



**HASTINGS POLICE STATION
EAST SUSSEX DIVISION**

Your Ref: Our Ref: ESX/LIC/DCI Date: 19th August 2012.
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Dear Mr Brown

**SUSSEX POLICE REPRESENTATION AGAINST THE APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF A
PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003**

London Trader 4-7 East Beach Street Hastings East Sussex. TN34 3AR.

Sussex Police wish to make representation against the application for the variation of a premises licence submitted by Mr. Stephen Foot on the 23rd July 2012, relating to the London Trader 4-7 East Beach Street Hastings East Sussex. TN34 3AR.

The basis for the opposition is that to allow the variation of the premises licence for these premises will not promote the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance.

The standard hours the premises are at present open to the public are:-

Monday - Saturday 09:00hrs- 23:30hrs Sunday 09:00hrs - 22:30Hrs.

The seasonal variation being New Years Eve until 01:30hrs. There are no special event variations to these times.

The venue has a premises licence authorising the following licensable activities:-

Supply of Alcohol.

Monday - Saturday 09:00hrs- 23:00hrs Sunday 09:00hrs - 22:00Hrs.

Indoor Sporting Events.

Monday - Saturday 09:00hrs- 23:00hrs Sunday 09:00hrs - 22:00Hrs.

Live Music / Dancing.

Sunday 11:00hrs - 21:00Hrs.

Recorded Music.

Monday - Saturday 09:00hrs- 23:00hrs Sunday 09:00hrs - 22:00Hrs.

The seasonal variation for these licensable activities being New Years Eve until 01:00hrs. There are no special event variations to these times.

The premises licence also includes a number of conditions which were imposed by the Licensing Sub Committee hearing on the 25th October 2011, after a review of the premises licence. An appeal to the decision was submitted to Hastings Magistrates Court, by Mr. Foot, which was held on the 10th April 2012. The Magistrates on hearing the evidence found no reason to believe that the members of the Licensing Sub Committee had come to an incorrect decision.

- Instead of excluding a licensable activity (live music and dancing) from the scope of the licence altogether, there shall be no live music at the premises, except on Sundays until 21.00 hours.

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1. Recorded music to be background only and to be barely audible outside of the building.
2. Restrict the hours of recorded music, indoor sporting events and supply of alcohol to 09.00 to 23.00 hours Monday to Saturday and 09.00 to 22.00 hours Sunday, the only exception being New Years Eve when such activities may continue until 01.00 hours on New Years Day.
3. The opening hours of the premises to be 09.00 to 23.30 hours Monday to Saturday and 09.00 to 22.30 hours Sunday, the only exception being New Years Eve when the premises may remain open until 01.30 hours on New Years Day.
4. Noise from live music played in the premises permitted on Sundays only up to 21.00 hours shall be barely audible outside the confines of the building.
5. Noise from all mechanical or electrical Equipment used by the premises, or from customers in or in the immediate vicinity of the premises shall not be audible as perceived by an authorised officer of Hastings Borough Council, at the façade of any building containing residential or guest house accommodation.
6. There shall be no use of external tables or seating after 23.00 hours.
7. The area (hatched in black on the attached plan) where external tables are located under the licence from the Highways Authority shall have removable barriers around the perimeter to clearly denote the area and customers shall not be permitted to congregate outside of that area. These barriers shall be removed at close of business.
8. Clearly legible and prominent notices shall be displayed at all exit doors requesting the customers to 'Please consider our neighbours and be quiet when outside and leave quickly and quietly when going home.'
9. The seating area (hatched in black on the attached plan) is to be controlled by a SIA registered supervisor from 12 noon to close of business on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays and on Fridays from 21.00 hours to close of business during the period April to October inclusive each year and also on all recognised special occasions (both during the months April to October and at other times of the year) as stipulated by the Hastings Borough Council Licensing Authority.

The application for the variation of the premises licence, made under Section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003, is for the licensable activities of supply of alcohol, the provision of regulated entertainment and the provision entertainment facilities. Details of times for these licensable activities are as specified within the application in addition to amendments submitted by the applicant and forwarded by the Licensing Authority.

Times requested for the licensable activities relating to this application are:-

- Indoor sporting events.
Monday to Wednesday 09:00hrs - 23:00hrs. Thursday to Sunday 09:00hrs - 00:15hrs.
There are no seasonal or special event variations to these times.
- Recorded music.
Monday to Sunday 09:00hrs - 00:15hrs.
Seasonal and special event variations.
New Years Eve from the end of permitted hours to the start of the following day.
On all Bank Holidays to include the preceding day (at Easter to include the preceding Thursday) for Christmas (to include Christmas Eve) up to the terminal hour set for Saturdays at the latest.
- Anything of a similar description to live music, recorded music and performance of dance. (disco).
Monday to Sunday 09:00hrs - 00:15hrs.
Seasonal and special event variations.
New Years Eve from the end of permitted hours to the start of the following day.
On all Bank Holidays to include the preceding day (at Easter to include the preceding Thursday) for Christmas (to include Christmas Eve) up to the terminal hour set for Saturdays at the latest.
- Provision of entertainment facilities for dancing.
Monday to Sunday 09:00hrs - 00:15hrs.
Seasonal and special event variations.
New Years Eve from the end of permitted hours to the start of the following day.
On all Bank Holidays to include the preceding day (at Easter to include the preceding Thursday) for



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- Christmas (to include Christmas Eve) up to the terminal hour set for Saturdays at the latest.
- Supply of alcohol (consumption on and off the premises).
Monday to Sunday 09:00hrs - 00:15hrs.
Seasonal and special event variations.
New Years Eve from the end of permitted hours to the start of the following day.
On all Bank Holidays to include the preceding day (at Easter to include the preceding Thursday) for Christmas (to include Christmas Eve) up to the terminal hour set for Saturdays at the latest.
 - Hours premises are open to the public.
Monday to Wednesday 09:00hrs - 00:30hrs. Thursday to Sunday 09:00hrs - 00:45hrs.
Seasonal and special event variations.
New Years Eve from the end of permitted hours to the start of the following day.
On all Bank Holidays to include the preceding day (at Easter to include the preceding Thursday) for Christmas (to include Christmas Eve) up to the terminal hour set for Saturdays at the latest.

The application also requests variation of the existing conditions as specified on the premises licence.

- Condition 1. Existing condition 'Recorded music to be background only and to be barely audible outside of the building' to be amended to, 'to be barely audible to the nearest domestic dwelling.' (Amended to remove restriction of recorded music as background only).
- Condition 2. Existing condition 'Restrict the hours of recorded music, indoor sporting events and supply of alcohol to 09.00 to 23.00 hours Monday to Saturday and 09.00 to 22.00 hours Sunday, the only exception being New Years Eve when such activities may continue until 01.00 hours on New Years Day' to be amended to be varied as applied for above.
- Condition 3. The opening hours of the premises to be 09.00 to 23.30 hours Monday to Saturday and 09.00 to 23.30 hours Sunday, the only exception being New Years Eve when the premises may remain open until 01.30 hours on New Years Day' to be amended to be varied as applied for above.
- Condition 4. Noise from live music played in the premises permitted on Sundays only up to 21.00 hours, shall be barely audible outside the confines of the building,' to be amended to, 'to be barely audible to the nearest domestic dwelling.'
- Condition 9. Existing condition 'The seating area (hatched in black on the attached plan) is to be controlled by a SIA registered supervisor from 12 noon to close of business on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays and on Fridays from 21.00 hours to close of business during the period April to October inclusive each year and also on all recognised special occasions (both during the months of April to October and at other times of the year) as stipulated by the Hastings Borough Council Licensing Authority.' to be amended to, 'The hours that door supervisors should be used 21.00 to close of business Friday and Saturday, Sundays, 30 minutes before and after any live music, April - September and on all other special occasions listed by Hastings Borough Council.'

Within Sect. P, Part A, of the variation, additional steps to be taken by the applicant to promote the four licensing objectives, Mr. Foot has stated '*In August 2011 the existing manager left the London Trader for gross misconduct and since that period of time many changes have gone underway. A new experienced manager has been employed and has made a real positive impact.....*'

Sussex Police will provide evidence that this is not necessarily the case.

Part B prevention of crime and disorder states '*SIA door supervisors are now used to control crowds outside of the premises*'. This is not an additional step as the use of SIA door staff is already a requirement on the existing premises licence. In fact Mr. Foot wishes to reduce the times that SIA door staff are on duty. Sussex Police will provide supporting evidence to show that the patrons of the premises are still permitted to congregate outside of the cordoned area, obstructing both the pavement and carriageway.



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Part C public safety states '*Barriers are now in use to prevent customers spilling onto the pavement and road*'. This is not an additional step as the use of removable barriers is already a requirement on the existing premises licence. Evidence produced later in this representation will show that Mr. Foot has contravened this condition.

On the 15th August 2011, Mr. David Bell Principal Environmental Health Officer instigated a review of the premises licence relating to the London Trader. The review was supported by Sussex Police, being necessary to promote the licensing objectives of prevention of crime and disorder and prevention of public nuisance. Sussex Police produced a well documented history of crime and disorder incidents connected with the premises. The Licensing Sub Committee Hearing was held on the 25th October 2012, where as a result of all the evidence produced the members of the committee saw fit to remove some of the licensable activities in addition to reducing the terminal hour of the remainder.

Mr. Foot appealed the decision of the Licensing Sub Committee, the appeal being heard at Hastings Magistrates Court on the 10th April 2012. The magistrates saw no reason to change the decision of the Licensing Sub Committee.

From the date of the Sub Committee Hearing to the appeal at Hastings Magistrates Court, 10th April 2012, Mr. Foot was able to operate his business according to the original premises licence. It is only from the 10th April 2012 to the present day that Mr. Foot has been required to operate his business as per the new premises licence.

Sussex Police is of the belief that the purpose of a premises licence review and any relevant action is to:-

- Penalise the management of the premises for conducting a business that did not support the licensing objectives.
- Demonstrate to the Licensing Authority and other responsible authorities that the management are able to exercise control of the premises in support of promoting the licensing objectives.

Approximately four months have passed since the date of the appeal hearing and Sussex Police contend that this is not a suitable period of time for the management to demonstrate control of the premises.

To allow the variation after such a short period of time would tend to bring the whole process of reviewing a premises licence into disrepute.

Since the 10th April 2012 there have been four incidents of note and a schedule is attached.

Approximately 16.28hrs on Wednesday 11th July 2012 a male victim was assaulted within the premises by a male suspect. The victim was struck to the head causing him to fall to the floor. This initially was considered to be a spontaneous unprovoked attack. However on reading a statement submitted to Sussex Police by a member of staff it would appear that the actions of the suspect gave the staff cause for concern prior to the main assault. Sussex police contend that had the appropriate action been taken at an earlier stage, the main assault may have been prevented.

Approximately 18.26hrs on Sunday 22nd July 2012 PC Ash was required to attend the premises as a result of patrons who were standing outside the cordoned area, as indicated on the premises licence, obstructing the footpath and the eastbound carriageway of the A259 East Beach Street. PC Ash has provided a statement and video evidence concerning this incident. His evidence is supported by PC Scott a Sussex Police Road Policing Department motorcyclist.

Approximately 21.40hrs on Saturday 4th August 2012, Mr. A. Masters attended the premises concerning the position of the cordon barriers to the front of the premises. He liaised with the Premises Licence Holder, Mr. Stephen Foot who was present at the premises at that time. Mr. Masters made his observations known to Mr. Foot regarding the incorrect positioning of the barriers causing obstruction of the pavement. Despite the comments made by Mr. Masters to him Mr. Foot did not place the barriers in the correct position.



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Approximately 21.22hrs on Saturday 11th August 2012, Sussex Police received a 999 telephone call from a member of the London Trader SIA doorstaff stating that a male who had been barred had become aggressive and barged past the informant. When police officers attended the member of doorstaff stated that the male had left the area. Whilst try to establish details of the incident and a description of the offender the member of doorstaff stated he had to take a telephone call and walked off. The male was found within the toilets of the premises and was issued a Section 27. notice. The member of doorstaff stated to the police officers that he was working alone and that the 'Barwatch' radio had been broken for at least two weeks.

In view of the above, Sussex Police invite the Licensing Authority to refuse the application.

Yours sincerely,

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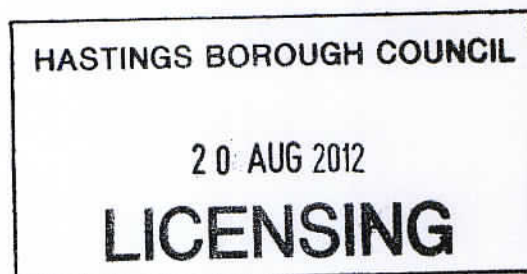
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Dear Mr Brown

Licensing Act 2003 – Variation Application – London Trader, 4-7 East Beach Street, Hastings

Under the licensing regime the role of the Environmental Protection Team is to avoid the creation of situations where new or varied licenses, by virtue of their proposed activities, their locations, or times of operation, give rise to nuisance to local residents. In this respect the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the Noise Act 1996 provide some protection to the general public from the effects of noise nuisance. However, as the DCMS guidance recognises these may not, by themselves, be sufficient to protect local residents.

I wish to make representation against the application for a variation to the premises licence for the London Trader. It is my opinion that granting the variation requested will not promote the licensing objective – prevention of public nuisance. In considering this application to vary the premises licence it is my view that regard must be had to the fact that, as a result of numerous complaints and witnessed incidents of noise nuisance, these premises have been the subject of a review process which resulted in the current premises licence. This review process commenced with my request on August 2011 and concluded with the hearing of an appeal against the decision on 25 October 2011 of the Licensing Sub-Committee on 10 April 2012.

The outcome of this process was that the premises licence was changed as follows:-

Indoor Sporting Events Monday – Saturday 09:00 – 23:00 and Sunday 09:00 – 22:00 which was a change from Monday – Wednesday 09:00 – 00:00, Thursday – Saturday 09:00 – 01:00 and Sunday 10:00 – 23:30.

Live Music Sunday 11:00 – 21:00 which was a change from Monday – Saturday 09:00 – 23:00 and Sunday 11:00 – 23:00;

Dancing Sunday 11:00 – 21:00 which was a change from Monday – Wednesday 09:00 – 00:00, Thursday – Saturday 09:00 – 01:00 and Sunday 10:00 – 23:30;

Recorded Music Monday - Saturday 09:00 – 23:00 and Sunday 09:00 – 22:00 which was a change from Monday – Wednesday 09:00 – 00:00, Thursday to Saturday 09:00 – 01:00 and Sunday 10:00 – 23:30;

Supply of Alcohol Monday – Saturday 09:00 – 23:00 and Sunday 09:00 – 22:00 which was a change from Monday – Wednesday 09:00 – 00:00, Thursday – Saturday 09:00 – 01:00 and Sunday 10:00 – 23:30;

Opening Hours of the Premises Monday – Saturday 09:00 – 23:30 and Sunday 09:00 – 22:30 which was a change from Monday – Wednesday 09:00 – 00:30, Thursday – Saturday 09:00 – 01:30 and Sunday 09:00 – 00:00

(On New Years Eve all activities may continue until 01:00 with the premises remaining open until 01:30.)

The licence is subject to the following conditions: -

1. Recorded music to be background only and to be barely audible outside of the building.
2. Restrict the hours of recorded music, indoor sporting events and supply of alcohol to 09.00 to 23.00 hours Monday to Saturday and 09.00 to 22.00 hours Sunday, the only exception being New Years Eve when such activities may continue until 01.00 hours on New Years Day.
3. The opening hours of the premises to be 09.00 to 23.30 hours Monday to Saturday and 09.00 to 22.30 hours Sunday, the only exception being New Years Eve when the premises may remain open until 01.30 hours on New Years Day.
4. Noise from live music played in the premises permitted on Sundays only up to 21.00 hours shall be barely audible outside the confines of the building.
5. Noise from all mechanical or electrical Equipment used by the premises, or from customers in or in the immediate vicinity of the premises shall not be audible as perceived by an authorised officer of Hastings Borough Council, at the façade of any building containing residential or guest house accommodation.
6. There shall be no use of external tables or seating after 23.00 hours.
7. The area (hatched in black on the attached plan) where external tables are located under the licence from the Highways Authority shall have removable barriers around the perimeter to clearly denote the area and customers shall not be permitted to congregate outside of that area. These barriers shall be removed at close of business.
8. Clearly legible and prominent notices shall be displayed at all exit doors requesting the customers to 'Please consider our neighbours and be quiet when outside and leave quickly and quietly when going home.'
9. The seating area (hatched in black on the attached plan) is to be controlled by a SIA registered supervisor from 12 noon to close of business on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays and on Fridays from 21.00 hours to close of business during the period April to October inclusive each year and also on all recognised special occasions (both during the months April to October and at other times of the year) as stipulated by the Hastings Borough Council Licensing Authority.

The variation applied for seeks to extend hours, add discos and amend some of the above conditions. Times requested are

Indoor Sporting Events Monday – Wednesday 09:00 – 23:00 (no change) Thursday – Sunday 09:00 – 00:15 (an extra 1 hour and 15 minutes Thursday – Saturday and 2 hours 15 minutes on Sunday).

Recorded Music and Discos Monday to Sunday 09:00 – 00:15 (an extra 1 hour and 15 minutes Monday – Saturday and 2 hours and 15 minutes on Sunday with the addition of discos for all of the time).

Dancing Monday – Sunday 09:00 – 00:15 (addition for all of the times except between 11:00 – 21:00 on Sunday).

Supply of Alcohol Monday – Sunday 09:00 – 00:15 (an extra 1 hour and 15 minutes Monday – Saturday and 2 hours and 15 minutes on Sunday).



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Opening Hours of the Premises Monday – Wednesday 09:00 – 00:30 and Thursday – Sunday 09:00 – 00:45 (an extra 1 hour Monday – Wednesday, 1 hour and 15 minutes Thursday – Saturday and 2 hours 15 minutes on Sunday).

For recorded music, discos, dancing, supply of alcohol and opening hours of the premises a seasonal variation is sought – New Years Eve from the end of the permitted hours to the start of the following day. On all bank holidays to include the preceding day (at Easter to include the preceding Thursday) for Christmas (to include Christmas Eve) up to the terminal hour for Saturdays at the latest.

Amendments to conditions which are sought are as follows

Condition 1 Remove restriction that recorded music to be background only and change to “Recorded music to be barely audible to the nearest domestic dwelling”

Condition 2 Hours “To be varied as above”.

Condition 3 “The Opening hours to be varied as above”

Condition 9 To be amended to allow “The hours that door supervisors should be used 21:00 to close of business Friday & Saturday. Sundays 30 minutes before and after any live music. April to September and on all other special occasions listed by Hastings Borough Council”.

In my view the application contains little or nothing to demonstrate why there should be a variation of the premises licence having the effect of extending the range of activities (disco added), times of activities and hours of opening as well as weakening conditions. In some instances the hours now sought are longer than I believe was the case prior to the review.

In Section P, page 19 of the application section a) it is stated that “In August 2011 the existing manager left the London Trader for gross misconduct and since that time many changes have gone underway. A new experienced manager has been employed and has made a real positive impact. New speakers have been installed to minimise the noise issues. Further investment is planned to improve any potential sound problems”. Whilst there is little doubt that the impact of the premises on the surrounding area is very much improved I believe that is due to the constraints imposed by the amended licence as a result of the review rather than change in personnel. It is interesting to note that we did receive complaint about the volume of live music on Sunday 1 July 2012. In addition I believe that on one occasion prior to the review you were provided with information that the premises licence holder himself was operating the disco which was audible for some considerable distance.

There is no detail about the new speakers which are said to have been installed nor is there any detail about what is stated in section d) “A new music system will be installed. I have had professional advice. Lots of smaller speakers will create a full atmosphere in the premises whilst keeping noise to a minimum outside”. I find it difficult to understand why the detail of what has been advised and what is proposed has not been included. I consider the request to weaken the conditions regarding music volume levels to be worrying when it is proposed to add disco music and extend hours.

There is nothing stated as to how noise from people in and around the premises will be controlled to prevent adverse impact on sleep during the extended hours of operation.

All in all I am of the opinion that this application is ill conceived and is premature, to say the least, given that it was made just over 3 months following the conclusion of the review process which achieved what those affected consider to be a satisfactory result. I contacted those people who had been in touch with this department leading up to the review to make them aware of the application to vary. I attach a copy of a letter received as a result which I have anonymised at the writers request. I find that I cannot disagree with the view that if the variation is granted “we will be back to square one”.

Yours sincerely



David Bell
Principal Environmental Health Officer



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13th August 2012

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Ref: London Trader

Dear Mr Bell

With reference to your recent letter concerning the licensing changes at the London Trader.

As you know we live directly behind the London Trader and therefore are more disturbed by the noise than most. I have to say that since the changes in the licensing times there has been a vast improvement and most weekends we are not bothered by any noise. It has been great to be able to go to bed on a Saturday night without the room shaking from the noise of a disco outside our bedroom window. If the licensing times and having a disco on a Saturday night were to change I am under no illusion that things would go right back to how they were. I know from talking to people that the Saturday night late disco was a place to go when all the other pubs close, this means that people are already well under the influence of drink before they get into the Trader therefore more likely to cause trouble. The main noise comes from the fact that the side door is always open and no amount of asking them to keep it closed makes any difference. People hang around this door smoking in fact it is a public thoroughfare and most times on a Sunday when the tables are put outside to make way for a band this exit is blocked, also it is not very nice to have to walk through a haze of smoke to go through to the sea front.

The anti social behaviour is always escalated by drinking more alcohol i.e. urinating against the back wall when they can't be bothered to go to the toilet, leaving glasses on top of cars parked outside, fighting and shouting. All these things have stopped please don't allow this to happen again by extending the opening hours.

If the latest the Trader stays open is 11pm and the only live music is Sun afternoons then that is fine by us if these times are extended we will be back to square one.

We don't want our names or address to be published because of repercussions we would just like you to air our concerns in your comments. I know this carry's less weight but things have happened previously to neighbours who have made complaints and we don't want this to happen with us.

Hasting Old Town Residents Association

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Application to vary the premises licence for the London Trader, advertised 11th July 2012

This Association wishes to object to the proposed variation of the licence because

- This Licence holder has failed to fully comply with the conditions applied to his licence over many years. The most recent review has still not achieved a significant improvement for people living nearby.
- The reduction in resources available to Hastings Council and Sussex Police means that effective, regular enforcement is still not being achieved.
- There will be a further increase in Crime and Disorder. The increase use of Supervisory staff has not secured quiet external drinking within the compound. The compound is regularly set up to encroach on the footpath. At one point the width available to pedestrians is just over 1 metre, posing problems when the area is crowded and forcing people to walk on the road around parked vehicles on the A259. Wheelchair and buggy users face particular difficulty. The Supervisory staff do not challenge patrons who are drinking outside the compound.
- Noise levels remain unacceptable and impact on people living nearby. Windows and doors are usually open so any kind of music becomes an Environmental problem.
- The hours requested would impact on those people who have to get up and go to work. Local businesses catering for overnight visitors find many will not tolerate the noise levels. There is an impact on children living nearby who have to go to school.
- The existing licence permits live music on Sunday afternoons. The licence holder fails to control noise levels during these performances. It would be preferable that live music be not permitted at any time and recorded music only permitted on Sundays between 15.00 and 19.00.

HOTRA is not convinced that this licence holder is willing to accept that the people living nearby have rights to the quiet enjoyment of their homes. Other local licence holders within the Old Town have demonstrated their awareness of the impact of their business on their neighbours and successfully improved the way they operate.

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Dear Mr. Brown,

Variation of Licence - London Trader, 4-7 East Beach Street.

I write to express my concern, in connection with the present application, made by Mr.S.Foot to vary the terms of the current licence for the above premises.

My house is situated some 100 metres from the London Trader. In February of 2011 and after months of having the living areas of my home pervaded by extremely loud music and rowdy behaviour of its clientele during unsociable hours, I was compelled to make a formal complaint to the Council's Environmental Health Department. A lengthy review process of the terms of the premises licence ensued. Despite numerous interventions by Environmental Health Officers, the London Trader continued its activities unabated, with scant regard to prolonged and unbearable distress, caused to neighbouring residents.

The London Trader is sited in an area, saturated with business and public houses, holding licences to sell alcohol and provide entertainment. These premises exist side by side, with residential houses. In comparison to other public houses in the immediate vicinity, this establishment appears to give rise to problems of extremely loud music, rowdy clientele massing at its frontage, public nuisance and public disorder during unsociable hours. The terms of the current licence appears to have, by and large, put an end to these problems.

I am deeply concerned that if the present application to vary the current premises licence is approved, there will be a retrograde step towards the return of the above mentioned distress, public nuisance and public disorder during unsociable hours.

I should be most grateful, if you could remove my name and address from this representation: having lived in the Old Town of Hastings for a considerable time, I have no wish to find myself, withno alternative but to quit my home and I accept, this request will diminish the weight of comments made.