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Representation against new license application APP\PREMISES-VARY\091255
from Czechoslovak National House applying to

“amend condition no.18 from: The garden not to be used and that the patio only be used by patrons who would want to smoke. To: Include the use of the rear garden by patrons and that the patio be used for patrons who want to smoke.”

I would like to make an objection to this new license application. I am the next-door neighbour to them and the noise coming from their outside premises is a nuisance I have had to endure on a daily basis and that is heavily affecting my everyday routines and how I enjoy my home.

Everyday of the week, except for Mondays, I hear the constant sound of customers speaking loudly and laughing, which occur throughout their opening hours until closure by 10.30pm/11.00pm. As they also serve food and drinks in the outside spaces, customers are gathered in large numbers and there is the frequently sound of plates and glasses being collected from tables.

Noises can be heard from all rooms in the house, which includes a living area and two bedrooms. Since it is not possible to sleep before they are closed, my daily routines are vastly arranged around their opening hours. I cannot make simple decisions such as doing morning exercises before work since I would have to sleep before their closing time, which I would not be able to.

I work Monday to Friday and by the time I arrive back home by 6pm, the Restaurant's outside premises are already open. It becomes impossible to use my bedroom to relax, read a book or sleep. The issue continues on weekends when they open at noon with an even larger group of customers disturbing our home all afternoon and evening.

All of the above have caused a great deal of distress. There have been many occasions that it is even more aggravated when I was sick and had to stay in bed all day or when I have to wake up at 4am do go on my regular business trips to Stockholm.

The issue started to aggravate with the warm weather and more customers started to use the outside premises, but it also occurred during the winter mostly on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Since April, as it was warmer, the noise issue has become a daily occurrence. That is when I started to get in touch with the evening noise patrol, trying to at least contain some of the noise in the evening. I have contacted them a few times and I was then advised to get in touch with the Licensing Team.

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Most of the evidence I present here was originally intended to demonstrate to the evening noise patrol how the noise was affecting our home. They are some short recordings sampling the ongoing issues, by no means representing a totality of occurrences or timing of the day that there have been noise problems. Although most of the recordings have been done in the evening, as this is the time I would look to go to sleep, the noise levels are equally loud during the day.

All the above are my accounts of how I have already been negatively affected by their premises even after the garden was closed around July 12th as the patio area remains open. The late opening hours are particularly worse as we have no choice but stay in the bedroom when trying to sleep. The daytime noise means we cannot enjoy our home with the constant noise of laughing, shouting and drinking. I would like to oppose to their new license request as the noise level will be considerably worse than the ones seems on the videos.

EVIDENCE

Below is a comprehensive list of the evidence provided. It is a total of 20 video/audio recordings and 4 photos.

The photos will be shared at the end of this file and videos can be seen via either of these links https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLy_Y7WXhPa5XZU3dTxD-Lgy9IEQalZIXI or the shorter url <http://bit.ly/evidenceNoise>.

*Please note that videos are not public meaning they cannot be accessed unless you use the above urls.

#	Date	Time	Day	Format	Duration	Description
1	25-May-18	9.43pm	Fri	Video	01:17	Loud speaking and laughing
2	25-May-18	9.40pm	Fri	Video	00:57	Loud laughing and speaking
3	26-May-18	10.08pm	Sat	Video	01:04	Loud speaking, laughing, some shouting and glasses + cutlery noise
4	27-May-18	6:53pm	Sun	Photo	-	Counted more than 40 people in the garden, potentially double as view blocked by tree
5	30-May-18	9.56pm	Wed	Video	00:24	Plates noise
6	30-May-18	10.19pm	Wed	Video	01:16	Loud speaking
7	31-May-18	10.06pm	Thu	Video	01:08	Loud speaking and laughing
8	01-Jun-18	10.47pm	Fri	Video	00:37	Loud laughing some chanting
9	02-Jun-18	10.45pm	Sat	Video	00:23	Speaking and glass noises
10	03-Jun-18	22.01pm	Sun	Video	00:31	Loud speaking

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11	05-Jun-18	10.18pm	Tue	Video	00:28	Loud speaking
12	05-Jun-18	11pm	Tue	Video	00:38	People still using the pation area at 11pm
13	14-Jun-18	10.50pm	Thu	Video	00:36	Loud speaking, laughing and some glass noise
14	16-Jun-18	10:45pm	Sat	Video	00:44	Speaking and drinking at pation area
15	20-Jun-18	10:55pm	Wed	Video	00:27	People still using the pation area at 10:55pm
16	07-Jul-18	10:26pm	Sat	Photo	-	People drinking in the patio, no smoking
17	12-Jul-18	7:01pm	Thu	Photo	-	People drinking in the patio, no smoking
18	01-Aug-18	9:14pm	Wed	Video	00:23	Loud speaking and shouting
19	01-Aug-18	9.26pm	Wed	Video	00:45	Loud singing, shouting and laughing
20	02-Aug-18	8:45pm	Thu	Video	00:33	Loud speaking, demonstranting how much of the noise can be heard from inside and outside the bedroom
21	04-Aug-18	5.55pm	Sat	Video	00:25	Loud speaking
22	04-Aug-18	7.09pm	Sat	Photo	-	People drinking and eating (no smoking)
23	19-Aug-18	9.25pm	Sun	Video	00:45	Loud speaking
24	20-Aug-18	9.27pm	Mon	Video	00:42	Loud speaking

I appreciate your time and effort looking into this matter.

Kind regards,
 Marco Oliveira