

Memo

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Licensing Act 2003
Review of Premises Licence
Today's Extra, 14 Gain Lane, Bradford, BD2 3LW

I support the above application for a review of the Premises Licence for Today's Extra, 14 Gain Lane, Bradford, BD2 3LW.

Environmental Health received a complaint on 10th September 2021 with 31 signed letters attached reporting a number of issues associated with the premises. The issues reported were as follows:

1. Alcohol use
2. Drug use (suspicions of dealing as well)
3. Very loud music
4. Very loud shouting and banter
5. A lot of litter left including: bottles, cans and drug use equipment (gas cans) on the footpath and road.
6. People also bring different cars to race, accelerate and skid (most of them have loud exhausts)
7. Drive up and down Gain Lane at high speeds approx. 100mph (would like speed limit changed/speed camera or speed bumps).

The letters we received indicated that the problems were happening outside the shop. I rang one person who had signed a letter and discussed it with them. I was informed that people were congregating at the shop and that the issues wouldn't be there if the shop wasn't open 24 hours per day.

Of the above issues that were raised in the letters, Environmental Health can only tackle the issue of loud music if it is being played on the premises. I was told that the music was from vehicles pulling up to go to the shop and as this is different vehicles each time I wouldn't be able to take action under the legislation I enforce.

I advised I had forwarded the letters to the Police ASB Team, Police Licensing Team and Council Licensing Team as well as the Councils enforcement team for the litter side of things.



From my experience, complaints of this nature are becoming increasingly common as premises are opening for longer hours and they are becoming a meeting place for young people.

As the premises are located in area surrounded by residential properties it is inevitable that noise from the playing of amplified music in vehicles, people shouting and laughing, cars racing up and down the street etc will impact upon local residents late at night and in the early hours of the morning when they are usually in bed trying to sleep.

I would therefore recommend that the opening hours of the premises are reduced as follows:

- Monday to Sunday 06:00 hours to 23:00 hours

Kind Regards



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