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Dear Licensing Team,

I write with regard to the application to vary the Premises Licence for the ARK bar at 43 London Street. I am concerned that the proposed variation will be detrimental to the Licensing Objective 'Prevention of Public Nuisance' and therefore this service would like to make representations.

As a result of a Licence review in 2011, recorded and live music at 43 London Street was restricted to 23:00 hours to support the licensing objective 'Prevention of Public Nuisance'. An occupant of a flat above has objected to the current variation application based on levels of music noise from the ARK bar which currently are permitted until 23:00 hours. The proposed variation would mean the applicant could play live and recorded music until 01:00 hours.

No evidence has been presented to show that sound insulation between the bar and the flats is adequate and section 16(d) of the variation application suggests a less than serious approach to the Licensing objective 'Prevention of Public Nuisance', therefore, this service considers that there is a significant risk that the licensing objective will not be upheld should this variation be granted.

Regards,

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