

Response from Environmental Health with proposed amendments

I would like to see the following conditions added to those already listed by the applicant.

I believe that if all these conditions are not included on the licence there is the potential for a public nuisance to be caused by music noise from the Hope Cove café.

- All amplified music shall take place indoors only, except during Hope Cove weekend when amplified music will be permitted outside from 10:00 to 23:00.
- Any music after 23.00 hours shall not be audible within noise-sensitive premises with windows open in a typical manner for ventilation (see note)
- Patrons shall be asked not to stand around talking in the street outside the premises and asked to leave the vicinity quickly and quietly.
- An announcement will be made prior to closing requesting customers' co-operation in leaving the premises and vicinity as quickly and quietly as possible.

Note

The requirement of inaudibility is given in guidance by The Noise Council in the 'Code of Practice on Environmental Noise Control at Concerts'. That guide suggests that control can be exercised in that situation by limiting the music noise so that it is just audible outside the noise sensitive premises. When that is achieved it can be assumed that the music noise is not audible inside the noise sensitive premises.

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