

## REPRESENTATIONS

**From:** David Daniels  
**Sent:** 22 October 2020 23:40  
**To:** Licensing <[Licensing@BATHNES.GOV.UK](mailto:Licensing@BATHNES.GOV.UK)>  
**Subject:** Licensing application: 20/01487/LAPRE

To the Licensing Committee  
Licensing application: 20/01487/LAPRE

We have read the application and would like to comment that we have concerns that this sale of alcohol on exit of the Common Room venue will lead to additional nuisance to local residents.

The late license already creates congregations of clients and considerable noise at late hours when residents are asleep. Off sales is likely to encourage groups of drinkers to buy alcohol and then stay outside the venue after closure drinking and creating nuisance noise.

In the era of COVID-19 we believe people should be encouraged to leave the area and not be encouraged to linger in groups. This application would appear contrary to COVID-19 guidelines and on this basis as well as the nuisance to residents issue mentioned should be turned down at this time.

Regards

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**Subject:** Licensing Application Reference: 20/01487/LAPRE

Attached is the Circus Area Residents' Association's objection to this application. I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Regards

Sally Rothwell

**Licensing Application Reference: 20/01487/LAPRE**

The Circus Area Residents' Association wishes to object to the above licensing application on the grounds that it will cause additional public nuisance under the 2003 Act.

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These premises already have a pavement license, and our understanding is this enables them to conduct off sales from Sunday to Thursday up until 11 o'clock, and Friday and Saturday until midnight. This will continue until September 2021, or possibly later if additional forms of lockdown persist. Varying the licence to enable them to make off sales until the hours specified in the general license (02.00 Sunday to Thursday and 03.00 Friday and Saturday) therefore has no relevance to the stated objective "to enable us to diversify our activities in light of further lockdowns and trade restrictions." As already stated they already have this ability under the terms of the pavement license in these circumstances. To vary the existing license under normal circumstances is likely to cause additional public nuisance – there is already considerable noise late at night when these premises close. If their business case is correct, they are obviously anticipating a significant number of people arriving to undertake off sales. This will potentially cause a problem as some of them will arrive by car and that will create additional noise and disturbance in the residential streets adjacent. But other customers will arrive on foot and we already know that when people congregate outside these premises it creates noise pollution for neighbouring residential premises.

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**From:** Andrew Furse (Cllr) <Andrew\_Furse@BATHNES.GOV.UK>  
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**Cc:** Licensing <Licensing@BATHNES.GOV.UK>  
**Subject:** Re: Common Rooms application for off-sales

Dear licensing,

I note the following application and it raises a number of red flags.

*Common Room 2 Saville Row Bath BA1 2QP Licence No: 20/01487/LAPRE*

*Details: Variation: TO ADD the sale of alcohol for consumption off premises to the premises licence in line with the hours authorised for on sales: Monday to Thursday 10:00 - 02:00 Friday and Saturday 10:00 - 03:00 Sunday 12:00 - 02:00 TO REMOVE the following Annex 1 conditions that require: There shall be no off sales. Sales of intoxicating liquor to be limited only to bona fide members of a club existing on the premises and their guests. TO ADD additional conditions to promote the licensing objectives. The purpose of this application is to enable us to diversify our activities in light of further lockdowns and trade restrictions.*

As we are all aware the Common Rooms has had a chequered history as to how the premises has been managed, its drug dealing, additional licensing restrictions and violence spilling onto George Street.

Permitting off-sales until 2am or 3am seems contrary to controlling such activity within the premises that has brought its own challenges over the past years. How this will be policed to members only is not stated? I also understand that such premises can have casual members so the term has no context. the original use was in place for a reason and this needs to be re-visited.

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I recognise this is a response to the current Covid rules. Like all similar businesses there are concerns over the current 10pm closing time and to apply for such an off-license will encourage customers to gather after 10pm and in my view is only a mechanism to undermine the current closing time law and encourage street drinking.

The premises creates a lot of noise for those living nearby the narrow high buildings create a lot of echo in vicinity. The 23:00 use of tables in this location will impact residents and needs to be earlier.

I do not believe that these off sales rules will be adhered to and have no confidence that the situation will be policed so to protect the residential amenity of local residents.

As I maintain, the original restrictions were in place for a reason and proper consideration of these is required if these are to be relaxed whether under Covid or otherwise.

**Cllr Andrew Furse CEng**

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