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Subject: Application for Variation of Premises Licence - Finn M'Couls - LICPR/05/00178

The Town Council wishes to OBJECT to the Application for Variation of Premises Licence by Finn M'Couls on the grounds that it would infringe or violate the licensing objective for prevention of public nuisance.

There are a number of residential areas that would be affected if the application were to be granted, particularly those in George Mews, Handley Court and around Strides Lane and Deweys Lane. Therefore, the Council believes that, due to the location of the establishment, it would not be appropriate to grant the application for the following reasons:

- 1) To remove the condition that "the patio shall not be used by customers after 23:00hrs" will result in the patio being used for the duration of the establishment's already extended opening hours. We understand that the existing licence allows for alcohol to be sold until 1am Monday to Wednesday, 2am Thursday to Saturday and midnight on Sunday. The Council believes that this would create an unacceptable disturbance to residents in nearby properties.
- 2) The Council does not accept that the establishment should be given carte blanche for live music indoors, due to its proximity to a number of residential properties.
- 3) There appears to be no restriction on the request for 8 live outdoor music events per annum. The current licence restricts these events to 4 per annum, with no more than one of those being amplified. The Council believes that any increase in the number of outdoor music events would have a detrimental impact on the residents of the surrounding properties, particularly if all of those events were to be amplified.
- 4) The Council does not accept that the establishment should be given carte blanche for recorded music played outdoors or that the finish time should be extended to 23:00hrs. Again, this is due to the proximity of the establishment to a number of residential properties.
- 5) As you are aware, residents of George Mews have been particularly affected by the significant problems associated with Legends Cue & Sports Club at 17 Market Place, just a few doors down from Finn M'Couls. The Council is therefore concerned that any increase in disturbance which would result from the granting of this application, would have a cumulative impact on those residents.