

THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Division/Station : Wokingham

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Licensing Dept.

Ref : Spin Bar review

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Subject :

Further information

Further to my our initial submission we wish to add the below;-

I visited the location again but this time the residence of the applicant was pointed out to me and it is clear from the location that there are closer properties to Spin than his and looking back in the records there have been no complaints from these premises or occupants. My thoughts at this point were – unfortunately the applicant moved into an area where there is night time economy and therefore one should expect some noise.

Yes a certain amount of noise from public walking passed or through the area at night could well be heard purely because of the lack of surrounding back ground noise to muffle it down.

The other concern that I now have is; should the Panel agree with the applicant and reduce the hours of the Club then this could have a more detrimental affect on the applicant in relation to Public Nuisance and also Crime and Disorder. Let me explain;

At the moment with the closing time of the Gig if it is busy then you could have 300 people exiting this premises between 0130 hrs and 0200 hrs – these then disperse either away from the area and a few into the Club, by about 02.15 – 0230.

The Club presently closes at 0330 after sales stop at 03.00 so you could be in the position that another 300 persons leave the club and either get food and leave the area away from the applicant and some will go towards the applicants residence to get taxi's.

From both these premises it has been seen and heard door staff asking customers to leave quietly and ther are signs at the exit points ot reinforce these requests.

However should the hours be reduced you could have on busy summer night numbers in the region of 600 persons all spilling out of the Gig and Spin into that paved area all at once, and although advised to go on their way quietly persons do get noisy and sound does travel further.

The other issue with all thse people meeting in one place it could heighten tempers as customers try to move away and this could therefore cause an increase in the levels of Crime and Disorder within the area and one of the Licensing Objectives is the Prevention of Crime and Disorder.

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