

Re: Premises licence application – Scalford Hall

Please accept these comments as the formal representation of Environmental Health.

Scalford Hall is situated adjacent to several noise sensitive receptors including Scalford Court Care Home and private dwellings. We have historically received a number of noise nuisance complaints relating to the application premises. For clarity, the complaints received over the preceding four years, whilst under Mr Warburg's management, are as follows:

18/12/2017 – Noise from marquee
21/09/2015 – Noise from music and voices
21/06/2015 – Noise from fathers' day event
09/05/2015 – Noise from TEN
23/03/2015 – Noise from marquee

In 2015 the noise situation was unacceptable resulting in resident complaints and a loss of residential amenity. Following an intervention from Melton Borough Council - Environmental Health and Licensing, in cooperation with Scalford Hall management, a noise control framework was successfully established. This framework focused primarily on the use of the external marquee as the principle source of nuisance noise. An acoustic sound limiter was introduced with noise limits set by Environmental Health/Licensing through a process of practical experimentation. Environmental Health has since only received one nuisance related complaint.

This framework was formally recognised in planning application 14/00986/FUL and the preceding premises licence. Unfortunately the applicant has not chosen to replicate the preceding premises licence 'public nuisance' conditions in this application. As the owner, business activities and infrastructure are materially unchanged the noise control conditions remain relevant and applicable. With that in mind Environmental Health would formally object to the use of the 'outdoor' external area for the purpose of plays, films, live music, recorded music and performances of dance until 01:00. We would also object to the 'licensable area' being set as the whole of Scalford Hall grounds as per the submitted Scalford Hall site plan.

We would ask the Licensing Committee to determine the external licensable area as being the marquee and two paved terraced adjacent to the Hall – see attached plan. Furthermore we would ask that the use of the marquee and two paved areas be restricted to 00:00 midnight and 23:00 respectively for the purposes listed above. I would note that planning application 14/00986/FUL condition (5) prohibits events being held in the marquee between the hours of 24:00 midnight – 10am.

Environmental Health recommends the following conditions be attached to the premises licence (if granted).

Regards

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