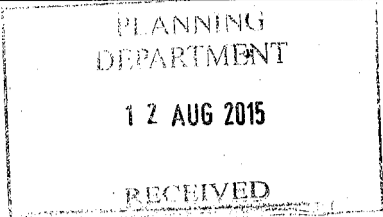


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Please find attached the consultation response for the application at The Parkway Bar.

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N6/2015/1309/FP	WK/71911	

Address: The Parkway Bar, Parkway, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6JQ

Application Details: Installation of bi-fold doors to front and rear elevations

Considerations relevant to Environmental Health for this application

Noise from people and music from inside premises

Description of site and discussion of considerations

The closest residential properties to these premises are on Guessens Road and Parkway (including above John Lewis). An out of hours site visit to Asquith House which is 120m away and located behind properties on Parkway showed that music and people noise from the premises was still audible.

This raises significant concerns over the potential disturbance which could occur with having bi-fold doors installed and kept open.

Current licensing conditions on the premises licence which have a bearing on this application are as follows:

- Doors and windows are to be closed at all times during the performance of live music and at 2200hrs in all other cases
- A noise limiter is to be fitted for amplified music to ensure that the noise does not go beyond the periphery or to noise sensitive properties
- The decking area is to be closed at 2300hrs

These conditions appear to be limiting disturbance to nearby residential properties as there have been no recent complaints in relation to noise.

Doors are now being shown to be installed at the top of the stairs in Bar 67 which should help to reduce the current noise break out as there does not appear to be any current form of attenuation in this area of the premises.

The frontage of the premises is already heavily glazed, the bi-fold doors when closed and if of a suitable specification could improve current sound insulation standards at the premises.

The glazing will need to be of a suitable standard to limit noise egress when the doors are closed, it is recommended that a condition requiring details relating to the sound insulation of the doors be submitted prior to works taking place. The applicant will need to ensure that the glazing specification limits noise break out and should

ensure that it is able to attenuate low frequency noise associated with music played at the premises. In confirming the above, the applicant will need to conduct a noise assessment to show that the sound insulation is not compromised due to the proposed changes to the premises. The applicant is advised to aim for 10dB below background at the nearest residential properties for noise egress from the premises with the doors closed.

If live or recorded amplified music is to be played then it is recommended that a condition be placed on the application requiring the doors to be kept closed at any time. This is not a complete duplicate of the licensing condition as it includes all types of amplified music which with the doors open would be likely to cause disturbance.

Conclusion

- Recommend planning application is permitted
- Recommend planning application is permitted but with conditions
- Recommend planning application is refused

Conditions and Informatives

Doors to be kept closed

The bi-fold doors are to be closed at all times during the performance of live or recorded music and at 2200hrs in all other cases.

Reason – to protect the occupants of nearby residential properties from noise disturbance

Sound insulation – glazing specification

Prior to the commencement of the development the applicant shall submit to, for approval in writing by the Local Planning Authority, a noise assessment which contains the noise insulation details relating to the glazing specification of the bi-fold doors and a comparison to the existing sound insulation of the premises.

The bi-fold doors to be installed must meet the criteria highlighted by the noise assessment.

Reason – to protect the occupants of nearby residential properties from noise disturbance

Noise control

1. All works and ancillary operations which are audible at the site boundary, or at such other place as may be agreed with the Council, shall be carried out only between the hours of :
 - 8.00am and 6.00pm on Mondays to Fridays
 - 8.00am and 1.00pm Saturdays
 - and at no time on Sundays and Bank Holidays
2. The best practicable means, as defined in section 72 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974, to reduce noise to a minimum shall be employed at all times

3. All plant and machinery in use shall be properly silenced and maintained in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions
4. All compressors shall be sound reduced models, fitted with properly lined and sealed acoustic covers, which shall be kept closed whenever the machines are in use. All ancillary pneumatic percussive tools shall be fitted with mufflers or silencers of the type recommended by the manufactures.
5. All machines in intermittent use shall be shut down during intervening periods between work, or throttled down to a minimum. Noise emitting equipment, which is required to operate continuously, shall be housed in suitable acoustic enclosures.
6. Items of plant and equipment shall be maintained in good condition so that extraneous noise from mechanical vibration, squeaking or creaking is reduced to a minimum.
7. All pile driving shall be carried out by a recognised noise reducing system.
8. Where practical, rotary drills and bursters, actuated by hydraulic or electric power shall be used for excavating hard material
9. In general, equipment for breaking concrete and the like, shall be hydraulically actuated.
10. 'BS 5228 Noise Control on Construction Sites' should be referred to for guidance in respect of all work carried out by the developer, their main contractor and any sub contractors.
11. Any emergency deviation from these conditions shall be notified to the Council without delay
12. Any planned deviations from these conditions for special technical reasons, shall be negotiated with Council at least 14 days prior to the commencement of the specific work.
13. Permissible noise levels are not specified at this stage.

Dust control

1. All efforts shall be made to reduce dust generation to a minimum
2. Stock piles of materials for use on the site or disposal, that are likely to generate dust, shall be sited so as to minimise any nuisance to residents or neighbouring businesses. Materials for disposal shall be moved off site as quickly as possible.
3. Water sprays shall be used, as and when necessary, to reduce dust from particularly "dusty" activities or stock piles.