and quiet within their homes. The proposal would effectively introduce the noise of an outdoor bar/restaurant into residents' homes during evening hours.

3. Nature of Noise and Evening Use

The application assumes that the terrace will operate as a quiet environment. This is not realistic.

The seating capacity has increased to c65 covers and has changed configuration to be that more akin to a bar than a restaurant. Evening use of outdoor hospitality areas typically involves:

- raised voices and group conversations
- laughter and intermittent peaks of noise
- increased noise associated with alcohol consumption

In a quiet environment such as this, these sounds are clearly audible and intrusive.

4. Quiet Character of the Area

The rear of The Parade becomes **quiet and residential in character after 17:00**, with very little footfall or background noise.

This is not a typical late-night town centre location. The introduction of evening terrace use would fundamentally alter the character of the area and result in ongoing public nuisance to nearby residents.

5. Inadequacy of Proposed Mitigation

The applicant suggests that the new, more enclosed layout would reduce noise impacts. However, given that the terrace sits directly below residential properties, this may instead concentrate or channel noise upwards rather than reduce it.

No robust evidence has been provided to demonstrate that the proposed arrangements would prevent nuisance.

6. Conclusion

The proposed extension of terrace hours would give rise to public nuisance, contrary to the licensing objectives.

The previous Licensing Sub-Committee decision remains correct, and there is no justification for departing from it.

For these reasons, the application should be refused.

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.

Retain the current arrangements, with which Bobby's understood and undertook to comply as recently as February 2026 (planning ref:25/04731/FUL)

- 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.