

Dear Michelle,

I write on behalf of the applicants. I thought it would be helpful to update Members prior to the hearing on the current situation, as it has been 2 ½ months since the licence review was initiated.

We are all long-term residents of Soho Lofts. Following many years of noise nuisance from music emanating through the structure of the premises from the licensed premises below, and the failure to resolve the issue, we felt we had no option but to initiate a review.

The supporting documentation for the review includes statements from each applicant; a statement from another resident; and supporting correspondence from the Soho Society and ward councillors. During the consultation period, a number of representations were received from other local residents in support of the review. Some of these representations focused on wider issues with the operation of the premises. Environmental Health and the licensing authority have also supported the review.

Our review application concluded by stating that we are happy to work with the premises licence holder, 100 Wardour Limited, and the Environmental Health Consultation Team during the licence review process to secure a workable solution to the issues. We are disappointed that instances of noise nuisance have continued since the review was initiated (see timeline attached). Nevertheless, we readily agreed to another round of noise testing by both the licence holder and WCC, which took place on 2.5.19.

However, given the unfortunate history of noise testing taking place, noise limiters being set etc only for the noise to reoccur we are not assured that a permanent, lasting solution has been reached at this time to ensure inaudibility permanently going forward.

There have been instances of noise nuisance following the initiation of the review, and following the installation of the new sound system which we were told took place by 22.4.19.

I should be grateful if you would distribute this summary to the relevant parties and to the Licensing Sub-Committee.

Kind regards,

David Steele (obo of applicants)