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2022/2688/P	David Auger	05/09/2022 22:11:30	OBJ	<p>I wish to object to this as the proposal will result in noise and disturbance to local residents as has happened previously from large numbers in the beer garden. Essentially the use of the marquees such as proposed causes a nuisance to local residents. We request a hearing, as objections in previous years were dealt with by adding conditions however these were ineffective.</p> <p>Local residents are disturbed by the events held in marquees and there is inadequate prevention of noise break out. There is an ongoing complaints process regarding the disturbance from the garden. Previously Marquees over the Christmas period have not followed agreed procedures and management of noise has not been successful. This has been with far less people than the current proposals. Further previous showing of sports events has resulted in disturbance with just the existing TV screens in place. The addition of the marquees and additional screens will increase the disturbance.</p> <p>While there are no objections to the physical structures. However the marquees previously used have been out of keeping with the surrounding area.</p> <p>The proposal of 300 people in the beer garden in marquees is inappropriate and not consistent with the licensing objectives for a pub in a residential area. There is frequent noise breakout from the use of the garden. Patrons challenged over urination in the street has suggested inadequate toilet facilities in the pub and difficult to see how could cope with 500 patrons as proposed.</p> <p>The management plan is inadequate to prevent a disturbance.</p> <p>Queuing on the street in a residential area is inappropriate, and in any case could be within the boundary to be seated. Such queues in the past have been noisy and caused a noise disturbance.</p> <p>Modern TVs can generate considerable volume so it is insufficient to suggest not amplified externally. Residents have previously raised complaints regarding the use of TVs in the outside area. In at least one other case in Camden the use of TV screens in the outside areas has been prohibited in conditions attached to the premises licence.</p> <p>Many licensed premises have a condition attached to the licence regarding noise levels. Such conditions would be appropriate for the Edinboro Castle as would conditions preventing the use of TV screens in outside space.</p> <p>There are no proposals to prevent noise breakout from the proposed 300 people watching the football. In previous such events the noise has been audible as far away as the Mornington Street Bridge and the junction between Albert Street and Delancey Street. Obviously the noise levels for nearby residents is considerably louder. Current noise levels are already disturbing with shouting and singing causing a disturbance inside residents home.</p> <p>The dispersal plans are inadequate and just mirror current arrangements, which are inadequate, patrons frequently do not leave promptly and are just directed by door staff away from the pub, congregating across the road outside residents homes, often sitting on steps in Delancey Street. The proposed marquees will make matters worse with 300 people leaving together in a residential area will cause considerable disturbance.</p>

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Patrons do not leave quietly and door staff cannot prevent this. Urination in the street by patrons frequently seen and not prevented by staff. The proposals will undoubtedly make matters worse, as occurred in previous events where marquees not used.

The management plan refers to 8pm kick off times. It is unreasonable to have a 10pm close time or later if necessary. A 7pm kick off could extend beyond 10pm with stoppages, extra time and penalties assuming a prompt start. Such open ended arrangements are unacceptable. Most beer gardens in residential areas have a close time at 9pm and when this is applied to be extended the application is rejected by the licensing team.

It is recognised that clearing up glass ware is noisy. No arrangements are in place. Residents are regularly disturbed by sound of crashing glass after the pub has closed.

It is suggested the world cup is a short event, however residents have already endured a noisy summer from the beer garden with frequent noise disturbances, music being audible in residents homes as well as patrons shouting and singing. The xmas period will shortly follow the world cup and again this period has historically resulted in disturbances to residents except when activities reduced as a result of covid. The pandemic has clearly demonstrated that the reduction in numbers and culture of large groups and party atmosphere drinking excessively being curtailed results in significant reduction in disturbance. This summer has seen an increasing escalation of antisocial behaviour by patrons and staffs' indifference to the impact on residents.

The proposed number of door staff is inadequate and insufficient to control 500 persons. The use of 2 door staff is no more than current arrangements agreed with Camden and still does not prevent disturbance on leaving the premises as experienced over the summer with large crowds, including but not limited to public urination, patrons playing football in the street, throwing things, singing and shouting, interfering with road signs.

Previously marquees have been used in the Christmas period. Arrangements have been inadequate and complaints have had to be made. It should be noted that the 2019 application brought the proposed closure time earlier and yet this was still not enough to prevent disturbance and complaints. These plans were for a single marquee and far fewer persons being served dinner, not 300 persons watching football. Camden needs to ensure there are adequate resources available to investigate complaints in a timely manner.

It should be noted the beer garden is to provide outside space to enjoy a beer sitting outside in summer months in good weather. The use of the space to provide the site for marquees in autumn and winter is inconsistent with this when such structures by their nature do not contain noise and prevent noise breakout.

In conclusion the application should be rejected as the use of such marquees is inconsistent with the licensing objectives and would lead to disturbances to local residents.