

Appendix C

Representations Received in Response to the Application from the Cambridge Museum of Technology to Extend their Licensable Hours for Retail of Alcohol

Representation 1

Neighbours were NOT consulted prior to the original one in 2017. A MUSEUM in a residential area being repurposed as an all-hours live music/ film/ outdoor pub venue?! We have already endured extensive disruption & crowds invading our property because of this. We can't open our windows thanks to the noise. I vehemently object to the existing licence & to its extension.

Representation 2

This is a unique, disruptive license, unlike anything in Cambridge - a permanent noisy outdoor festival in a very quiet residential area, affecting a large number of residents. The existing license cannot be valid, and should be revoked, since adjacent residents were never notified/consulted, and Biergarten has breached noise regulations frequently.

1) We were given no notice of this application (nor of the original 2017 license). This is the first I have heard of it - I had assumed the original "Thirsty" license was temporary and was very glad when the were gone.

2) This is a massive change in usage/character of the area – we were never given any opportunity to oppose the original license - it should be revoked immediately.

3) No mention of maximum permitted sound levels late into the night, nor how noise will be policed - The loud and terrible music at Thirsty and other temporary events have often made it unpleasant to use the private outdoor areas of our own property. – The promised "noise management policy" needs to be part of the license conditions and part of this consultation - we have not ever seen such information.

4) There is no bicycle parking provided at the property, and during the temporary Thirsty license there were hundreds of bikes blocking the footpaths around Riverside.

5) Music hours are far to wide - Live music and Cinema should be on single temporary event basis.

6) More people = much more opportunistic crime.

7) People entering or park on our property.

8) There is no indication of maximum customer limits - this is a huge property, and since I have to assume the worst, it could fit at least 1000 people.
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9) The intersection between the riverside bridge and the street is already fairly difficult to negotiate and congested - adding hundreds of drunk pedestrians/cyclists is bound to cause accidents.

10) Property value - This will definitely negatively affect the value of our property. Essentially transferring our money to the Biergarten company.

11) No phone line for residents complaints has been established as required under the existing license (or we have not been given it) - We definitely would have made many complaints.

12) There are no listed paths for revoking license due to breaches - breaches only to be recorded with no further recourse - e.g. fines or loss-of-license.

13) Queueing and Smokers will definitely cause obstruction to pedestrians/cyclists.

14) At minimum, customers should be required to enter & leave via Cheddar lane only

15) Council website has reformatted the conditions to make it nearly unreadable.

16) Attached "Plans" (Annex 4) are not attached. Please supply plans and restart the consultation period.

17) Attached "Conditions (Annex 3) are not attached. Please supply plans and restart the consultation period.

18) Opening hours are not consistent with the hours of other activities.

19) Many major items are left to Biergarten to decide on policy.

20) No trial period.

21) Does not mention whether venue will use outdoor spaces, nor whether the music will be allowed outdoors.

22) Late opening hours - This greatly changes the character of the area at night.

23) No mention of whether "music" is covered in the category "noise".

Representation 3

Reference: Licence for Cambridge Museum of Technology, Cheddars Lane Cambridge.

We would like to make the following comments .

1. We understood that the Museum was being modernised and this would include a café. There was no mention of alcohol licence or live music and dancing every day of the week.
2. During the summer of last year there was drinking on a Friday night and at weekends. This proved to be very noisy until late at night, with very loud music and with an increased amount of traffic, taxis etc. Even after it was closed there was still a commotion in the street as people did not go straight home but lingered outside making a noise outside the apartment s. Note that the area used for entertainment is enclosed and the sound does carry across to the apartments at Riverside Place.
3. We would be totally opposed to a licence which allowed this to happen every day, including Sundays from 10.00 am until 23.00. We live in a quiet apartment block, overlooking the river and it would be disastrous for us to have to endure noise created by such an environment every day of the week until late.
4. The road is narrow and affords very little parking and is highly unsuitable for an increased volume of traffic, which would be inevitable if the Museum was turned into what effectively would be a Public House /Entertainment centre. The road is currently used for running exercise, cycling , dog walking etc as it is at present a low traffic zone. It is currently very much a pedestrianized facility.
5. We also believe that the value of our property would decrease if such a licence was granted.