

Addressing hearing on Tuesday 23rd January 2018
Committee room 1 , Shirehall ,Hereford at 10am

From charmaine danter -JACQUELINES NIGHT CLUB AND JD'S BAR -ROSS-ON-WYE

TO THE COMMITTEE

I would like to address the points made by the 2 representations about the application to extend the opening hours of Jacqueline's Nightclub and J D's Bar.

This is the second time that we have put in an application for the same extended hours. The last one was in October,2005 for which we had 18 complaints. For this one we only have 2.

TO PREVENT CRIME AND DISORDER

At both Jacqueline's and J D's Bar there is a Door Supervisor and myself manning the entrance doors. These are to control entry and exit, monitor the smokers and keep the noise down. We only allow up to 12 smokers out at a time and restrict the space which they are allowed to take up. I have no knowledge of a member of the public actually telling my customers to desist.

PUBLIC NUISANCE

Jacqueline's Nightclub has no windows. The windows in J D's Bar are closed at 11.00pm and have secondary glazing. For 9 months from May 2015 we have had a silent disco, every weekend, where headphones, playing the music, are worn. We still have this once a month.

We have had no crime or disorder, noise complaints or any other problems Monday to Thursday. We are not the only establishment in the vicinity to play music at night.

We sweep up any cigarette butts and rubbish from outside on closing. The next morning's rubbish is normally takeaway containers.

The reason why I am applying for an extra hour on Fridays and Saturday is because the clientele are coming into town later than they used to. The main drinking pub in town is Wetherspoons, which closes at 1.00am. People then want to dance on a dancefloor, which Jacqueline's has got. At closing time, so many customers say that they would like to keep on dancing.

Over the last 5 years we have been granted 50 TENS for Easter, Bank Holidays, Christmas etc. which have been very successful with no trouble at all. I have found that customers leaving these events, an hour later than usual are much quieter and ready for home.

As for the timing of the application, I did begin the process in November, but found it quite complicated. Therefore we were close to Christmas when the notices went up.

As for the future, now that I own the land to the rear of the nightclub, I intend to apply for permission for a permanent smoking shelter/beer garden so that the smokers are not on pavements at the front of the building.

Yours sincerely
Charmaine