

Representation made by the Local Authority 18 September 2019

I am an officer authorised under the Licensing Act 2003 and I make this representation on behalf of the Licensing Authority

I refer to the review of the premises licence in respect of St Katherine's, St Katherine's, Ledbury, HR8 1AQ

The Licensing Authority **supports the review** called in respect of these premises on the following grounds:

During the evening of Friday 23rd August 2019 I was part of the out of hours noise team and following a call from Mr Thomas we attended the vicinity of St Katherine's Barn, Ledbury.

Upon arrival, I saw a number of people wandering about in the vicinity of the barn. I could hear loud music emanating from the barn. A live band was making the music. The music had a heavy base sound to it. I could hear instrumental music being played which had a heavy base sound to it, there was also a male person singing.

We were parked about 20 yards away from the barn. I can say that in my opinion I felt that the noise was excessively loud for the area. As a result, whilst sitting in the car with the windows open, I recorded the noise on an approved and certified noise meter over a period of 5 minutes. During this period, the LAeq was found to be 60dB.

I noted that there was very little increase in the noise level when people entered the building through the sliding patio doors. The building seemed to offer very little noise attenuation.

To put this in perspective I would not want to live in the vicinity of these premises as the noise would be excessive for the area and cause me considerable nuisance.

Further information and copies of the sound recording will be provided by Environmental Health prior to the hearing.

Fred Spriggs

Principal Licensing Officer