

Appendix C – Representation John Haigh

From: John Haigh [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 December 2022 13:24
To: Licensing Team <licensing.team@exeter.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Ref Licence Application - No 3 Gin Bar

Dear Licensing Team,

I'd like to submit a representation for the licence application at No 3 Gin Bar, 3 Fore Street, Topsham, Exeter. EX3 0HF.

Please accept reasons against granting the licence under the following heading:

Prevention of Public Nuisance

The bar is extremely noisy, especially during evening hours when the music gets turned up and it changes into a late bar / club. Given its position in the heart of a residential area, the loud music and in/egress of punters greatly disturbs the residents in surrounding buildings and streets. Although the current hours permit opening until midnight, the noise lasts beyond closing time as people leave. This effect is greatly increased in the summer months when the doors are kept open all evening, and will cause even greater disruption to local residents should this application be accepted. The surrounding addresses are mainly residential, those that are commercial close at around 6pm. Therefore the noise disturbances are easily attributed to No3 Gin Bar and have a very real negative effect on our sleep of myself and my wife. We cannot be alone as the majority of nearby buildings are residential.

Prevention of Crime and Public Disorder

Given the nature of late night venues, I would be concerned for the increase in both drug and violent offences to both property, punters and residents. It would require tight control with professional door staff to police activity inside the venue, but such activity that spills into the surrounding streets needs consideration also. There are no public loo's that will be open at 2am, and very little transport infrastructure to move people on from the residential area.

My details are as follows:

Name: Mr John Haigh

Address: [REDACTED]

Kind regards,
John

Please see some evidence of their promotion below, this is just what I put together this evening:

Devon Live announcing later opening hours are approved - [Link](#)

Devon Live article also mentioning later opening hours - [Link](#)

Facebook Post sharing article (screen grab attached) - [Link](#)

Facebook Post sharing their opening hours in October (screen grab attached) - [Link](#)

Photo confirming the front door advertising later opening - Attached

I also have an audio recording, taken on the noise app (which links and submits reports to Environmental Health) that clearly evidences the late opening after the permitted hours. This was recorded from our bedroom before we went and slept elsewhere in the house.

There is some anecdotal evidence, which I haven't yet confirmed, that the police were also called to a noise complaint at the bar. I'll try and get more information on this, I expect you might have greater luck confirming this given your position however.

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I know it might seem like I've a real bee in my bonnet, I really don't want to stunt a local business but it is already having an effect on our lives.

If I find more I will let you know.

Kind Regards,

John



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