

## Louise Faulkner

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**From:** Louise Faulkner  
**Sent:** 17 September 2012 15:13  
**To:** Neil Polden  
**Subject:** RE: 15 Dergate

Hi Neil, just to clarify Martin Stevens has already confirmed that his intention was only for making music indoors.

Thanks

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**From:** Neil Polden  
**Sent:** 17 September 2012 14:42  
**To:** Louise Faulkner  
**Cc:** 'martin@hakamou.co.uk'  
**Subject:** 15 Dergate

Louise

I have attached a memo which outlines my comments. I do have concerns with regard to noise even where music is proposed in the basement. This does need clarification though. There is intention for making music outdoors until 02.00, but not sure if this is a typo? The other issue is the matter of smokers and controlling this activity and street noise from persons leaving the premises.

I have copied in Martin Stevens for information as I recently did his BBN inspection and therefore have his contact details.

Regards

Neil

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**LICENSING ACT 2003 APPLICATION  
15 DERNGATE, NORTHAMPTON**

Regulatory Services has concerns about the measures for the prevention of public nuisance. Therefore, we would object to the application on the following grounds.

It is proposed to provide recorded music until 02.00 and sale of alcohol until 01.30. The locality of the area is noted to be one where there are a number of residential units of accommodation located directly above. The location of music within the licensed venue is currently unclear (i.e. ground floor or basement), and no definition as to what constitutes background music has been provided. In addition through the provision of late licensing hours and taking into account the smoking ban, it is assumed that smokers would have to make use of the street immediately outside. Given the proposed late hours for the premises this also raises concerns with regard to street noise and that it is unlikely that this matter can be effectively controlled.

In addition I have also noted the inclusion of the provisions of facilities for making music that is listed as being an outdoor activity. I am assuming this might be a mistake on the form, but similarly I would have an objection should this be the case. Where this is to be provided internally only, some clarification is required.

The applicant has been advised of the grounds of the objection and that we are prepared to try to resolve them informally.

**N Polden  
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**From:** Martin. Hakamou <martin@hakamou.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 17 September 2012 15:33  
**To:** Neil Polden; Louise Faulkner  
**Subject:** RE: 15 Derngate

Hello Neil – and many thanks for copying me in on your email, which is much appreciated.

To answer the items that you have raised:

The 'outside' is an error – only inside is required.

With regard to making music – I'm quite happy to drop this completely as we won't be holding Karaoke or live music performances.

In terms of the levels of music to be played, we have agreed with the landlord to purchase the currently installed sound system, which has been in use for a number of years. It has a very small output as it is just designed to provide background music for a restaurant.

As the offer will be strictly sit-down only (no stand up drinking at all), with no DJ and no dance floor, music levels will be no louder than any other restaurant playing back ground music. We will also happily design in an 'air lock' type lobby inside the front door to prevent noise bleed as people arrive/leave.

In terms of smoking, we will not be selling cigarettes, and will not be using any external smoking furniture/heaters etc. I would point to the fact that the licence two doors down at Amore Lounge is later than we are requesting, and they are subject to having no external area also.

Our prices will be expensive, and our target is only to sell around 250 drinks and 100 meals per week, so we anticipate having low footfall and a low impact on the area. We deliberately wanted to avoid being on the drinking circuit as this is not what we will be about.

As all customers will have to settle their bill prior to leaving it is our intention to personally escort them upstairs and remind them to consider our neighbours.

I'm more than happy to have a chat on the phone, or come in and see you to see if we can come to the informal solution that you mentioned. Please let me know which you would prefer.

All the best – and thanks again

Martin

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