

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**APPLICATION TO VARY AN EXISTING PROVISIONAL ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE  
CoCo Lounge (formerly "Premises"), 3 George Street, Nottingham**

**1.0 SUMMARY**

This application is to vary the terms of an existing provisional licence.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Committee determine the application, having regard to the comments of the Pollution Control Officer.

**3.0 BACKGROUND**

Winston Gale holds a provisional entertainments licence to provide music and dancing in the ground floor and basement as follows:-

<b>Mondays to Wednesdays</b>	<b>10.30 am to 11 pm</b>
<b>Thursdays to Saturdays</b>	<b>10.30 am to midnight</b>
<b>Sundays</b>	<b>noon to midnight</b>

The licence is subject to the following special conditions :-

1. The licence shall be of no effect until confirmed by the City Council.
2. **Maximum Occupancy:-**

<b>Ground Floor</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>220 persons excluding staff</b>
<b>Basement</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90 persons excluding staff</b>
3. Subject to a satisfactory final inspection by the Chief Fire Officer.
4. Subject to a satisfactory final inspection by the Director of Development & Environmental Services (food & pollution).
5. Subject to the requirements of the Director of Development & Environmental Services (Building Control) being met.
6. A CCTV system must be installed and maintained to the satisfaction of the Police. All video tapes must be retained for a minimum period of 31 days and made available for inspection by the Police or an authorised Officer of Nottingham City Council.

**4.0 PROPOSALS**

An application to vary the licence to amend the plans, the hours and to provide music only on the ground floor and music and dancing in the basement has been received.

It is proposed to extend the hours of operation on **Mondays to Wednesdays** to:-

**10.30 am to midnight.**

The Police have no objections providing that the CCTV condition remains.

The Chief Fire Officer and Building Control Officer reported that final inspections have been carried out and all works have been completed satisfactorily. No objection has been received from the Planning Officer.

The Environmental Health Officer (food) has no objection but recommends that a special condition be added to the licence as follows:-

**‘All seating must be removed from the basement dance floor while dancing is in progress.’**

The applicant has given his signed agreement to this special condition. The Pollution Control Officer has been consulted and the comments are shown at Appendix 1.

The location of the premises is shown on the attached map and the applicant and objector have been invited to attend.

### **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Legal implications will be reported at the meeting.

### **6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

None.

### **7.0 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

Licensing for public entertainment is an opportunity for the City Council to work in partnership with the Police to reduce the risk of crime and disorder occurring both within and immediately outside licensed premises, having regard to the effect of the proposals on both customers and residents.

### **8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION.**

- Application received 29 July 2002
- Copy letter to the applicant from Noise Pollution Officer dated 13 August 2002
- Form D26 from the Chief Fire Officer
- Signed agreement to Environmental Health Officer (food) condition dated 12 August 2002

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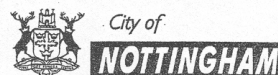
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Dear Mr Gale and Mr Swain

Re: CoCo Lounge 3 George Street Nottingham

I write with reference to the meeting with yourselves, your architects, Darryl Watson from the planning department and myself on 14th August 2002. We discussed a number of outstanding issues relating to some of the planning conditions and that complaints had been received about loud music allegedly emanating from your premises.

### Planning Issues

#### Fixed Mechanical Plant

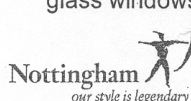
The noise assessment/survey undertaken on your behalf by Sharps Redmore Partnership recommends that

"The noise from fixed mechanical plant i.e. mechanical ventilation, extraction and cooling equipment should not exceed a rating level of 56 dB  $A_{eq,15min}$  at the nearest windows of the nearest neighbouring residential façade or at a distance of 5 metres from the plant location whichever is closest. "

During my visit it was accepted that the noise from a unit serving the cellar was too loud and the suppliers were to be contacted with a view to changing the unit. When the air conditioning unit was switched on, it could be heard above the plant associated with the building next door and therefore may increase the ambient noise levels. It would be appropriate to arrange for further noise measurements to be carried out. If the measured levels exceed those recommended in the above report noise attenuation measures should be installed.

#### Internal Noise Levels

The noise assessment/survey concluded that; assuming 80 dB  $A_{eq,15min}$  as a representative internal noise level from speech and music and given noise attenuation through the glass roof lights there should be no need for additional noise reduction measures. The assessment was undertaken when the front elevation had glass windows both sides of the main entrance.



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The above conclusion cannot be applied if the folding doors that have already been fitted, even though planning permission has not yet been granted, are opened.

When we discussed the noise complaints that had been received, you informed me that the premises was not open on Wednesday night/Thursday morning and that loud bass music had not been played during a private function on Friday. As I explained, I need to investigate the complaints further and I will advise you on the outcome.

It would be helpful for internal noise measurements to be carried out when the premises are in full operation. This would enable you to demonstrate that the levels are in accordance with the assumption in the noise assessment. Officers from this section would be willing to undertake observations as well to assist you with minimising the likelihood of noise complaints.

After my meeting with yourselves I received a telephone call from Peter Hobbs, Sharp Redmore, I informed him that my suggestions to you were that you request further measurements of fixed mechanical plant outside and also internal noise levels.

The planning application for the folding doors has not been determined and as internal consultees I must advise you that this Section would have objected to the proposal. However given they are already in place I will be proposing a planning condition that the doors should not be opened at any time when music is being played on the premises. This is to prevent excessive noise breakout.

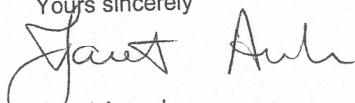
#### **Public Entertainment Licence (PEL)**

Your current application for variation of the PEL has opening times of 10am to 12 midnight seven days a week. In principle this would be acceptable but because of the outstanding planning issues referred to above currently the premises are unsatisfactory and I have therefore objected to the issue of the Public Entertainment Licence.

Since the issuing of a PEL is an immediate issue I have faxed a copy of this letter through to David Lucas at Nelsons solicitors.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss any aspect of this letter


Yours sincerely

  
Janet Amoah

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