

REPRESENTATIONS – BILLS BAR, OAKHAM

Name	Representation
Nicola Hawkey	See attached separate form
Fiona Murphy	See attached separate form
Mark Berridge	<p>Dear sirs</p> <p>I am writing as I have concerns regarding the above application to vary the premises license and to provide more live music.</p> <p>Apart from the fact that they have already carried out the major refurbishment, including knocking down supporting walls, new bar and seating in the new area, I am worried that the much larger glass fronted dance area/live music area is going to increase the noise pollution.</p> <p>We already suffer from loud thumping bass music at all hours of the morning due to Bills Bar not being adequately insulated. The extension is also a single pane of glass. A properly insulated window, or better still, a bricked up front would go along way to improve this.</p> <p>There is also a problem with antisocial behaviour. This shows itself in the form of shouting and screaming in the early hours, smashed glass and litter, occasional piles of vomit on our front, car doors slamming in the parking bays directly outside our house and blatant drug dealing behind Wilkos loading bays. I appreciate that they have a business to run but selling beer at £1 a pint doesn't help. I think the "bouncers" may be able to contribute to sorting some of these issues by receiving more training as the drug dealers are walking in and out of Bills without any challenge. More thorough street cleaning will also help with the litter and vomit (I already report this online quite regularly). Also the occasional police presence may deter some of this behaviour.</p> <p>The opening hours also seem a bit excessive. I understand Friday/Saturday nights but midweek and Sunday? Maybe 1am is more neighbourly? I note on their application that their schedule to provide live music is also subject to change. What does this mean?</p> <p>Hoping that my concerns are taken seriously as the noise from the bar, antisocial behaviour and drug dealing are already a serious problem, doubling the size will only make the neighbourhood more unbearable.</p>



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Section A: Details of person or body making representation

Your Name:	NICOLA HAWKEY
Your Address:	

Section B: Details of premises representation is about

Name of Premises:	Bill's BAR
Address of premises:	2-4 GROSVENOR HOUSE, MELTON RD OAKHAM LE15 6AX
Application No. (if known)	121187

Section C: Licensing objectives

Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:

Prevention of crime and disorder	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prevention of public nuisance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Protection of children from harm	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section D: Your concerns

Please summarise your concerns about this application:

- We live locally in our family home in close proximity to the premises in question. We would like to express our representation as follows;

Increased and extended occurrence of Public nuisance

We have been subjected to repeated occurrences of public nuisance directly created by the named premises already.

Please give further details of why you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives

With the above premises being knocked through (from 27th March 2023) into the premises next door and creating one much larger space, it is of great concern that this will create increased capacity as well as a higher volume of music/bass within the crowded venue.

(Living in a Grade II listed property, sitting in a conservation area, we have single glazing within our period home.)

- The hours of operation applied for far exceed the existing licenced hours of any other nearby licenced premises. We and our children already encounter serious sleep disruption within our home as a result of the loud noise and bass, vibrating throughout the local residential neighbourhood from midnight 11am onwards and our fear is this noise disruption will increase.
- With the application date being on 15.03.23, the blue A4 notice was only displayed from Saturday 8th April on the premises window, cutting the 28 day representation window very short for any response

We wish to identify these issues to help the applicant meet the licensing objectives by following regulation to ensure the premises is well managed



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Section A: Details of person or body making representation

Your Name:	FIONA MURPHY
Your Address:	[REDACTED]

Section B: Details of premises representation is about

Name of Premises:	BILL'S BAR
Address of premises:	GROSVENOR HOUSE, HIGH STREET, OAKHAM, RUTLAND LE15
Application No. (if known)	

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Section D: Your concerns

Please summarise your concerns about this application:

As a local resident we nightmare regularly disturbed by the noise from this premises late at night and into the early hours of the morning. This includes singing, shouting, screaming and fighting. We have also experienced customers jumping over the garden walls looking for short cuts and also to carry on drinking and drug taking as they leave their rubbish behind. The emptying of glass shops and moving empty barrels at 3:30/4am is both unnecessary and unacceptable in a residential area. On contacting the bar to ask for the noise to be reduced the staff have been rude and the request ignored with the noise increasing.

Please give further details of why you believe this application will have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives

The size of the premises increasing is only going to lead to an increase in the anti social behaviour and noise levels that we experience. There is little effort to respect surrounding residents who are entitled to quiet enjoyment of their homes as well a reasonable attempt to control noise and nuisance after 11pm as all other licenced premises in Oakham do.