

MEMO: Environmental Protection Team

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The Tap Inn – 2 Sayer Street, SE17 1FG APP 918254 (EPRA) representation

Environmental Protection Responsible Authority (EPRA) has considered an application to vary the premises licence under Section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The application is to vary the number of patrons allowed outside at the above address from 10 to 30 (excluding staff). The applicant indicated that staff will monitor noise levels and signs will be placed to ask to respect neighbours also benches below flat windows will be designated for non-smokers.

The Tap Inn is located in a predominantly residential area. The premises is in operation from 08:00-23:00 Monday-Thursday, 08:00-00:00 on Fridays and Saturdays and 08:00-23:00 on Sundays. The external areas are out of use between 22:00 hrs and 08:00 hrs.

The environmental Protection Team has received a complaint from noise from patrons using the external area and since that area is in the open without any noise barriers, noise from patrons is likely to cause a nuisance to residential occupiers, the scale of which is likely to be greater when all the residential units are occupied.

As a result, Environmental Protection Responsible Authority (EPRA) would like to object to the application to increase the number of the patrons using the external area under the prevention of public nuisance licensing objectives.

Should the committee be minded to any increase to the number of patrons outside, EPRA recommend the following to be placed as conditions to reduce the impact of noise nuisance.

1. That the external area to be used by patrons are clearly marked.
2. Customers to be asked not to stand around talking in the street outside the premises.
3. That the door leading to this area be lobbied to reduce noise escape.
4. That no external speakers are installed to service the external area
5. That staff will monitor noise levels on a regular basis.
6. That no smoking shall take place in areas below any residential balcony or openable windows

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