

# Licensing Act 2003 – Representation Form

Personal Details					
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Premises Details (please give as much information as possible)			
Application Ref:	WS/PRL/1037		
Name of Premises	Lexx Bar and Grill		
Address of Premises:	75 Bridge Street, Walsall, WS1 1JQ		

#### **Reasons for Representation**

Please provide your reasons under the relevant licensing objective below. You are not required to complete all sections. Complete only those that you consider are relevant to your representation.

## The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

## The Prevention of Public Nuisance

I am employed as a Community Protection Officer for Walsall Council and have delegated authority for the investigation of complaints in relation to Noise Nuisance under the Environmental Protection Act 1980.

Walsall Council and West Midlands Police have been working in partnership in regards to addressing issues on the night time economy across the town centre and therefore the approach to trying to resolve issues that have been raised with premises has resulted in the response been one of a partnership between the Council and Police working together to address issues when and where they occur.

Further to the representation which was submitted as part of the consultation process the Local Authority have continued to receive complaints regarding Noise from the Premises.

The Community Protection Team have received an additional 25 Noise recording complaints since the consultation process ended. The additional recordings that have been received are from original complainants. As you will see from Appendix 12 the table has been completed in the same format to show the times and dates and also the severity of the noise that has been recorded.

Of these recordings we have the following breakdown for days of the week:

Monday 0 recordings received Tuesday 6 recording was received Wednesday 3 recording received Thursday 1 recording received. Friday 4 Recordings received. Saturday 3 recordings received Sunday 8 Recordings received

The hours of the recordings that were received were as follows:

Between 5 pm and midnight 1 recordings (1 medium) Between midnight and 1 am - 1 recording (high) Between 1 am and 2 am - 5 recordings (3 High) Between 2 am and 3 am - 3 Recordings (3 high) After 3 am - 15 Recordings (15 High)

As you will note on the table I have categorised the recordings Green, Amber and Red to show the graded level of noise that would be acceptable taking into account the day and time and what I have heard.

You will note from the table that I have shown where the noise recordings have been taken from as 16 recordings have been sent through by residents using their own mobile phone video function and 9 have been sent through using the noise app. There is then also a breakdown showing that 6 videos have been received from the front of the property and 19 have been received from the rear of the property.

As this is additional evidence to support the original representation you can see and note that the premises is still continuing to play music at high levels even though a Review Application has been made against the premises. At this point I feel that the Premises have been given ample opportunity to try and resolve the noise complaints that have been received and we are still receiving complaints.

The Licence Holder has still made no attempt to contact the Local Authority or modify their practice or operation to minimise/resolve the existing issues and noise complaints and, even after being served notice of the Review hearing by West Midlands Police, have continued to play music at the premises at unreasonable levels.

Walsall Council therefore has no reasonable alternative but to support the revocation of the Premises Licence as the Licence Holder has clearly demonstrated a complete disregard for regulation, neighbours within the vicinity and failed to co operate with the licesing authority in every respect.

This leads the Council to have no confidence that the licence holder would remedy this situation even if given the opportunity.

## Public Safety

# The Protection of Children from Harm

In accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003, the Licensing Authority is required to include all personal details in the Committee report. Should there be exceptional circumstances, which require the protection of your identity, please explain the reasons below:

#### Declaration

I confirm that the information I have provided is true and correct.

Signed:

Dated: 15/09/2022

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