

Noise Management

Musette Café.

Church Farm, Station Rd.

Aldbury, Tring

HP23 5RS

Consideration of Noise Management

The premises has operated for a number of years without due concern or intervention by the Local Authority for Public or Statutory Noise Nuisance. There is indeed no intended change in the type of event and style of operation which will take place at the premises, and the applicant intends to continue to manage noise accordingly and seek professional assistance where necessary.

With regard to any events, these typically take place with background music to provide ambience which is arguably unregulated. However, it is acknowledged on occasions that some infrequent events may be louder and can be heard at residential boundaries. This is apparent from the recordings submitted by the Local Resident and whilst two of these demonstrate that music can be heard emanating from the premises (*at an unknown monitoring location*), the other recordings predominantly contain speech, chatter and background music which is unlikely to be heard internally within neighbouring residents properties. Indeed, on the basis of these recordings alone, arguably the level of disturbance is akin to any other similar venues or licensed premises across the UK and considered an acceptable balance against the benefits such venues bring to the wider communities. Such observations are supported by guidance and are considered perfectly acceptable providing that a reasonable balance is maintained, and matters are dealt with proactively.

However, the applicant taking on board the residents' concerns has produced a noise management plan which is applicable to the venue to provide reassurance that they continue to look for improvements and control of noise emissions. It is intended that this document will be updated frequently by the applicant and in conjunction with specialist advisors where necessary, who will also be instructed should matters be brought to the attention of the Premises Licence Holder and indeed be something which is beyond their capabilities.

