BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC REPORT

Report to:	Licensing Sub Committee B
Report of:	Acting Director of Regulation &
_	Enforcement
Date of Meeting:	Tuesday 22 nd March 2016
Subject:	Licensing Act 2003
	Premises Licence – Grant
Premises:	The Site Office Bar, The Basement, 32 – 34
	Water Street, Birmingham, B3 1HL
Ward affected:	Ladywood
Contact Officer:	David Kennedy, Principal Licensing Officer,
	0121 303 9896, licensing@birmingham.gov.uk

1. Purpose of report:

To consider relevant representations that have been made in respect of an application for a Premises Licence which seeks to permit the Sale of Alcohol (for consumption on and off the premises) to operate from 10:00am until 12:01am (Sunday to Thursday) and 10:00am until 01:00am (Friday and Saturday).

To permit the provision of Regulated Entertainment consisting of live music and recorded music, to operate indoors only, from 10:00am until 12:01am (Sunday to Thursday) and 10:00am until 01:00am (Friday and Saturday).

Premises to remain open to the public from 10:00am until 12:30am (Sunday to Thursday) and 10:00am until 01:30am (Friday and Saturday).

Other dates and times as specified in the application.

2. Recommendation:

To consider the representations that have been made and to determine the application.

3. Brief Summary of Report:

An application for a Premises Licence was received on 2nd February 2016 in respect of The Site Office Bar, The Basement, 32 – 34 Water Street, Birmingham, B3 1HL.

Representations have been received from Environmental Health, as a responsible authority, and from other persons.

4. Compliance Issues:

4.1 Consistency with relevant Council Policies, Plans or Strategies:

The report complies with the City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Council's Corporate Plan to improve the standard of all licensed persons, premises and vehicles in the City.

5. Relevant background/chronology of key events:

Andrew Charles Heath applied on 2nd February 2016 for the grant of a Premises Licence for The Site Office Bar, The Basement, 32 – 34 Water Street, Birmingham, B3 1HL.

A representation has been received from Environmental Health, as a responsible authority. See Appendix 1.

Representations have been received from other persons. See Appendices 2 - 12.

The application is attached at Appendix 13.

Site Location Plans at Appendix 14.

When carrying out its licensing functions, a licensing authority must have regard to Birmingham City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Guidance issued by the Secretary of State under s182 of the Licensing Act 2003. The Licensing Authority is also required to take such steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives, which are:-

- a. The prevention of crime and disorder;
- b. Public safety;
- c. The prevention of public nuisance; and
- d. The protection of children from harm.

6. List of background documents:

Copy of the representations as detailed in Appendices 1 – 12 Application Form, Appendix 13 Site Location Plans, Appendix 14

7. Options available

To Grant the licence in accordance with the application.

To Reject the application.

To Grant the licence subject to conditions modified to such an extent as considered appropriate.

Exclude from the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates.

Refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premises supervisor.



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То:	Licensing Section,	Date: 29 th February 2015
	Crystal Court, Aston Cross Business Village,	
	50 Rocky Lane, Aston, Birmingham, B6 5RQ	
From:	Paul R Samms, Environmental Protection Officer	
	Environmental Health, 581 Tyburn Road,	
	Birmingham, B24 9RX	
CC:		Ref:
Subject:	Application for Premises License – Licensing Act 2003	
	Address: Site Office Bar, 32-35 Water Street, Birmingha	ım, B3 1HL.

I, Paul R Samms, as a representative of Environmental Health, formally raise a representation on the above application.

My representation(s) concern the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the promotion of the following licensing objective: **the prevention of public nuisance**

I am concerned that the grant of the licence would undermine the licence objective for the prevention of public nuisance.

I am liaising with the applicant to try to seek a way to address the issue. I will be in contact with you in the week or so with further information about my representation.

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SHCOSMITHS

6th Floor Colmore Square 38 Colmore Circus Queensway Birmingham B4 6SH

24th February 2016

Licensing Department Birmingham City Council Licensing Section P.O Box 17013 Birmingham B6 9ES

Sent Via Email: licensing@birmingham.gov.uk

Dear Sirs,

Premise Licence Application- Ref- 94712 Location- The Site Office Bar, The Basement, 32-34 Water Street, Birmingham Representation-

We make this representation on behalf of our above named clients who reside at , The Rifle Maker, 32-34 Water Street, Birmingham- the location where this application relates.

Our client's would like this letter to be registered as a representation against the granting of the application for a premises licence.

The representation is made in relation to the following of the licensing objections:

- 1. Prevention of Public Nuisance
- 2. Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- 3. Public Safety

Having consulted Birmingham City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy ["SLP"], we understand that the policy at paragraph 6.8 confirms that "the Council will approach each application on its own individual merits having regard to the representations received, the Guidance and this policy, and with the aim of properly promoting the licensing objectives, which it recognises are paramount considerations". It is the view of our client's, that the above listed licensing objectives cannot be upheld with the granting of this licence.

The Premises:

The premises is situated in a complex of six luxury loft apartments, four of which have been bought and are occupied. These were renovated last year and sold to buyers who were able to move into the apartments in December 2015.

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The complex is directly adjoined to two neighbouring residential buildings (Derwent Foundry and Viceroy House), containing 102 apartments. The area has been significantly redeveloped with a large number of buildings being converted into residential apartments, and others in the pipeline.

Contained within the application the applicant states that, "The applicant has operated the bar on a number of Temporary Event Notices in 2015 with no known complaints". Our clients have been made aware that a fellow resident had made a complaint in relation to a Temporary Event Notice ["TEN's], which took place in October 2015. It is therefore not correct for the applicant to state otherwise.

1. The Prevention of Public Nuisance

Our clients are deeply concerned at the level of prospective noise which will emanate from the basement bar, if a licence were to be granted for the premises. Not only emanating in sound, but also vibrating through the building. The building itself was built in the early 1900s and although it has been renovated to a very high standard, the exterior brick work remains the same. It is therefore not equipped with noise reduction solutions that you would expect to see if a bar were to be situated in a residential area. The applicant alludes to having installed sound proofing in the basement area, but no evidence of this has been seen, or technical assessment as to how this will actually reduce sound/vibration. Our clients have been made aware that during that operation of the TEN's, residents from the adjoining building were kept awake by the music noise and vibrations of the music base. It is our client's view, that this would be worse for them, given that they reside in the same building directly above.

It is clear from the plan that there is only one entrance to the premises. This therefore causes concerns in relation to the customers entering and leaving the premises, as this will cause additional noise levels. The customers will also be using the same one door, to go outside onto the street for smoking. The entrance door is located only approximately 5 metres from the main entrance door to the residential loft apartments, where our clients reside. This will therefore mean that there is going to be people standing around smoking at the entrance area to the apartments. This present all kinds of issues, and causes a nuisance to the residents of the building. There are also terraces directly above the entrance door, which will mean any residents enjoying the outside area of their property, will experience an exacerbated level of noise and smoke nuisance from those outside the door way.

This area outside the entrance where people will smoke, is likely to be littered with cigarette ends from those discarding their used cigarettes, as there is no bin or facility to dispose of them. This potential littering will cause a nuisance to the residents.

Our clients have been made aware that during a series of TEN's at the premises there were issues with broken glass being left outside the entrance, when customers had been allowed to bring glasses/bottles outside with them. This is of grave concern to our clients, as not only is it a public nuisance, and danger to them and their dog, but also to guests of the residents and also members of the public using the pavement/road.

The premises does not have any customer parking. This therefore means that the customers will have to find alternative places to park. There is a small carpark opposite the premises, which is a privately owned car park for a nearby commercial premises. As this is a daytime business it is likely that customers will try to use this, as the street parking in the area is residents only. Or, they will disregard the Traffic Regulation Order and park contrary to it on the street. Either way, with no parking at the premises it is likely that customers who wish to park nearby are going to do so in a way that will cause a nuisance to residents. There is also going to be the added nuisance of taxis pulling up outside the premises, waiting with their engines running directly outside the residential building, and using horns to get attention, this causing a noise nuisance to the residents. This will take place directly below the front windows and terraces of the residential properties.

When customers leave the premises between midnight and 01:00 hours, the area is quiet. It is therefore likely that the noise of customers leaving, especially those who have consumed alcohol and will be generally louder than normal, and would cause a nuisance to those residents in the nearby proximity. The applicant alluded to putting up signs to ask customers to leave quietly. But without any supervision from door staff it is unlikely to happen.

The communal bins are located in the ground floor residential car park area of the building. There is no information as to where the bins, in particular the glass recycling bins of the premises will be kept. It is therefore a concern of our clients that the glass/bottle rubbish from the premises will be taken to the communal bin area, which will only be accessed by carrying the rubbish up the stairs and out of the main entrance, and then down to the residents' car park. The sound of emptying glass/bottle bins creates a very loud noise, which will cause a nuisance to the residents. In the operating schedule the applicant states that bins will be emptied between 10:00 and 19:00 hours. During the TEN's our clients have been made aware that this did not happen, but happened after the events had finished, in the early hours of the morning. Our clients therefore have no confidence that if this were to be made a condition of the premises licence, that this condition would be adhered to.

There is no reference in the operating schedule to how the noise levels will be managed. The applicant has applied for a licence to cover 'live music', 'recorded music' and 'the performance of dance'. There is no identifiable area marked on the plan as to where live music would be played from. There is no reference in the operating schedule to whether or not any sound reduction equipment would be used. There are severe concerns in relation to the nuisance that the playing of music in any form would cause to the residents.

Our clients are concerned about the hours which have been applied for within the application. This is a heavily populated residential area, and to have a premises of this nature open on weekdays until midnight and on Fridays/Saturday until 01:00am would cause a severe public nuisance. The residents of this building cannot be expected to be disturbed on a week night until midnight, when they are likely to be trying to sleep, and going to work in the morning. The residents have a right to a private life (Article 8 - ECHR) and allowing such lengthy opening times, would prevent them from exercising this right.

2. The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

There is no indication on the applicants plan as to where the CCTV cameras will be positioned within the premises that they are going to install. Our clients would accept the presence of CCTV does act as a deterrent for crime and disorder but does not prevent it. There is no mention in the application of there being any SIA door staff at the premises. This would therefore leave the premises and staff vulnerable if any incidents were to occur within the premises. Although the layout of the premises is not clear, and the location of the bar is not defined on the plan, what is clear, is that there are walls within the small area, and therefore there will be areas that are not visible from the bar area. If there are no SIA door staff monitoring the customers, then this will leave the areas vulnerable to crime and disorder, not only inside the premises but outside also. It will also make it more difficult to manage who is allowed entry to the premises and the refusal of service to anyone. Customers will have already come down the stairs into the bar and be in the premises, before an assessment by bar staff would take place as to whether they are going to be served.

There is also no mention in the application as to what the ratio of staff to customers will be, given that the application does not indicate any SIA door staff are going to be employed, if an incident were to occur, given that there is only one entrance and exit, the bar staff and other customers would be left vulnerable.

During the TEN's it was witnessed by residents, that there were people using the car park opposite the premises to take drugs. This causes our clients grave concern, as not only may the customers be intoxicated from purchasing alcohol from the premises, but they may be under the influence of other illicit substances.

3. Public Safety

Given that the entrance to the premises is in such close proximity to the entrance of the residential building, our clients are concerned that there will be groups of people hanging around outside late at night, in the dark by the entrance, using the area to stand and smoke. This would be very intimidating to residents who are coming back to their residential apartments. Given the quiet area, it would also make them vulnerable especially if they were alone.

Our clients have concerns as to the layout of the premises in relation to their only being one stair case in and out. Given that there are no other exits from windows etc. identified on the plan, our clients would consider this a fire risk.

The application suggests that there will be a capacity of 60 people. There is nothing to evidence in the application that this figure was given by the Fire Authority and whether a fire risk assessment has been conducted. Furthermore, there is also no ventilation shown on the plan, which causes an additional public safety risk.

Due to there being no SIA door staff at the entrance, monitoring of the capacity count will fall to the bar staff. Our clients would suggest that this is unfeasible for them to be monitoring the capacity, whilst carrying out their role behind the bar. They will also not know at any one time who is outside smoking.

Additional Points to Consider:

The "SLP" that Birmingham City Council has adopted, at paragraph 6.13 states, "Where businesses have indicated, when applying for a licence under the 2003 Act, that they have also applied for planning permission, or that they intend to do so, licensing committees and officers should consider discussion with their planning counterparts prior to determination with the aim of agreeing mutually acceptable operating hours and schemes". We would seek clarification as to whether these discussions have taken place and what was the outcome of those discussions? Our clients raise the point that if there is no planning permission for such a premises to exist in this building, why does the premises need a licence as it is inoperable?

Our clients are deeply troubled and concerned by the application that has been made. The premises is in an area which is predominantly residential buildings, and is directly below residential apartments of which our clients reside. It is clear from the area that this venue will be a 'destination venue' which will cause additional footfall and people to come to the area, given that there are no other premises of this nature in the direct area. Contained in the "SLP" at paragraph 20.3.1 is a suggestion that 'the Council may consider the direct impact of a premises licence or club premises certificate, on those persons living or working in the area concerned'. Our clients would encourage you to seriously consider the residents living above and in close proximity to this premises.

It is the view of our clients that the premises would not be able to promote the licensing objectives for the reasons identified above, and as such feel that the licensing subcommittee should refuse the grant of the licence.

Yours faithfully,

Shoosmiths LLP

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From:

Sent:

09 February 2016 15:35

To: Subject: Licensing 32 water st

It has come to my attention that an application for a premise licence at 32 water street (rifle makers development) for a bar/nightclub in the basement of the property.

There have been previous events held here and caused significant noise disturbance and complaints have been filed with the council. The main disturbances have been the bass of the music thudding throughout the building and neighbouring building,taxis/engines running in water street,crowds in water street smoking shouting outside the premises,being anti social and littering outside the premises which could lead to environmental issues.

I'm very unaware why this development is allowed to go ahead next to an exclusive development where it could have an impact of desirability of the apartments in the area not to mention negative short term effect.

I would like to object to the above address to hold a licence.

Yours faithfully

Address: Derwent Foundry, Mary Ann Street, Birmingham B3

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From:

Sent: 12 February 2016 15:47

To: Licensing

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Subject: RE: Licensing Act 2003 (Grant) RE: The Site Office Bar.

Thank you for your email.

I would therefore like to make a formal representation on application number 94712, under the Licensing Act 2003. Please take this email as my formal representation.

This representation falls under 2 of the licensing objectives;

- 1) The prevention of crime and disorder; and,
- 3) The prevention of public nuisance.

I purchased an apartment in the Derwent Foundry Development last year and have lived in this property since May 2015. My apartment faces out onto Water Street - all of my windows (bedrooms and living room etc) open out onto Water Street and my balcony overlooks Water Street. My apartment is also adjacent to the Rifle Maker development (in which The Site Office resides in its basement).

I filed a complaint in October 2015 to Birmingham City Council in relation to The Site Office, when it was operating as a temporary events bar. The reason for my complaint was as follows:

- the bass of the music thudding throughout the building, keeping residents awake all night
- people shouting/arguing in the street when outside smoking in the middle of the night
- people smashing glasses outside in the street
- people actively taking drugs across the road from the bar
- increased number of taxis in the street, along with engines running for long periods of time and horns being beeped
- more shouting in the street as people leave the bar
- the noise of the bar staff clearing out the bar and empting all glass bottles into the builders skip again in the early hours of the morning.

As you will appreciate from the above, this has clearly caused a public nuisance to all of the residents that live on Water Street, which comprises 3 developments in very close proximity to The Site Office Bar (Rifle Maker, Derwent Foundry and Viceroy House). Not only has this caused a nuisance with the noise, it is a breeding ground for crime and disorder, evidenced by the shouting and arguments occuring in the street, bottles being smashed and drugs being taken.

We were told by the developer of Rifle Maker that The Site Office would no longer continue to operate as a bar following the redevelopment of the Rifle Maker into luxury apartments. We are therefore deeply troubled to have seen this licence application.

We strongly object to any bar or nightclub being opened in this development. Not only will this have an adverse short term effect on us, all of the residents and the area in which we live (with all of the problems listed above) but it was also have a long term impact on the desirability of the apartments in this area.

Water Street is becoming increasingly residential and we have already experienced several problems with The Tunnel Club (complaints have been filed to the council and our contact is Gerg Jambor). The Site Office will only exacerbate noise problems even further.

I trust the above is sufficient detail on why I am making this representation, however, should you require any further information please let me know.

I am on holiday from Wednesday 17th February returning 3rd March. As representations must be made by 1st March, if you require any further information from me, please contact me before Wednesday 17th February

Kind regards

From:

Sent: 26 February 2016 23:51

To: Licensing

Subject: Re: Licensing Act 2003 (Grant) RE: The Site Office Bar, The Basement, 32-34 Water

Street, Birmingham, B3 1HL

Hello

We have seen a copy of the representation that has been drafted by Shoosmiths LLP on behalf of our neighbours dated 25th February 2016.

We would like to emphasise our representation is in line with those comments, and concur with the points made within that representation, and support it fully.

We therefore confirm that we do not believe the licensing objectives, in particular, the prevention of public nuisance, the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety, will be upheld for the reasons identified within that letter.

Regards

Appendix 5

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From:

Sent: 22 February 2016 16:4/

To: Licensing

Subject: Objection to Licence No., 8860 Application No. 94712, 'The Site Office Bar'.

I am writing as a resident to object to the granting of a license for the supply of alcohol and the provision of entertainment in the basement of Rifle Maker building, Water Street, Birmingham.

The licensing laws refer to the principle of natural justice, the right to be heard and the avoidance of bias. I would strongly argue that in this context residents face a very raw deal if a license is granted.

Specifically re Rifle Maker, this property houses six of Birmingham's most expensive apartments. The development as it stands can rightly claim to be an excellent example of urban regeneration, something that both Birmingham Council and the Jewellery Quarter Development Trust are keen to promote.

Adding a bar/club with a very late, 7-day license and **no provision for smokers** guarantees that residents will suffer noise, nuisance and litter well into the night, most nights of the week. There is already ample evidence of this from other nearby premises granted similar licenses.

The Tunnel Club has a license to sell alcohol 24-hours a day and also has no proper provision for smokers . When the club is open, smokers congregate on the street in an illegally constructed area, sometimes until 7am in the morning. This venue is within 50 yards of Rifle Maker and is already a source of stress to residents. ('public nuisance')

At the opposite end of Water Street, the Actress and Bishop has a 4am licence at weekends and 2am the rest of the week.

There simply has to be a balance. The JQ is not short of pubs, restaurants and clubs. Just putting signs up around St Paul's Square saying 'Quiet - residents area' is a futile gesture. If a license is granted at Rifle Maker this will be another example of businesses being given priority over residents. And this will be to the ultimate detriment of Birmingham, the JQ and the numerous hostelries seeking greater local footfall as fewer people choose to live in such an anti-social environment.

Returning to the 'natural justice' theme, Birmingham City Council has to respect the rights of residents from whom it receives high rate band council tax. A decision to grant a license at Rifle Maker would negatively impact residential values there and the quality of life of those same council tax payers. Technically, my objection falls under the condition 'prevention of public nuisance'.

Rifle Maker, 32-34, Water Street, Birmingham, B3

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From:

Sent: To: 22 February 2016 20:24

Licensing

Subject:

Objection to Licence at 32 Water Street, Birmingham, B3

To The Licensing Authority
Birmingham City Council
Ashted Lock
Building 1-3, Ground Floor
Birmingham Science Park Aston
Dartmouth Middleway, Aston
Birmingham
B7 4AZ

22nd February 2016

To whom it may concern,

I live next door to 32 Water Street (Rifle Maker development) and have seen that an application for a Premises Licence is being made for a bar/nightclub in the basement of the property; supplying alcohol and providing entertainment up until 12am Sunday to Thursday and until 1am on a Saturday.

This is something that I would like to object to in the strongest possible terms.

First of all I am extremely disappointed that I was only informed of this after a neighbour noticed the application in the window, so we could have missed out on our opportunity to object and raise concerns. This is especially disappointing as I have previously raised on a number of occasions concerns regarding the lock in events that were taking place in the basement at 32 Water Street due to the noise, disturbances and litter caused. I was advised that this was only going to be a short term issue and would cease once the flats had been completed.

So I know myself and other residents have already over the past year put up with a number of issues and disturbances caused by events next door on the assurance that this was only a short term problem.

Therefore I feel strongly that if this licence was to be granted, then I and the neighbourhood would suffer from noise, disturbance, and anti-social behaviour.

I am also extremely concerned with the proximity of the proposed bar and in particular the entrance, as my flat is situated above what has been used as the main entrance (see below). So this has caused real issues in terms of noise, loud music and smoke from when people have been congregating outside until early hours of the morning. This has meant we have had to keep our windows closed and if a bar was to open every night of the week we will clearly be impacted.



Due to these issues I don't believe that the applicant can fulfil/comply with the licencing objectives - 1. The prevention of crime and disorder or 3. Prevention of public nuisance.

I would also like to point out that we already have issues with noise and anti-social behaviour from the two bars (Stirlings and The Tunnel Club) at either end of Water Street, adding an additional bar will just exasperate these issues.

Please if you require any further information let me know.

Kind Regards

Appendix 7

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From:

Sent:

24 February 2016 02:33

To:

Licensing

Subject:

Application Number 94712

Re. License Number 8860 Application Number 94712 The Site Office Bar

We would like to lodge an objection to this application on the grounds of cauing public nuisance. Noise from smokers on the street outside the premises the main concern.

Best regards,

Viceroy House Water Street

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From:

Sent:

24 February 2016 20:12

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Objection to alcohol licence application

Viceroy House 65 Water Street Birmingham B3

REF. Licence number 8860. Application number 94712. The Site Office Bar, Basement, 32-34 Water Street, Birmingham.

Dear Sir/Madam

We are writing to object to the above alcohol licence application in the strongest possible terms.

Having tolerated the noise disturbances from large groups of drinkers congregating and smoking outside 32-34 Water Street over the last 18 months, at what we understood to be a temporary bar that would cease to exist once the above 'high-end' flats were occupied, we are not satisfied to see the bar/club become a permanent fixture on Water Street.

In addition to the aforementioned shortcoming that the licence applicant has no adequate provision for smokers, we wish to raise concerns over the noise associated with the sorting and collecting of refuse material like glass bottles being tipped into recycling bins that will seriously jeopardise the peace and quiet that local residents are entitled to. These tasks which are often carried out at 'closing time' will see antisocial noise disturbances beyond midnight Sunday to Thursday and even later on Fridays and Saturdays.

The area will undoubtedly also see a marked increase in noisy diesel taxis at all times of the day and particularly late at night on what is currently a quiet residential road with no other licensed premises on our stretch of Water Street. The drivers of these vehicles often have no regard for local residents, sound horns and are likely to park inconsiderately causing noise problems and access problems to our garages which border the street almost directly opposite the proposed bar. The passengers can often be noisy and inconsiderate also and the wider issue of parking for the patrons of the bar has also not been addressed and will lead to nuisance from carelessly, illegally and inconsiderately parked vehicles on the surrounding yellow lines and residents parking areas.

Furthermore, the street litter associated with such venues quickly turn the street into a rubbish dump. There are already often glass bottles and glasses smashed on the road and pavement, cigarette ends and polystyrene food containers and food - adding to the area's rodent problems. This litter problem is only going to get worse with the granting of this licence and Birmingham City Council have demonstrated already that they have little resources to deal with the clean up effectively as it is now. The refuse containers from the Cucina Rustica restaurant and Sterling bar on Ludgate Hill are already an eyesore and the area cannot tolerate any further destruction of the street scene and associated nuisance.

We trust that you understand our concerns and will not grant an alcohol licence to this venue and applicant.

Appendix 9

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From:

Sent:

28 February 2016 22:00

To:

Licensing

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Subject:

Premise Licence Application number 94712

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Dear Licensing Department

We have seen a copy of the representation that has been drafted by Shoosmiths LLP on behalf of our neighbours , dated 25th February 2016. We would like to make a representation in line with those comments, and concur with the points made within that representation, and support it fully. We therefore confirm that we too would like to make a formal representation, and do not believe the licensing objectives, in particular, the prevention of public nuisance, the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety, will be upheld for the reasons identified within that letter.

We make the following statement in light of recent personal experience:

We purchased and moved into our apartment in the Rifle Maker Building on Friday 18th December 2015. It was apparent that an event was taking place in the basement of the building; noticeable from the music, loud voices and groups of people smoking outside the basement entrance to the property. I was approached by an employee of the Developer around 01.00am 19th December 2015 informing me that the event would be ending soon and that this was the last time these events would be held. The activities did not end for some time afterwards, when inside our new flat we clearly heard the music from the basement and the voices of people in the street were audible.

As you will appreciate from our experience on our first evening in our new property, this has clearly caused a nuisance to us and potentially to other residents that live in the three developments in very close proximity to this potential venue, Rifle Maker, Derwent Foundry and Viceroy House.

To restate, we were informed by an employee of the Developer of the Rifle Maker, that this basement area would no longer continue to operate as a licensed venue following the moving in of all the purchasers. We are, therefore, deeply concerned to have seen this licence application as our terrace is situated directly above the entrance of the basement subject to the application.

In summary, we strongly object to any bar or nightclub being opened in this development on the grounds of, prevention of public nuisance, prevention of crime and disorder and public safety. As, with the problems identified, it will have an adverse effect on us, other residents, the area in which we live and the potential long term impact on the apartments in this rapidly developing residential area.

Kind regards,

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From:

Sent:

29 February 2016 14:44 Licensing

To: Subject:

LICENCE NUMBER 8860, APPLICATION NUMBER 94712 - THE SITE OFFICE BAR

To the Licensing Authority

RE: LICENCE NUMBER 8860, APPLICATION NUMBER 94712

THE SITE OFFICE BAR

Please accept this letter/e-mail as an **objection** to the application by Andrew Charles Heath for a New Grant of a Premises Licence For: The Site Office Bar, The Basement, 32-34 Water Street, Birmingham B3 1HL.

Residing and owning a property at 65 Water Street for the past two years, we have within this time experienced disturbances from the above mentioned address when it had a temporary licence. When the venue was open there was additional noise experienced from individuals shouting in the street whilst smoking and from individuals leaving the premises and loitering in the street, with some stopping to place glasses on our window sill which is at street level. On a separate occasion we experienced some aggravation when trying to drive along the street to park our car, as individuals who were standing outside the temporary bar felt it was their right to stand/walk in the street and not let us pass. Additionally we can only imagine that there will be an increase in traffic/taxis in the street if this site is granted permission to operate.

As owners of a property in Water Street we have invested in this area and only feel it is our right to be allowed to enjoy our home in peace without unnecessary disturbance.

St Paul's Square and the surrounding areas have a wealth of bars, restaurants and clubs to offer, hence we do not see the need for an all-day bar/club (bearing in mind that the intention is to sell alcohol from the premises from 10:00am daily including weekends) at this site.

Yours sincerely

. Viceroy House, 65 Water Street, Birmingham B3

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From:

Sent: 28 February 2016 15:26

To: Licensing

Subject: Objection to Licence No.. 8860 Application No. 94712, 'The Site Office Bar'.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to object to the application for a licence for The Site Office Bar, The Basement, 32 - 34 Water Street, Birmingham B3. I live in ..., Viceroy House, Water Street, Birmingham B3. IHA which is directly opposite the proposed bar. This area is now predominantly residential and the granting of a licence for supply of alcohol on and off the premises and provision of entertainment will cause considerable distress to local residents. I object to this application on the basis it will cause public nuisance:

- a) There is no allocated smoking area for this bar which means that smokers will stand outside on the pavement causing noise and litter.
- b) If a licence is granted for music/dancing no matter how well soundproofed the building is, noise will affect local residents when the doors open for people to go in and out of the bar. The constant comings and goings of visitors/smokers means that the statement that doors are kept shut at all times is completely unworkable.
- c) There must already be problems with noise around the St. Paul's Square bars as notices have been put on lampposts asking people to be considerate when leaving bars/restaurants late at night. We all know that this is a futile request when people have consumed alcohol. People will also be picked up outside by taxis so there will be banging of car doors until late at night.
- d) Granting a late night licence for seven days a week means that there is no respite whatsoever from noise. How can people be expected to sleep, especially during the summer months when windows are open, if there is constant late night noise? Most residents will work 9 5 hours during the week but will be disturbed until well past midnight. They will probably be lucky to get 6 hours sleep before setting off to work the next day.
- e) Any premises that has a licence for late night drinking will experience problems with inebriated customers no matter how well trained the staff. I am sure these people will be asked to leave the premises so will spill onto the pavement where they may vomit, cause noise and start fights. Having CCTV cameras doesn't stop this behaviour it only monitors it!

I appreciate that this is an urban area but I believe the council have a duty to all residents who pay considerable amounts of council tax to ensure that they can live with a reasonable degree of security and peace. If a licence is granted the only option for residents is to complain to the police every time there is an incidence of noise/disruption.

Viceroy House, Water Street, B3 1HA

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From:

Sent:

27 February 2016 23:56

To:

Licensing

Subject:

Premise Licence Application- Ref- 94712

Dear Sirs,

Premise Licence Application: Ref- 94712

Location: The Site Office Bar, The Basement, 32-34 Water Street, Birmingham

I would like this email to be registered as a representation against the granting of the application for a premises licence. As you may note from my address below I am a resident of the location where this application relates.

I have seen a copy of the representation that has been drafted by Shoosmiths LLP on behalf of my neighbours , dated 25th February 2016. I would like to make a representation in line with those comments, and concur with the points made within that representation, and support it fully. I therefore confirm that I too would like to make a formal representation, and do not believe the licensing objectives, in particular, the prevention of public nuisance, the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety, will be upheld for the reasons identified within that letter.

King Regards,

Rifle Maker Building 32 - 35 Water Street Birmingham

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App ref: 94712

Birmingham City Council, Licensing Section, P.O. Box 17013, Birmingham, B6 9ES

Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

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Part :	2 - Appli	icant Details		
Pleas	se state w	whether you are applying for a prem		
			Please t	tick as appropriate
a)	an ind	lividual or individuals *	☑	please complete section (A)
b)	a pers	on other than an individual *		
	i. e	as a limited company		please complete section (B)
	ii. a	as a partnership		please complete section (B)
	iii. a	as an unincorporated association or		please complete section (B)
	iv. c	other (for example a statutory corpo	oration)	please complete section (B)
c)	a reco	gnised club		please complete section (B)
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e)	the p	the proprietor of an educational establishment							please com	plete section (B)	
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ga)	a person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England								please com	plete section (B)	
h)	the chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales							please comp	olete section (B)		
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I am m	I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities; or I am making the application pursuant to a statutory function or a function discharged by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative										
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	E-mail address optional)										

SECOND INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (if applicable)

Mr Mrs Miss	Ms Cher File (for example, Rev)
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1 am 18 years old or over	☐ Please tick yes
Current postal address if different from premises address	
Post town	Postcode
Daytime contact telephone number	
E-mail address (optional)	
(B) OTHER APPLICANTS Please provide name and registered addre registered number. In the case of a partne corporate), please give the name and address.	ss of applicant in full. Where appropriate please give any ership or other joint venture (other than a body ess of each party concerned.
Name	
Address	
Registered number (where applicable)	
Description of applicant (for example, partne	rship, company, unincorporated association etc.)
Telephone number (if any)	
E-mail address (optional)	

Part 3 Operating Schedule

When do you want the premises licence to start?	DD MM YYYY 1 1 0 3 2 0 1 6						
If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?	DD MM YYYY						
Please give a general description of the premises (please read guidance note 1) The application is for a small basement unit. The unit is located in the basement of 32-34 Water Street. Built of brick the unit has been tastefully constructed & will be refurbished to a high standard. Capacity limited to 60 persons. The bar is housed in a 3 storey building with exclusive residential apartments newly constructed. The landlord of the basement & building has ensured that sound proofing has been installed to minimise any noise emanating							
from the bar. The applicant is looking to create an exclusive up market bar,							
The premise comprises of a small bar servery, store room, toilet facilities, and fit	xed & lose wooden seating with						
tables.							
The applicant is in the process of acquiring planning consent for the premises to							
The applicant has operated the bar on a number of Temporary Events Notices in complaints.	2015 with no known						
If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend. What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises?							
(Please see sections 1 and 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Schedules 1 and	2 to the Licensing Act 2003)						
(Please see sections 1 and 14 of the Licensing Act 2005 and Schedules 1 and							
Provision of regulated entertainment	Please tick any that apply						
a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)							
b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)							
c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)							
d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)							
e) live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)	T						
f) recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)	Ø						
g) performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)							
anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H)							
Provision of late night refreshment (if ticking yes, fill in box 1)							
Supply of alcohol (if ticking yes, fill in box J)	rø						

In all cases complete boxes K, L and M

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Plays Standard days and timings (please read guidance note			Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	8
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Day	Start	Finish		Both	
Mon			Please give further details here (please read gridance	note 3)	
Tue					
Wed			State any seasonal variations for performing plays (p note 4)	olease read guida	іпсе
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Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the performance of plays at different times to those listed the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
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Films Standard days and timings (please read guidance note			Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	4
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Day	Start	Finish		Both	
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Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the exhibition of films at different times to those listed in left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
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Indoor sporting events Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Please give further details (please read guidance note 3)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			
Tue			State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events (please read guidance note 4)
Wed			
Thur			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)
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Boxing or wrestling entertainments Standard days and timings			Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	
(please read guidance note 6)				Outdoors	
Day	Start	Finish		Both	
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance	note 3)	
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Wed			State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling (please read guidance note 4)	entertainment	
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Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the or wrestling entertainment at different times to those column on the left, please list (please read guidance no	e listed in the	xing
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Live music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note		_	Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	Z	
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Day	Start	Finish		Both		
Mon 10:00hrs 80:01hrs		6 0:91àra	Please give further details here (please read guidance	note 3)	·	
Tue	10:00hrs	60:01 krs				
Wed	10:9 0 km	00:91 hrs	State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music (read guidance note 4)			
Thur	10:04 hrs	80:81 hrs				
Fri	16:00hrs	01:00hrs	Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the performance of live music at different times to those on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)	premises for the listed in the col	e umn	
Sat	10:00turs	01:00hrs	New Year's Eve through to 01.00hrs New Year's Day			
Sun	19:00krs	90:81brs				

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Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note				Indoors	Ø
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Day	Start	Finish		Both	
Mon	10:00hrs	60:01 hrs	Please give further details here (please read guidance	e note 3)	
Tue	19:00hrs	00:01krs			
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Thur	19:0 6 brs	90:01hrs			
Fri	19:00brs	01:00hru	Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the playing of recorded music at different times to those on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat	10:00hrs	01: 6 0hrs	New Year's Eve through to 01.00hrs New Year's Day		
Sun	10:00hra	09:01 hrs			

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Performances of dance Standard days and timings (please read guidance note			Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	Ø
6)	-			Outdoors	
Day	Start	Finish		Both	
Mon	16:00hrs	00:01hrs	Please give further details here (please read guidance	note 3)	
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Sat	10:00hrs	01:00hrs	New Year's Eve through to 07.00mrs New Year's 222y		
Sun	18:90hrs	00:01hrs			
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Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment y	ou will be provid	ling
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Mon	10:96brs	00:01hrs	outdoors or both - please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Outdoors	
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Tue	10:00hrs	00:01 krs	Please give further details here (please read guidance	note 3)	
Wed	10:90 hrs	00:01hrs			
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Late night refreshment Standard days and timings (please read guidance note			Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	
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Day	Start	Finish		Both	
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Wed			State any seasonal variations for the provision of late (please read guidance note 4)	e <u>nig</u> ht refresh	<u>nent</u>
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Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption — please tick (please read guidance note 7)	On the premises	
				premises	
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Mon	10:00hrs	90:01hrs	State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcoh- guidance note 4)	ol (please read	
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Fri	10:00hrs	01:00hrs	New Year's Eve through to 01.00hrs New Years Day		
Sat	10:00hrs	01:00hrs			
Sun	10:00hrs	00:01hrs			

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as designated premises supervisor:

Name Andrew Charles HEATH					
Address					
Postcode					
Personal licence number (if known)					
Issuing licensing authority (if known)					

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Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note a Non			

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Hours premises are open to the public Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)		timings	State any seasonal variations (please read guidance note 4)
Day	Start	Finish]
Mon	10:00hrs	00:39hrs	
Tue	10:00hrs	00:30hrs	
Wed	10:00hrs	06:30krs	Non standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be open to th
Thur	10:00hrs	00:39brs	public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)
Fri	10:00 hrs	01:30hrs	New Year's Eve through to 01.30hrs New Year's Day
Sat	10:00 krs	01:30hrs	
Sun	10:00hrs	09:30hrs	

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Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 9)

- Management will ensure all staff receive adequate training on a regular basis, relating to the four licensing objectives, general licencing regulations/Conditions including Fire regulations.
- Documented staff training will be given regarding the retail sale of alcohol and the prevention of underage sales.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

- Customers will not be permitted to carry open bottles or glasses beyond the licensed area.
- A CCTV system shall be installed, maintained and operated at the Premises. The CCTV cameras and
 recording equipment must be of sufficient quality to work in normal lighting levels inside the Premises
 at all times. CCTV footage will be stored for a minimum of 31 days and provided to the Police upon
 request.
- The premises will maintain an incident book and refusals register, both of which can be inspected by any member of a responsible authority at any time.
- Staff will be given on-going training including identification of anti-social or unusual behaviour

c) Public safety

- Adequate Lighting will be provided in all public areas and outside
- Management will ensure that the external areas of the premises are monitored to prevent any anti-social behaviour, public nuisance and ensure litter caused by the premises is kept to a minimum.
- Electric, gas and relevant equipment are to be checked and maintained in working order and tested Annually.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

- Noise reduction measures to address the public nuisance objective, including:
 - Soundproofing of the premises.
 - Doors to be kept shut at all times
 - No drinks outside,
 - Prominent, clear and legible notices will be displayed at the exit requesting the public to respect the needs of nearby residents and to leave the premises and the area quietly.
- Staff will also ensure customers are reminded they are close to residential units when leaving, and request the customers respect that.
- Deliveries of goods necessary for the operation of the business will be carried out at such a time or in such a manner as to prevent nuisance and disturbance to nearby residents.
- No bins or rubbish to be kept outside, and bottles to be stored in recycling bin after 10am and before 7pm only. This will help to reduce the levels of noise produced by the premises.

e) The protection of children from harm

- To adopt the "Challenge 25" age policy
- Management will ensure all employees are fully trained and aware of the challenge 25 rule.
- There will be a provision of sufficient staff to protect children from harm with training on appropriate behaviour.
- The premises licence holder shall ensure that staff are fully conversant with the legal prohibitions in relation to the sale of alcohol to under 18s

Checklist:	
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	Please tick to indicate agree	ment/
•	I have made or enclosed payment of the fee.	TV.
•	I have enclosed the plan of the premises.	V
•	I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable.	Ø
•	I have enclosed the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be designated premises supervisor, if applicable.	Ø,
•	I understand that I must now advertise my application.	☑,
•	I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.	<u></u>

IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Part 4 - Signatures (please read guidance note 10)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (see guidance note 11). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Signature	Carl Moore
Date	Monday 1 st February 2016
Capacity	Authorised Agent, C.N.A. Risk Management Ltd

For joint applications, signature of 2nd applicant or 2nd applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent (please read guidance note 12). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

application (Carl Moore	Management Ltd	•		
Post town	Birmingham	Postcode	B42 9BP	
Telephone n	umber (if any)			
If you would	prefer us to correspond with you by e-	mail, your e-mail address (option	al)	





