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The request to extend the entertainment licence from **11:00 pm to 1:00 am** for events associated with the **Belfast Fleadh 2026** is mainly about allowing performances to continue later.

The Fleadh is expected to attract very large crowds over several days. Later entertainment helps meet demand from visitors and participants.

Staggering the end of entertainment means people leave the city centre over a longer period rather than all at once, helping to reduce congestion and making it easier to manage transport and public safety.

We will make every effort to avoid against potential impacts such as noise by reducing volume, disturbance to nearby residents, and public safety by ensuring security is in place for the duration.

Regards,

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