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Alcohol Licence – Khyber – Burgon Street

I am a resident of Priory House, Friar Street. My bedroom wall backs directly onto the wall of the Khyber restaurant, so the going ons there directly impact my quality of life. When I refurbished the flat 18 months ago I took advice from the architect and applied additional sound insulation to the bedroom wall. They advised this would be sufficient for the normal level of noise from a restaurant.

I would like to formally express my concern as to the recent circumstances regarding this restaurant. As I understand the restaurant is currently operating on TEN whilst awaiting a full licence. I am somewhat surprised therefor that in recent week I have noticed:

- Loud music – twice now myself or my partner have had to go round to ask for this to be turned down
- General increased level of noise from the kitchen, extended operating hours beyond closing time
- Drilling and refurbishment work
- Noise during night time hours
- Restaurant fan operating up until 23.38, it previously used to go off at 23.00 the closing time for the restaurant

My concern is that is this is the performance during a period of TENs the establishment should not be trusted with a full licence; its current performance does not justify it.

I am expressed concerned about the music licence, which by the way the website proposal incorrectly notes. I know there is space in the restaurant and I would like to know if there is any intention to change the use of space to a club. This would not be acceptable.

So, in conclusion of this establishment think that its current performance is encouraging good neighbourliness, it is not.

So, please treat this letter as a formal objection.

Yours faithfully

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