

Application for Variation of a Premises Licence -
Conroy's Bar, 33 Sea Road, BH5 1DH
Ref: 195159

Objection from Miss Mary Larkum

I am a local resident of Cecil Road, living within earshot of Conroys Bar.

I apologise for my absence from the Appeal Hearing which I would have attended if it had been possible to do so without the use of Microsoft Teams with which I have considerable experience during the Covid pandemic, but which I have never been able to work comfortably, I am therefore sending a submission instead setting out my objections.

As I live close by to Conroys Bar, my main concern relates to night-time live and recorded music. This will take place on 3 out of 7 days in every week of the year - nearly 43% of the time. This is, however increased by additional days at various times in the year when there are Public Holidays. Thus the amount of late night music is certainly not insignificant.

I understand that the music will be played in the basement area of the building which should normally help to reduce the nuisance aspect to residents, but only if the door onto the street is kept closed. When the weather is hot, I very much doubt that it will be possible to keep the door shut and the customers comfortable all at the same time! I am not sure, but I think I am correct in saying that there is little or no ventilation in the basement other than air coming down the stairs from the ground floor level - mostly from the main entrance to the bar.

In conversation with a senior member of staff at the bar I received assurances that every effort is being made to ensure that noise from the music or from customers leaving the building to go out onto the street will be kept to a minimum as much as is possible. The measures which he informed me about all indicated that it is certainly the intention of the owners of Conroys Bar to avoid causing aggravation to local residents.

I wish it were possible for the licence to be given on a provisional or trial basis but I have been informed that this is not possible. I therefore conclude by saying that I think it is only a matter of time before there will be cause for one or more local residents to complain, and/or call the police because the Bar is causing a nuisance.

Miss MARY LARKUM
3/5/2022