



Ref: TSL/Lic Act

Lotus Lounge, Fairfax Court, 32-34 High Street, Yarm, TS15 9AE.

16/12/14

As a local resident, I wholly object to an extension of licensing laws and smoking area provision for the above property in Yarm.

The residents located to the side and behind the property already suffer from noise emanating from the venue on an evening, especially in the summer months, when the side and rear doors are often left open for ventilation. The bar plays Dance Music and the heavy repetitive kick drum and bass sound is clearly audible all around the side and rear of Hide. As music is played until midnight, there can often be no respite.

Sunday nights have in the past been especially noisy after 22.00 as the outside ambient noise is usually whisper quiet as very few revellers are out, making any bass heavy repetitive funk sound even louder. Several times the doors at the side and rear have been opened, (I assume to allow cooler air into the club), but at the detriment of residents nearby.

I also oppose the provision of an outside smoking area, as this would only exacerbate the current problems with al fresco drinking and smoking on an evening in Yarm. To have it at a raised height will only make the sound of all the smokers travel further, and to say nothing of the potential of noxious smoke travelling down wind. The later the evening the louder all the smoking areas get, for obvious reasons.

I understand Yarm has built a reputation as an evening destination, but also as a desirable area for professionals to live, hundreds of apartments back on to the rear of this bar. It

It appears there is a balance between residents and businesses, and a happy medium should be normal bar hours during the week, and midnight at weekends (excluding Sundays) for any bar playing loud music. Residents have no problem with late opening hours, but only if music and outside areas (smoking included) are sealed off.

Surely, it is not too much to request residents can get to sleep during a working week without all this noise pollution after a certain time. It seems we constantly receive these planning applications from all bars, trying to squeeze extra hours here and there. I assume the proprietors do not live within 100m of them!

Lotus Lounge/Hide is arguably the worst perpetrator of noise pollution as mentioned above, the style of music is very bass heavy and the repetitive thud can be heard many blocks away. There is also lots of noise from the establishment around the side refuse bins and banging of doors.

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