

The Licensing Officer  
Lewes Council  
Southover House  
Southover Road  
Lewes BN7 1AB

October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020

**Re Application for Licensable Premises at Unit 3 the Malthouse, Daveys Lane Lewes BN7 2BF**

Dear Licensing Officer,

I am very concerned to see a licensing application for the above premises displayed. I live at 7 Southdown Place just yards away. This quarter of the town has attracted several new developments recently and it is rapidly acquiring an attractive residential ambience. There are dozens of homes close by.

I understand the building has been leased with the view of becoming a small craft brewery with the option to hold 'tasting experiences' outside in the lane for a limited number of people.

However, this would seem to mask the real intention. The application is for something very different - a 7-day a week venue, with live music until 10pm every day and recorded music until 11pm at weekends. Proposed opening times, with alcohol to be sold on and off the premises, are from 12 until 11pm, Monday to Saturday and 12-10pm on Sundays.

I am absolutely horrified at this proposal. The prospect of drinkers wandering round this quiet part of town, along a narrow lane with only pedestrian access at one end, suggests the strong likelihood of a crowd accumulating and spilling out into the street. Davey's Lane gives access to the car park and pedestrian entrance to the flats and houses recently built here, so there will be difficulty in people easily accessing their houses. The gardens of the houses in Thomas Street open into Davey's Lane, literally just on the other side of the fence - again residents will run the gamut of drinkers and smokers to get to their houses. And this is proposed to go on seven days a week until late at night to the sound of loud music.

The numbers of people potentially accumulating, making merry and urinating in the quiet corners of the Lane and the passageway of Southdown Place; the smokers outside in the Lane; the smell of smoke and alcohol; the empty glasses left lying around in a street where people try to park or carry shopping to their homes; the noise of both music and voices carrying late into the night or when people are trying to enjoy a quiet weekend, the inevitable light pollution and just general disturbance make this application completely unacceptable.

I truly hope you will recognise my concerns and reject this application. I was born in Lewes and have lived here for decades and I know from my heart that this is a thoroughly bad proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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