

Appendix M – UDC response to concerns

Good afternoon,

Further to your objection being received by Uttlesford District Council concerning the new premises licence application for Rumblebees Bookshop and Music Café.

We have received a response from the applicant, Mr Trevor Averre-Beeson, to address your concerns about noise disturbance as follows:

1. Mr Averre-Beeson has agreed with Essex Police that the outside area will remain unlicensed, so an amended plan excludes the outside area as a licensable area. This means no alcohol will be sold outside and there will be no music/singing outside.
2. Environmental Health department have arranged a noise management plan with Mr Averre-Beeson
3. Music events will take place after 6pm when the business above is closed.
4. The following events will take place monthly:
 - A book club on the third Thursday for 15-20 attendees from 19:30 – 21:30
 - A quiz on the second Friday for 16-20 participants from 19:30 – 21:30
 - Music night on the third Friday. Acoustic guitars and singing.
There will be no amplifiers, drums, electric guitars, keyboards, etc. No brass instruments – only acoustic guitar. Open mic nights will be acoustic and live music will last no more than two hours once a month.
5. The only live music played during the day will be an occasional 3-minute rendition of 'Happy Birthday' or a request for a Christmas song.
6. Acoustic guitar will be played for only 5-10 minutes once or twice each week during the day.

If you feel that the above measures have addressed your concerns about possible noise nuisance, please let me know if you wish to withdraw your objections to this application.

If you still feel that a genuine issue remains despite the above measures, please let me know and I will forward an agenda pack for the hearing in due course.

If a hearing goes ahead, you will have the opportunity to address the panel to air your concerns. However, to avoid repetitive points being made, it may be prudent to nominate a spokesperson, to make the most of the allotted time frame if the concerns are all similar in nature.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Kind regards

Sharon Bartram

Licensing Support Officer