

REPRESENTATIONS – MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC (1)

Matthew Willsher
21 Ewenny Road
Bridgend

I write to make representations regarding the application by No 11 Cafe Bar for:

For 7 days of the week, Mon-Sun:
Supply of Alcohol 1100-2330
Live Music 1300-2230
Recorded Music 0900-2400

I would like to object to the granting of license as it stands, in particular that the the times are too broad and run too late at night.

No 11 Cafe Bar is in a residential area. It opened last year, initially appear to only be a Cafe and serving during the day. There are already four (4) licensed premises in this area - Bridgend Athletics RFC, The Coach, Cabo Roche and The Five Bells. At least two of these play live music from time to time. We also have the Spar shop, open until 2230. We have a higher density of licensed premises than the town centre.

We have already had cause to complain to No 11 Cafe Bar about noise during one of their evening events on April 21st which could clearly be heard inside our premises and woke our children. The owners claimed that we couldn't hear the noise over the sound of the road and also told us that they wanted to 'liven the area up'. This was earlier on in the evening. We have a video started at 22:32:55 that evening showing how their night ended and how loud and disruptive the evening was.

When No 11 Cafe Bar have had events on they will generally leave the door open due to the small area and relatively large number of people in the venue. The number of people that I have seen in the venue seems excessive for its size.

We have also heard other events at the premises. Again, we have tolerated this believing them to be occasional events, but have found that people leaving No 11 Cafe Bar are particularly noisy and worse for ware, more so than other venues in the area. The venue seems to be aiming at a party atmosphere with its evening events, something that may be more appropriate away from residential areas.

My major concern is that the addition of a further licensed premises to the area will make the noise and nuisance intolerable in the evening and at night. Other venues occasionally have music and we have had cause to complain to them about the noise levels, but No 11 is been the worst case by far in the 12 years we have lived on Ewenny Road.

Another fully licensed premises, particular one that has already shown little regard to the concerns of local residents, will only add to the existing problems.

Your sincerely

REPRESENTATIONS – MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC (2)

I am writing in regards to the Application by NO 11 Cafe /Bar for, the sale of Alcohol 7 days a week, Mon -Sun 11.00-23.30. Also i am objecting to their Application for live music 13.00-22.30 and Recorded music 09.00 - 24.00.

Over the past few months that this establishment has been open, my family and myself have suffered more noise and disturbing behaviour from these premises, than the three other licensed premises that are in our immediate vicinity. I can not understand that you as the Council can allow another licensed premises on what is a Residential area. My Family work Weekdays and Weekends and the introduction of another noisy venue is just unacceptable. I would like to draw your attention to the following observations.

1/ The premises has one entrance and exit. Their are no windows also.

2/ Apparently they are allowed a maximum of 60 people in the premises, yet their is only one toilet ?.

3/ The venue is so small that when their are more that 8 people , the door has to be opened because of the air quality and humidity build up inside. When music is playing the door is open 90% of the time, so the noise level is very high.

4/ Their are flats above and behind these premises, and although these people are not Doctors and Lawyers, they are human beings and deserve to be protected by their fellow human beings. Some do work, and most if not any frequent the Cafe, so they probably do not know about this Application from the Cafe.

5/ When they have an event, people come outside onto the narrow pavement, where they drink and smoke, then throw their cigarette butts on to the pavement and road. They leave their glasses, bottles etc on the pavement, in plant pots and on top of the post box.

6/ Because their is no room outside to sit down, this was witnessed last Saturday night, revellers walked from the Cafe at approx 23.30 to the benches outside Bridgend Athletic rfc, to sit down and consume their drinks.

7/ I know for a fact that no other licensed premise in this area allow people to carry bottles of wine, wine glasses and other containers of Alcohol, across busy roads and from their premises..

10/ put yourselves in our shoes, how would you like to be living directly opposite a bar, with all the comings and goings seven days of a week.

The Allowance of this Application would blight my families lives considerably. I have lived on this road for the past twenty years, i can honestly say that since this cafe has opened it has never been so bad. I am asking you as the local Authority to carry out your duties and look after your tax paying members of the public.

REPRESENTATIONS – MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC (3)

Charmaine Elward
20 Ewenny Road
Bridgend

I am writing to strongly object to the recent application made by No11 Café bar on Ewenny road Bridgend, for extended licensing hours:

7 Days a week opening.

Supply Alcohol 11:00-23:30.

Live music 13:00-22:30.

Recorded music 09:00-24:30

I have only lived at this address for 3 and a half years, and up until December this year it has been a lovely quiet street to live on, despite it being a main road. There are already a few pubs/sports clubs in close proximity and all of these are respectful of the fact they are in a residential area, if there has ever been a concern with noise we have been able to approach them and they have addressed the issue immediately. This has not been the case with No11 café bar.

I say this was until December as since then there have been several evenings where No11 café bar have held "events" that have been excessive in numbers of people spewing out of the doors and in noise coming from there, from both patrons and 'artists'. The premises only has one door and no opening windows which means that when the place is so busy they prop this door open, as I imagine it gets quite stuffy, but as you can imagine this makes the noise louder again.

I have video footage, from April this year, of them dancing and singing, doing the conga up and down the street which can be heard above my television, baring in mind I'm stood right next to it and I had already had to put it louder than we usually have it to try and drown out the noise.

I believe that since January they have held an excessive number of events, often disturbing the residents. I think this clearly shows that their intentions are to hold such events every weekend which, quite frankly, would be horrendous for us residents to have to put up with.

I have three children living at my property, two of which sleep at the front of the house, the 'events' at No11 café bar are extremely disruptive to their sleeping pattern, and they are unable to settle until all the noisy patrons have dispersed.

If a licence were to be granted that would be 5 licenced premises in very close proximity, this is almost, if not, a third of the amount of pubs in the town centre area in one, small, residential setting!! I'm not against anyone trying to build a new business in this area, but when it is to the detriment of the residents surrounding them and impacting negatively on their quality of life then this should be a major cause for concern for yourselves. I'm aware that several of my neighbours are of the same opinion as I am and are also voicing their concerns. I'm certain that if we had all been aware that the business was to be a café bar and not just a café from the outset then objections would have been raised far sooner.

I really hope that residents thoughts and concerns are taken in to consideration when this application is being looked at. If you would like to speak with me regarding this matter please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards

REPRESENTATIONS – CLLR LYN WALTERS (4)

Dear Licensing

Over the last 10 days I have received a number of concerns from local residents with regard to this licensing application. It is fair to say that all of the emails have had very detailed examples of how the No 11 café bar has not shown any consideration to local residents when holding evening events. The residents' emails have also stressed that they are not having the same issues from the other bars and clubs in the proximity (Bridgend Athletic Rugby club, 5 Bells, Cabo Roche, Coach) so their concerns are not about removing all licensed premises from the area.

Taking into account the sheer volume of concerns raised so far, I wish to express my view that the Café Bar has not demonstrated sufficient consideration or professionalism to support this licensing application. I therefore request this application is reviewed by the full licensing committee and hope it is declined.

Regards

Cllr Lyn Walters
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REPRESENTATIONS – MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC (5)

Mr Vincent Kempster
24 Ewenny Road
Bridgend

To whom it may concern

I have just noticed a notice on the front of No.11 Cafe bar on Ewenny road and the proposed licensing application.

in the first instance, it would have been appreciated if the cafe had politely put this in writing to me. I can only assume that the notice on the shop front had the intention of being **passed unnoticed**.

I am resident on Ewenny Road [REDACTED]. the cafe bar in question is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Of course, I am always pleased to see new business in what is becoming a **dying market town** and, encourage, and use these smaller shops to help them thrive.

The cafe is a great idea and wish them all the best in their venture. However, I cannot accept the application for an alcohol and live music licence as a realistic idea considering the noise, scattered broken bottles and glasses along the back lanes that currently is suffered from the athletic club and five bells public house.

This is a formal objection to the licence application For No11 cafe and Bar.

REPRESENTATIONS – MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC (6)

Cllr Matthew Voisey

I wish to raise concerns regarding the granting of a full licence to the premises at "The Cafe at 11 Ewenny Road, Bridgend"

I personally am happy that officer use delegated powers to decide this, however I have had concerns raised by a number of local residents. I therefore feel they should be reported, and this application should go to committee if required.

Whilst competition and viability are not material, I am concerned about over concentration of licensed premises in why is a mostly residential street. Furthermore there are several licensed premises with a stones throw. The Rugby Club, The Spar (off sales), The Five Bells Public House, The Coach Public House and a cafe/bar in Cabo Roche, in Five Bells road.

I am also concerned that a residential accommodation is situated above this proposed licenced premises. I believe that public protection and th Police have been called already during a period of occasional licensing, due to noise and disturbance.

It has been put to me also that the toilet facilities in the cafe may not be suitable for a licensed premises.

It has been seen that patrons have been using the highway/pavement in front to smoke and drink. Whilst this is consumption, rather than a supply issue, it a potential issue for local residents, and pedestrians, and may lead to littering offences taking place.

I have also seen video evidence of a conga dance being held down the street as part of an occasional licence event.

Should you grant a license, and it is possible to apply conditions, these should include, no consumption on the pavement, and a time limit for sale, to 10.30 pm, for the benefit of local residents.(unsure f such conditions are possible anymore)

Can you please confirm receipt of these comments and keep me advised on the progress of this application.

REPRESENTATIONS – MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC (7)

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to formally object to the application of licensable activities for No 11 Café and Bar, Ewenny Road, Bridgend, CF31 3HN.

Supply of Alcohol 11am-23:30 Mon-Sun.
Live Music 13:00 – 22:30
Recorded Music 9 am- Midnight

Background on No 11 Cafe opening:

As local residents [REDACTED] when we heard of a No 11 Café opening, we were very pleased for another local business to be opening from the hours of 9am-5pm providing a facility that 'had a market for' within this residential area as there is not another sit down café here. We have regularly eaten there, and attended events.

Since No 11 Cafe and Bar opened (October – December 2017) holding 8 events which varied from Children's Halloween parties, Ladies Pamper Evenings, Prosecco Evenings, live entertainment, various sports event and Christmas events, we had no problems, and therefore no complaints. However since January 2018 to date, they have held 16 events out of which 11 were live music events. This, we believe, is evidence of the proprietor's intention to focus purely on the "party atmosphere".

More recently the party atmosphere has become a nightmare for local residents, with excessive noise from the live music, customers and the owners causing anti-social behaviour on the street (including dancing the conga down the centre of Ewenny Road at 10:30 & 11:30 at night, while the live musician had his cordless microphone singing with them, this happened on 3 different occasions and the latter 2 happened again, even though residents had informed the proprietors of their feelings regarding previous disruption. We believe this shows a total disregard for their neighbours, and a complete lack of respect for the residents living here. Part of the problem is the continual opening and closing of the main door, then the door being jammed open due to customers being too hot due to no windows in the establishment (alcohol, singing and dancing adds to this), customers smoking and drinking with glassware outside the premises on the public pavement, customers taking drinks/glassware from No 11 and going across the road to the Bridgend Athletic Rugby Club, tables being placed outside premises for a customer seating area which now have been moved from around the corner on the entrance and fire exit for the residents above (not part of their premises), business alarm going off in the middle of the night, deliveries been made before 7am in the morning. Also when these events are on we have noticed large groups of youths (20+) congregating outside Spar on their bicycles.

We believe in its current layout & location No 11 Café is not suitable for holding such events as they have a fully glassed frontage, one entrance/exit and when music is played inside even with door shut it is still loud and can be heard from inside our home and when the doors are open the noise is even worse.

We have recorded our complaints about the excessive noise when these events are on to the public protection dept at BCBC.

Concerns:

- We feel the venue itself is inadequate for a Bar holding live/music events with

customers drinking alcohol, making a lot of noise. It is too close to residents homes and has no ability to lessen the noise, unless a restriction is put into place for acoustic singers only 'no speaker sound system' which causes no problems- evidence from the jazz and harp event held.

- Two of our neighbours have already verbally complained to No 11 staff during the nuisance noise and ASB - asking them to turn the music down/close door etc and also the day after the event, they were met with a very unapologetic, uncooperative and frankly rude attitude only to be told that 'there just trying to liven up this end of town'. This type of attitude worries us as if this is what No 11 staff behaves like when they have to apply for event licence, I dread to think about what will happen if they are granted a permanent one.

- The extra traffic when collecting takeaways, taxi's and others cars collecting customers at the end of an event- drunken people are generally loud, on their phones etc, this will be regularly outside our home (this generally happens when the RFC holds events).

- Live entertainment that can be seen through a glass frontage and clearly heard attracts youth that are out late at night and congregate outside Spar.

- Residents living immediately above No 11 must hear the noise even worse than we do and I do feel that this is a conflict of interest as their landlord is the same as No11 Café and Bar therefore they may feel less inclined to complain.

Here is our Reference number [REDACTED] for the complaints we have already made regarding No 11 Café & Bar. The person we have been dealing with is [REDACTED] public protection dept.

My Wife and I look forward to hearing your response to our questions. We would also be happy to have a meeting to chat about this situation; our neighbours who feel the same way would also attend.

[REDACTED]

REPRESENTATIONS – MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC (8)

Mrs J Richards
15A Ewenny Road
Bridgend

Dear Sir / Madam ,

Objection Re: Licensing Application No 11 Cafe Bar

Proposed Licence Hours Monday To Sunday
Supply of Alcohol 1100hrs to 2330hrs
Live Music 1300 hrs to 2330hrs
Recorded Music 0900hrs to 2400hrs

I refer to the proposed liquor licensing application submitted by the No 11 Cafe Bar, Ewenny Road, Bridgend and proposed opening hours as above and wish to OBJECT to this application on the following basis.

Firstly I will apologise for the length of my letter but would urge you read it to its conclusion as I am not sure as to your knowledge of the area and other restrictions which may be relevant in your deliberations.

OVERVIEW OF THE AREA CONCERNED :

Our house [REDACTED] is located on the same side of the road as No 11 Cafe Bar and next door but one to the actual premises. We have lived at the address for the past twenty plus years .There are also several residential flats located directly above No 11 Cafe Bar and also attached to the rear of No 11 Cafe Bar which are all occupied by working people.

I assume that there will be a licensing visit to the premises prior to granting any license which will give a balanced overview regarding the location of the premises in relation to the residential houses and existing licensed premises. In case there is no site visit, maybe the licensing officer can refer to the Google earth facility and confirm the following :

Directly opposite our home you have the Spar Supermarket licensed to sell alcohol from 11am to 2300hrs daily with the exception of Sunday when they are permitted to serve alcohol until 2230hrs. This is a well used supermarket through the week and the weekend to purchase alcohol.

Directly next door is the Bridgend Athletic RFC which again is a licensed premises, which not only serves the members and visiting teams but also holds evening functions and parties until 2300hrs. Some of the events have been quite rowdy and recently they have added external seating which invites their patrons to sit outside increasing the noise level on times. The club has been an established and accepted licensed premises for many years.

The Five Bells Public House is located virtually opposite the Bridgend Athletic RFC and again has been an established licensed premises with opening hours of 1100hrs to 2300hrs, and it is fair to say is run by the licensees to ensure minimal disruption to local residents.

Cabo Roche is a licensed cafe bar located on Five Bells Road , within 100 metres of the Five Bells Public House. Again this is a licensed premises with opening hours between 1100hrs and 2300hrs and occasionally holds live music events. This premises is located to the rear of our premises and unfortunately the events have caused excessive noise which causes us

disruption, however as they are normally held on bank holiday weekends we tolerate them finishing at 2300hrs.

The Coach Public House, Cowbridge Road, Bridgend is located within 100 metres of Cabo Roche and again has a license to serve alcohol between hours of 1100hrs to 2300hrs. It is again fair to say that the premises is run with the licensees with due consideration to local residents.

I would therefore ask you as the licensing officer is there any other residential area within the Bridgend, with this amount of licensed premises as we currently have in our area.

NOISE ISSUES TO DATE :

There have been a number of events held at the No 11 Cafe Bar this year which have been somewhat rowdy to say the least and have been reported to the local council. These noisy events have been as recent as Saturday 7th July 2018 where the music was so loud the council attended in relation to the excessive noise following a report by several neighbours.

On 21st April 2018, an artist named Karl Svenson performed at the No 11 Cafe Bar and again there was a lot of noise within the premises which disturbed our evening. This was further aggravated around 2230hrs, when the artist left the premises with a "conga" of customers all singing at the top of their voices passing the residential houses the full length of the street near the cafe. The noise was so loud it woke my 10 year old daughter. This incident was recorded but many of the residents of Ewenny Road.

I am genuinely concerned that there appears to be no control of the artists performing and no consideration for local residents when events are taking place. The venue is not a particularly big premises to hold these events as it obviously gets hot inside which results in the only door to the premises being left open and the volume being amplified. Patrons attending the events at the premises, who smoke, congregate on the pavement outside to have a cigarette, taking their alcoholic drinks outside. As I pointed out earlier, the width of the pavement is six feet, so the patrons using the outside to smoke restricts other people's safe passage past the premises.

The premises have no separate smoking area to facilitate its customers and there is only one toilet for use by both male and female customers together with staff. Whilst the premises has the facilities to operate as a cafe it is clear that the property is not fit for the purpose of holding alcohol related larger events.

The hours being applied for are excessive especially as there are a number of small children living in the area who are likely to have their sleep disrupted. It should also be considered that there are at least three premises within close proximity which support vulnerable women and children, and persons suffering from mental health issues.

Whilst I am all for supporting new business in our local area and give credit to No 11 Cafe Bar for bringing a quality CAFE to the area, I honestly feel a further licensed premises in the addition to the five we already have is just unnecessary and would be detrimental to the local residents who have worked hard to build the homes we have.

I would appreciate your confirmation of receipt in respect of my objection to this application.

Yours Sincerely

REPRESENTATIONS – MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC (9)

Darren Thomas
First Floor Flat
10A Ewenny Road
Bridgend

I am writing to object for the application of licensable activities for No 11 Café and Bar, ewenny Road, Bridgend CF31 3HN, for the Supply of Alcohol 11am-23:30 Mon-Sun.
Live Music 13:00-22:30
Recorded Music 9am-24:00.

Due to:

Too much noise this end of time. No more.

REPRESENTATIONS – MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC (10)

Md Abdul Ghafur
9B Ewenny Road
Bridgend C.B.C

I am writing to object for the application of licensable activities for No 11 Café and Bar,
ewenny Road, Bridgend CF31 3HN, for the
Supply of Alcohol 11am-23:30 Mon-Sun.
Live Music 13:00-22:30
Recorded Music 9am-24:00.

Due to:

Alcohol and live music no more time until midnight. ----- noise.

REPRESENTATIONS – MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC (11)

Tomasz Gauet
11A Ewenny Road
Bridgend

I am writing to object for the application of licensable activities for No 11 Café and Bar,
ewenny Road, Bridgend CF31 3HN, for the
Supply of Alcohol 11am-23:30 Mon-Sun.
Live Music 13:00-22:30
Recorded Music 9am-24:00.

Due to:

I work 12 hours per day and I need sleep.

REPRESENTATIONS – MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC (12)

Magdalena -----
11A Ewenny Road
Bridgend

I am writing to object for the application of licensable activities for No 11 Café and Bar,
ewenny Road, Bridgend CF31 3HN, for the
Supply of Alcohol 11am-23:30 Mon-Sun.
Live Music 13:00-22:30
Recorded Music 9am-24:00.

Due to:

I work different shifts.

