

**MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Public Protection**

<b>To:</b> Emma Watkins, Licensing Officer	<b>Date:</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
<b>From:</b> Huw Owen Principal Environmental Health Officer	<b>Our Ref:</b> SR 88406
	<b>Your Ref:</b> PRM213
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**APPLICATION NO: PRM213**

**APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE: Licensing the lawn to the north of the property for marquee functions during spring and summer.**

**LOCATION: The Crown, Old Hereford Road, Pantygelli.**

Thank you for this consultation which I have carefully considered.

I can advise that I have visited the premises and note that there are a number of residential properties in very close proximity to the lawn area on which the marquee is proposed for functions, including:

- Gelli Dawel, which shares a boundary with The Crown, approximately 70m from the lawn area.
- Y Gelynnen, approximately 90m from the lawn area.
- Walnut Tree Cottage, which shares a boundary with The Crown, approximately 100m from the lawn area.
- Halewood, Tal y bryn and Ty'r Efail, approximately 110m from the lawn area.
- Garden Cottage which shares a boundary with The Crown, approximately 130m from the lawn area.
- Upper House, approximately 200m from the lawn area.

The Crown currently has a licence for activities including live music, recorded music until 11pm and the supply of alcohol until midnight. I understand these activities would be extended to the lawn area if this variation application is granted.

Environmental Health has a role on behalf of the council for investigating complaints of noise nuisance having regard to the statutory nuisance provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Therefore my primary consideration for this application is licensing objective D 'the prevention of public nuisance'.

In this regard I must advise that I am concerned that very little detail has been provided by the applicant to assure this section that the nearby residents will not be significantly impacted by noise from the functions in the marquee if a licence is granted. In particular I am concerned regarding the potential for noise from:

- Music to impact on the nearby residents, when enjoying their garden areas and also inside their homes, particularly if windows / doors are open during summer evenings when background sound levels can be expected to be low given the rural location. The applicant provides that decibel levels will be monitored, but I am

concerned that music played in a marquee at a level customers would reasonably expect will inevitably be clearly audible and potentially causing significant impact at the nearby dwellings.

- Customers voices, again particularly during evening hours.
- Additional vehicle movements to / from the premises directly related to the marquee functions.

In view of these concerns, which in my opinion the applicant has not satisfactorily addressed in the information submitted, I must object to the grant of the licence variation under licensing objective D 'the prevention of public nuisance'.

In my opinion the application should be supported by an assessment of the noise impact of the proposals, in particular the matters I have identified above, with regard to the nearby residential accommodation. The report should include, if appropriate, measures to be taken to mitigate excess noise impact. The information should be prepared by a person with appropriate acoustic qualifications and with regard to relevant guidance.

I look forward to the opportunity to comment further in due course if this information is provided.

Regards



Huw Owen  
Principal EHO  
Public Protection