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24 August 2022

Dear Mr Wallet,

**RE: Licensing Act 2003 – Premises Licence - Boardwalk, 110 Marine Road,
Morecambe – LAPLWA0395**

As you have been made aware, the premises licence is under review at the Boardwalk. The review is due to ongoing noise nuisance complaints and the impact this has on residents. Residents are affected by the level of noise when karaoke and live/recorded music is taking place at the premises.

During the meeting with myself and Rachel Stainton, Senior Environmental Health Officer on 22nd August 2022 we were met by Lee Wallet (DPS and Premises Licence Holder) and Darren Clifford (Manager). During an inspection on 17th March 2022 a breach of the premises licence conditions was identified in relation to all speakers not having built in noise limiters. The purpose of the visit was to offer further advise to avoid any further breaches of the premises licence conditions.

You made the following comments:

- You recognise there is a problem with noise nuisance caused by the premises and believe this is mainly due to the structure of the building. You did make comments that you believe that there is a certain level of sensitivity from the residents.
- Karaoke is used upstairs as well as downstairs at the premise.
- Musicians that play at the Boardwalk are not always connected to the noise limiters and may not have noise limiters built into the speakers.
- You informed Officers that the two noise limiters you have at the premises can cut off with sounds such as coughing and are not reliable. You are unaware of the level that the limiters have been set at.
- You advised that you have amended the timings of karaoke and live/recorded music events to minimise the impact it has on residents.

Advice given to the Designated Premises Supervisor:

- Karaoke is only to take place downstairs within the premises, this is a condition of the premises licence.
- Any speakers used at the premises should have built in noise limiters, this is a condition of the premises licence. I would advise that you contact a sound technician to repair the noise limiters and to reset them at a reasonable level to mitigate any further noise nuisance.
- Live music/Karaoke should not be at the volume where it impacts nearby residents.
- Officers informed you that amending the timings of events is unlikely to mitigate the nuisance caused. The nuisance caused is predominantly from the volume of the events.

During the visit I went through the premises licence conditions with you and offered you advise on the conditions of the licence. I left a copy of the premises licence with you to ensure that you can familiarise yourself with the conditions/permissions of the licence.

In conclusion, monitoring visits will take place to ensure that noise levels are being controlled at the premise.

Should you require clarification regarding the above, please contact the Licensing Department on 01524 582033.

Yours Sincerely,

Sarah Jones
Licensing Officer