

Representations Received re ZEON Application to vary hours of premises licence.

Mr Peter Dennis 15.06.23

Sirs

I write with respect to the current licensing extension application of
Zeon Group Limited,
23-27 Main Street,
Kimberley,
Nottingham
NG16 2NG

I object to the extension of the current licensing hours.

I live close to the premises concerned and have been directly affected by previous premises in the area remaining open this late in the past. This has included excessive drunken behaviour, public urination (including in my front garden), fighting and general disturbance long after I have gone to bed. There are a large number of residential properties close to the premises concerned many of whom have been subject to similar nuisance. Such late opening hours are not appropriate for a residential area. The late opening of the premises will likely attract a different type of customer, often from out of the area and already drunk, who will have no concern for the well-being of those who live nearby. Door security will not be able to control these people once they have left the premises. I note that no other premises in Kimberley open this late (although they may have a licence to do so) which I understand is due to the risk that this late opening incurs

I trust that this objection to the hours will be taken into consideration when reviewing the application.

Mr P Saunders 18.06.23

I am writing to object to the application to increase the licensable activities on Friday and Saturday night at Zeon Cafe and Bar (23-27 Main Street, Kimberley, Nottingham, NG16 2NH) on the following grounds:

- This establishment is in the heart of Kimberley and there are many residential streets nearby (including Newdigate Street, Regent Street, Chapel Street and Victoria Street). The proposed recorded music extension from 11pm to 1.30am, which represents a further 2.5 hours of music being played into the early hours, will greatly disturb local residents such as me at a time when most will be asleep. Likewise, the likely rowdy revellers leaving this establishment as late as 1.30am will greatly disturb local residents in these early hours.
- No other pub in Kimberley currently stays open till after 12am. The Dog House and The Gate have late licences, but they do not use these. Zeon Café and Bar was previously turned down for a late licence in 2021 due to significant opposition on the grounds which I outline here – nothing has changed, so why should the extension be granted this time.
- Extended alcohol licences have previously caused significant anti-social behaviour and criminal damage in Kimberley. Dillinger's Bar, which rang till 2007, had a late licence to around 1am and late-night violence and disturbances created by

customers leaving this venue forced Trent Barton to stop its buses passing through Kimberley on weekend evenings. As local residents, my partner and I suffered many instances of criminal damage to our cars and were regularly awoken by Dillinger's customers shouting, singing, urinating and fighting outside our house on Chapel Street at its closing time. All of this was reported to Nottinghamshire Police during 2004-2007. The problem was so significant, Broxtowe Borough Council erected CCTV on the railway bridge over The Sidings and paid for private security to roam the town centre on Friday and Saturday evenings. It is important to note, these issues ceased when this venue closed down. Likewise, significant anti-social behaviour was created when the Queen's Head on Main Street had a late licence in recent years, which resulted in the licensee losing their licence.

- Zeon Café and Bar is the only drinking establishment in Kimberley to have door staff, which suggests that it has issues concerning customer behaviour. This will be exacerbated by the proposed longer drinking hours.
- I have concerns that the current Zeon licensee currently does not follow their venue's planning condition restrictions to keep its entrance door closed. I have seen on many occasions this door being propped open, particularly on warmer days as the establishment currently does not have air conditioning. This is a significant concern if this establishment will be playing loud music till 1.30am.
- Its close location to the main road presents a road safety risk, particularly if customers are more inebriated due to the longer licensing hours. Large groups of drunk customers often stand outside on the narrow pavement outside smoking, blocking access for pedestrians. I am concerned that if these customers have access to more alcohol over a longer period, some of these customers could become unstable and fall into the road. They will also be more rowdy at a much later time, which will further disturb the sleep of nearby residents.

Ms J Wickham 23.06.23

I object to the licence extension application as I think late opening in principle is inappropriate for a small town like Kimberley. In detail:

1. The proximity of the venue to Victoria Street and Newdigate Street, which are residential streets let alone the overspill to other streets in the vicinity such as mine. The sale of alcohol and the passage of people leaving the premises at times up to and after 1:00 am (and quite possibly later) would undoubtedly generate significant noise, as would the proposed live and recorded music. Planning restrictions require doors and windows at the venue to be closed and our understanding is there is no air conditioning; a recent AC installation was removed as permission had not been obtained. Therefore, there is more likelihood of noise disturbance for the local residents with subsequent adverse effects.
2. While other nearby establishments, for example The Gate and The Doghouse, have late licences they both close at 12 midnight on a Friday and Saturday. These licences have been in place for many years but have not been utilised. I believe that there should be a level of uniformity in the town centre as regards late night opening. Moreover, if Zeon were granted a late licence, there is a

strong possibility that other venues would open later in order to compete and before we know it, there would be a night time economy operating in Kimberley.

3. Past experience has shown that late-opening venues are likely to attract people who have left other venues and who will see this as a means of extending their drinking. In the past such people have come from both within and beyond Kimberley. Many local residents remember the withdrawal of public transport after 8:00 pm at weekends because of violence towards bus drivers, which appeared to be related to customers of the former Dillingers venue. When Dillingers closed, the trouble ceased (although the loss of bus services continued for a very long time).
4. There is a potential for anti-social and criminal behaviour associated with late opening. The recent problems associated with the Queens Head public house on the Main Street are a case in point, and the Queens Head subsequently lost its licence. Personally, I do not wish to have another late night opening experiment inflicted on nearby residents. As we know for the Queens, these things can take months to resolve and in the meantime residents have to put up with disturbance every weekend.

In conclusion, I believe that there needs to be a balance between the needs of residents and businesses; a single establishment opening later than the others would upset this balance. I hope that Broxtowe Borough Council will consider my objections carefully when making a decision in this case.

Mr I Wilson 25.06.23

I wish to object to the above licence extension application on several grounds. Whilst I welcome all business ventures in principle I have concerns regarding the application for the sale of alcohol to be extended to 1:00 am on Friday and Saturday. My concerns are:

1. The proximity of the venue to Victoria Street, Chapel Place, Regent Street and Newdigate Street, which are residential streets. The sale of alcohol and the passage of people arriving and leaving the premises at times up to and after 1:00 am (and quite possibly later) would undoubtedly generate significant noise, as would the proposed live and recorded music. Planning restrictions require doors and windows at the venue to remain closed and my understanding is that there is no air conditioning; a recent AC installation was removed as permission had not been obtained. Therefore, there is more likelihood of noise disturbance for the local residents with subsequent adverse effects if doors and windows are opened to ventilate the internal rooms.
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