

Objections received to an application for the renewal of a 7-Day Annual Entertainments Licence for the Hatfield Bar	
22 January, 2020	
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Is this report restricted?	Yes No X
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes No X

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues		
1.1	To consider whether to accept late objections to an application for the renewal of a 7-Day Annual Entertainments Licence for the Hatfield House.		
	Premises and Locations Applicant		
	Hatfield House Mr Kieran Cassidy 128-130 Ormeau Road Cavanreagh Limited Belfast BT7 2EB		
1.2	The application for renewal of the licence was received on 25 October 2019. Subsequent to the application being received, objections to the renewal application were received from 20 representatives. All objections were outside the 28-day statutory period.		
2.0	Recommendations		
2.1	As the objections against the application were received outside the 28-day statutory period you are required to determine if you wish to exercise your discretion to consider them and, if so, give the objectors and the applicant an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the Committee.		
2.2	If you decide not to take the objections into account, then the renewal application will be dealt with under the Scheme of Delegation.		
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	Should you exercise your discretion you are required to set a suitable date and time to receive the persons who made the representations, the applicant, and/or their representatives and, after having received their submissions, make a recommendation regarding the application.
3.0	Main report
	Key Issues
3.1	Members are reminded that, at your meeting on 18 January 2017, you considered a report regarding representations received outside the 28-day statutory period and agreed to adopt the following criteria when considering late objections:
	 Has a reasonable explanation been provided, in writing, by the objector as to why their representation was not made within the 28-day period; Does the representation provide substantially different additional information to that already contained within representations that have been received within the 28-day period; How far outside the 28-day period were the representations received; The proximity of the objectors to the premises; The number of other representations received outside the 28-day period; Whether there are any other material considerations which would warrant consideration of the objection.
3.2	As a result of concerns about loud entertainment music, and other matters of public nuisance, written representation objecting to the application has been received. 20 representations have been received all of which are outside the 28-day statutory period.
3.3	Arising from your decision of 18 January 2017 the Service have received correspondence from 5 of the objectors outlining the reason for their late objection.
3.4	Officers from the Service have been in regular contact with the Licensee since October 2019 following initial complaints received from the public regarding the premises and is aware that the licensee has engaged with an Acoustic Consultant regarding noise mitigation measures.
3.5	At this time, objections to renewal of the 7-Day Annual Entertainments Licence have not been withdrawn.
3.6	Should Members wish to exercise their discretion and consider objections received outside the 28-day statutory period, the application will be brought back to Committee at a suitable future date.
3.7	Copies of the original objection letters from the 5 individuals who have provided a rationale outlining the reason for their late objection are attached as Appendix 1 and each of their responses outlining why their objections were outside the 28-day period are attached as Appendix 2.
	Financial & Resource Implications
3.8	None.
	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment
3.9	There are no issues associated with this report.

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached	
	Appendix 1 – Objection E-mails	
	 Appendix 2 – Rationale to support objection outside the 28-day period 	