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Sent: 17 October 2012 17:17
To: Neil Polden; Louise Faulkner
Cc: Paul Mallard
Subject: RE: Occo Statement
Attachments: 15 derngate residents letter.docx

Hello Neil

Thanks for copying me in once again.

Please be aware that I have also assured the residents in writing (copy attached) of the following actions to reduce potential for noise disturbance:

Bins will not be emptied outside after 7pm

Delivery of stock will be limited to after 10am and before 6pm – with no deliveries at weekends.

I'm comfortable with these also becoming conditions as appropriate.

Best wishes

Martin

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Louise

Paul has amended my statement to suit his style of reading.

Regards

Neil

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From: Paul Mallard
Sent: 17 October 2012 09:58
To: Neil Polden
Subject: Occo Statement

Hi,

Have translated it into Mallard-speak and added some amendments.

See if I haven't lost anything in translation.

Paul

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10th September 2012

Manuia Bar Company Ltd
1 Wood Street
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Re: 15 Derngate (formerly Occo Restaurant).

Dear resident

I have recently applied for a variation of licence at the above named premises and would like to explain, and possibly offer reassurance, to you with regard to our plans.

As you may know, we already own Hakamou Bar on Abington Street, which we have operated for three years. We have a reputation for a fun and safe night out due to our careful planning and management of the venue, along with never holding drink promotions. Our plan is to do something very different from Hakamou at 15 Derngate – but I feel it's worth giving you our background to illustrate that we are conscientious and experienced operators.

Our plan for 15 Derngate is modelled on neighbourhood bars and eateries found in Berlin and Barcelona etc. It will be seating and table service only, will have no dance floor or DJ, and will serve unique cocktails with light and tasty food. This will typically attract people who want to socialise in couples/small groups, and whom want an alternative to what's currently available in the town.

There will only be 52 seats in the basement, and 12 disabled-friendly seats on the ground floor. This is fewer seats than the previous restaurant had, and NONE of the tables will be visible externally.

The bar industry normally needs to attract many customers due to high costs and low prices. We only need to sell 280 drinks and 120 meals a week to meet with our modest requirement. We will only have four staff at weekends, and NO door staff or outside queuing - as our business won't attract circuit drinkers or large numbers of people.

To allay any other concerns, the following may also be helpful to you:

- We will never empty any bins after 7pm (and will sell no bottled drinks such as lager, so there will be very little waste and never the sound of empty bottles crashing into a bin).
- We will never take deliveries before 10am, or after 6pm (and never beer barrels).
- Music will never be played above background levels.
- All customers leaving late will be personally escorted up to the door and reminded to consider our neighbours.

We feel that to meet market demand we only require the 1.30 licence that we have requested. This is somewhat earlier than the licence at the 150 capacity Amore Lounge in the same building, and an hour and a half earlier than the 230 capacity Borjia to the rear on Castillian St.

In short, we will have a very discreet presence and genuinely feel that we have something to add to the area. If you would like to discuss any aspect of our proposal please feel free to call me on my mobile: 07720677108.

Best wishes

Martin Stevens