

[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Bridge 5 Mill - Premises licence applications representations

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your quick response and your understanding,
I have copied in the premises licensing team so that they are aware we are amending our application to include a restriction for the sale or supply of alcohol (including no alcohol consumption) past 23.00 outdoors in the same way we had already restricted music outdoors past 23.00.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks for your email, I appreciate you reaching out.

As a local resident I would like to assure you of my support for small, independent local businesses and especially in the Mills; and would love there to be a local cafe close by.

My 2 concerns were:
Drinking outside post 23.00
Music (recorded or live) outside post 23.00

In a residential area I believe these are reasonable concerns. If you are happy to assure me that these two things will not happen I would have no further objections at all and would hope to be able to support your cafe in the future.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The licensing team has passed on your concerns.

I would like to invite you to visit to get a better understanding of who we are and what we intend to do, or you can also give us a call. If you wish to visit us, please get in touch to make sure we are available. If you don't feel like doing so, I will write a few words about us and address your concerns below.

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On the occasion of a late event, we would stop serving at 00.00 and give 30 min for event attendees to finish their drinks - not 1am.

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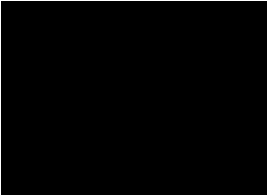
We're confident our activities and our small scale, will continue to be well managed and will not lead to any significant nuisances, and shall there be any unreasonable noise emanating from our premises, we are happy to review our operations.

We hope this addresses your concerns sufficiently and it is all we have to answer for in regards to our premises and application here.

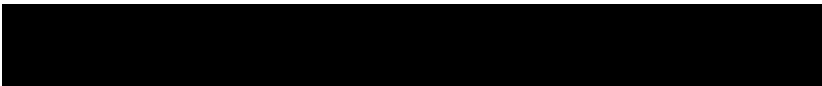
The traffic and density planned for this area (with the Coop Live, Etihad and other residential developments) will inevitably lead to more disturbance at a scale we also as a small organisation are concerned with. We have been advocating for better infrastructure and safety for our area and will continue to do so as part of our consultations for the Neighborhood Development Framework for Holt Town. For your reference, MCC and Canal and River Trust are responsible for the maintenance and improvements of the canal and towpath. We were made aware that part of the plans for the expansion of the Etihad is a collaboration with MCC and Canal and River Trust to develop and improve it. We asked to be kept in the loop. I suggest you consult MCC for these particular concerns.

I hope this covers everything and as said above, you are welcome to visit and contact us directly.

Kind regards,



Building Manager
Bridge 5 Mill



To: Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>
Subject: Reference: 297073/LH6 Bridge 5 Mill



[redacted] would like to raise my concerns about the late licence and especially the outdoor aspect of this licence.

Public safety - the area is poorly lit and on a quiet part of Ashton Canal, late night drinking will cause a public safety risk.

Prevention of public nuisance : This is a residential area and the licence should reflect this. With the outdoor space being on the canal the noise will be carried by the water making this more noisy for residents. This may cause noise nuisance and late night drunk anti-social behaviour.

Prevention harm to children: this residential area has a high proportion of young families, with schools and nurseries - late night noise will effect sleep which causes harm.

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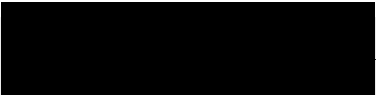
Please take these points into consideration.

Many thanks




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Subject: Bridge 5 Mill Application Type: Premises Licence (new) Reference: 297073/LH6

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To whom it may concern,




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From [REDACTED]

Sent: 18 February 2024 22:09

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Subject: Ref: 297073/lh6

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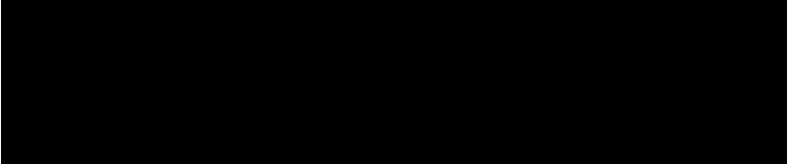
Dear to whom it may concern

I would like to make an objection to the plans for Mill 5 to have a licence for alcohol until 1am due to the residential nature of the area and the unlit access via the canal which would be dangerous for late night drunk revelers.

The outside events and drinking will be very noisy in a predominantly residential area where many young families live in the area very close by with nurseries very nearby. The sound will also travel along the canal.

There should not be outdoor drinking or music after 11pm the same as other residential areas.

[REDACTED]




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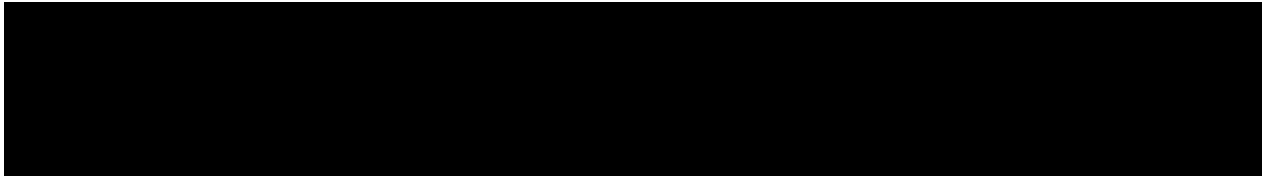
Hi 

Thank you for confirming the intent for the premises license, I felt it important to reach out, as approval will likely set a precedent for future businesses in the area.

Ending outdoor drinking at 11pm, and having music indoors only after 11pm would appease our concerns. Happy to support on that basis, have copied Licensing in the reply if that's helpful.

Excited to hear about your plans to offer more events at Bridge 5 and wish you every success!

Thanks, 



The licensing team has passed on your concerns.

Glad to hear you support what we aim to do at Bridge 5 Mill. If you would like to visit us to get a better understanding or want to give us a call please don't hesitate. If you do want to visit just get in touch first. Regardless, I'll write a few words to explain more who we are and what we intend to do and address your concern thereafter.

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Our application, for the purpose of clarity, is for the following:

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Provision of late night refreshments	Mon-Sun	07.00-00.00 (for your reference, this is for hot food and hot drinks)

Play of recorded music (indoors)	Mon-Sun	07.00-01.00
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We're confident our activities and our small scale, will continue to be well managed and will not lead to any significant nuisance. We don't think Db levels limitations were relevant to us because the play of recorded music is intended as background music (for example at the end of a small fundraising gig), therefore we don't believe there will be any noise emanating from our premises significantly enough for concerns. If this ever happens, we are happy to review our operations.

I hope this addresses your concerns and as said above, you are welcome to visit and contact us directly.

Kind regards,



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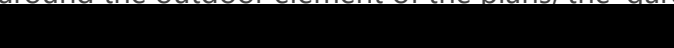
To: Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

Subject: Comments re New Premises Licence - Ref: 297073/LH6, Bridge 5 Mill Limited

I would like to make a representation re the Premises License application for Bridge 5 Mill:

Regarding the OUTDOOR provision of regulated entertainment (recorded music) Mon to Sun until 1am, and the OUTDOOR provision of late night refreshments (alcohol) Mon to Sun from 11pm to midnight:

Very supportive of the business' intent to run events with a positive community impact, and expansion of the offering to include refreshments (alcohol) and regulated entertainment - within the indoor spaces.

Further consideration is needed around the outdoor element of the plans; the 'garden area' at the rear of the premises 

[REDACTED] Therefore, noise from these activities continuing in the outdoor spaces after 11pm would be likely to create a noise nuisance for the neighbouring properties. The application requests permission to serve alcohol and play music both indoors and outdoors from 11pm to midnight/1am every day of the week and at the weekends. There is currently no mitigation proposed to limit the volume of these activities in the outdoor spaces.

Therefore suggest that after 11pm, the provision of late refreshment (alcohol) and regulated entertainment (recorded music) should be limited to the indoor spaces only, to avoid creating a noise nuisance for the existing neighbouring properties.



RES 4

[REDACTED]
Sent: 19 February 2024 17:59

To: Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

Subject: Reference: 297073/LH6 Bridge 5 Mill, Bridge 5, 22a Beswick Street, Manchester, M4 7HR

Dear Sir/Madam,

[REDACTED]
I strongly object to the license being issued in regards to the following;

- Provision of regulated entertainment (recorded music): Mon to Sun 7am to 1am
- The provision of regulated entertainment (recorded music,) will take place both indoors and outdoors.

My objection is based upon the fact that granting the license mainly goes against "The prevention of public nuisance" objective, along with "Public safety" and "The prevention of crime and disorder" objectives. My arguments against the granting of the license are as follows;

- Significant impact on the quality of life of all those that live nearby due to the venue being able to play music indoors and outdoors for eighteen hours a day, seven days a week
- Five distinct spaces, leading to multiple sources of music.
- There's almost no parking in the area, I know there are transport links but with a proposed capacity of up to 212, this will inevitably lead to an excess of cars parked in the area, that's within the Eastlands Resident Parking Scheme. The surrounding streets are also all double yellows meaning there will be very limited, legal parking options.
- If the garden is the entrance, and presumably also the main exit, this is directly onto the street. Beswick Street is quite a busy street for vehicle traffic, and especially combining with the risk of illegal parking, I believe there to be a considerable road safety risk for those leaving the venue late at night, compounded by the fact patrons will likely have been drinking.
- If granted, as far as I can see and without time to contact yourselves in order to view licenses issued to venues in this area, this would be the only venue this side of the Northern Quarter to have such a license. With all venues closing before 12am, the majority of which by 11pm. So why would Bridge 5 be the exception?
- I believe that the outdoor area, even without music would generate a lot of noise due to the patrons, as this is right on the canal, [REDACTED] with no means of dissipating the noise.
- Due to the nature of the mill, canal, and surrounding buildings, sound can very easily travel along the canal, disrupting even more residents.

Further to this, I'd also like to highlight the danger of patrons falling into the canal. There have been a number of deaths in Manchester (2007-2021, 77 bodies were recovered from Manchester canals), where drunk people have fallen into the canal and drowned. I know that there are other venues on the canal, such as Cask and Flawd in New Islington Marina, but the marina is very well lit and has life rings. This stretch of the canal is has neither lighting nor life rings. Plus if the venue can play music outdoors, I fear any cries for help may not be heard.

Thanks,



GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE - REPRESENTATION

About You

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About the Premises

Application Reference No.	LPA 297073
Name of the Premises	Bridge 5 Mill
Address of the premises including postcode	Bridge 5, 22a Beswick Street, Manchester M4 7HR

Your Representation

Please outline your representation below and continue overleaf. This should describe the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the licensing objectives on and in the vicinity of the premises in question.

Please accept this as formal notification of the Greater Manchester Police objection to the premises licence in relation to the above premises on the grounds of Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety and the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

The application has offered numerous conditions but GMP would ask that extra conditions are attached to the premises licence to better ensure that the 4 licensing objectives are upheld:

The premises shall operate a CCTV system that complies with the minimum requirements of the GMP Licensing Team.

The premises licence holder must ensure that:

- (i) Cameras are located to cover all public areas.**
- (ii) The system records clear images enabling the identification of individuals.**
- (iii) All recorded footage is securely retained for a minimum period of twenty-eight days.**
- (iv) The CCTV system operates at all times the premises are open for licensable activities.**
- (v) All equipment must have constant and accurate time and date generation.**
- (vi) The CCTV system is fitted with security functions to prevent recordings being tampered with.**
- (vii) There is at least one member of trained staff at the premises when licensable activities are taking place able to provide viewable copies on request to police or authorised local authority officers as soon as is reasonably practicable in accordance with all relevant data protection legislation.**

SIA security shall be employed at the premises based on a written risk assessment which shall be kept on the premises and made available to Responsible Authorities upon request.

A refusals record must be kept at the premises which details all refusals to sell alcohol. This record must include the date and time of the incident, the name of the staff member who refused the sale, and the reason the sale was refused. All entries must be made within 24 hours of the refusal. The record must be made available for inspection and copying within a reasonable time of a request by an officer of a Responsible Authority.

The Designated Premises Supervisor shall ensure that a written notice of authority is kept at the premises for all staff who sell alcohol. The notice shall be made available for inspection upon request of the police or an authorised officer of the licensing authority and all staff selling alcohol must be in possession of identification to enable to verify their identity against the notice.