

08 January 2024

Dear Sirs,

Representations made by Ralph and Mary Silver

Variation of premises license. Maltings Hotel, The Street, Weybourne, NR25 7SY

New Application: WK/230100253. Premises Licence Number LN/000001668

We own a property adjacent to the Maltings. We wish to make the following representations concerning the above licencing application.

We note:

- Applications are for dining/events up to 01.00. The hotel is situated in a residential area. Irrespective of precautions taken this is likely to cause unacceptable noise nuisance. Licenses should be restricted to an earlier time, i.e. 11.00 or 00.00.
- It is probable that Maltings Hotel will host many large gatherings (personal celebrations, business meetings, etc.) where live band/DJ amplified music may be requested. As the definition of 'Indoors' includes a tent such 'indoor' events may hosted in effect 'outside' at the discretion of the applicant.
- It is proposed that background music be allowed both indoors and outdoors till 01.00. The Licensing Act 2003 refers to background music as "music which is incidental to an activity which is not itself the provision of regulated entertainment, for example, music played in lifts or piano, music played in the background in the restaurant." I note it makes no mention of decibels. The restriction provides little comfort to residents.
- The applicant expects outside events to be very seasonal, only used in peak summer. This may be so, but businesses provide outdoor dining in spring, summer and autumn possibly with outdoor heating. Climate warming can only extend the window for such outdoors enjoyment.
- Section 12 of 18 at 'State type of activity to be authorised' - the wording is a little unclear. Outside, late night refreshment accompanied by Sonos style speakers is envisaged till 01.00. In the quiet of the night, the result would be loud voices and loud music. (& see [b] above).
- Section 11 of 13, appears to allow the hotel to act as an off-license till 0100. This could lead to much coming and going and consequent noise.

Section 16 describes the steps the measures the applicant intends to take to promote the four licensing objectives. We do not see they can ameliorate the issues raised above.

The re-opening of the hotel is welcomed. That said, we find the application too wide in effect for premises set in the middle of a residential area. We ask the Licensing Committee to take account of our above comments in considering the application.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Ralph Silver, Mary Silver