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From: chris.berkley@...
Sent: 24 November 2021 07:44
To: Licensing
Cc:
Subject: Licensing application at Masquerade - 98 High Street Barnstaple

Dear Licensing Team

Licence application 053418

I write to strongly object to the application for a late night licence by Masquerade, 98 High Street, Barnstaple on the grounds contained in paragraph 3.4 of North Devon's Licensing Policy. These premises directly face across the street from tenants in residential flats above our property, 14 High Street and are just a few yards from where other tenants live in their flat in Church Lane.

The levels of anti-social noise from their music, the customers arriving and leaving late at night as well as the increased traffic will make my tenants' lives intolerable when their hours are extended so far into the night on any day in the week.

We strongly believe that town centres should be a living entity and not a desert after trading hours, but people must be able to make their homes in the town centre streets and they should be given the space and the peace they need to sleep and live.

Our previous tenant at Flat 2, 79 Church Lane, was able to demonstrate before the lockdown that the noise levels and behaviour from Latitude 48, at No.96 and directly opposite his window, kept him awake at night and was a significant disturbance in his living room above the street. It was one of the reasons why he felt he had to move away. I believe that our flat will become unlettable if there is loud music playing beyond normal licensing hours. Building restrictions on our flats opposite the Masquerade premises prevent there being any noise suppression from double-glazing or similar, so the additional sound from Masquerade would be relentless, as it is already from Latitude.

I urge you to please reject this application on public nuisance grounds and I see no justification that would allow this new intrusion into the lives of nearby residents.

Kind regards

Chris and Karen Berkley

Owners: 14 High Street, comprising Flats 1-3, 79 Church Lane, Barnstaple.

Chris Berkley