



6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Maidstone Council – Licensing Partnership  
PO Box 182  
Sevenoaks  
TN13 1GP

**Re: Licensing Act 2003 application for 87-88 Bank Street – Century Building (Rochester) Limited.**  
**Reference from [pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk](http://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk) website: 19/04346/LAPRE**

Dear Sir Or Madam,

It has come to my attention, via a poster posted in the window of The Gallery nightclub that there is a license application for various activities between the hours of 10am through to 3:30am every day of the week.

This is of great concern due to the potential for unrelenting noise and antisocial behaviour outside our home as we live just a few doors down from the club.

We understand that a night club is in the business of noise however, we do not think it is reasonable to be noisy on nights before working days when there are so many residential properties close-by. For our part, we have a child that lives with us and has to go to school during the week. This requires a good night's sleep to be able to function and do well at school. We also both have to go to work Monday through Friday and similarly, this is very hard when the night's sleep has been interrupted.

In regard to the antisocial behaviour, this has been very publicly demonstrated over recent months. A poor youngster lost their life after being at The Gallery. After witnessing the aftermath of this horrendous event this is not behaviour that should be enabled by the "entertainment" establishments of Maidstone. It was very difficult to explain to our 8 year old what had happened at the time and how we were not able to leave our flat as the police had shut Bank Street – literally having police tape across our door that leads onto Bank Street well into the following day.

Between us, we have lived in this flat for close to 7 years and have seen various entertainment establishments come and go but the antisocial and sometimes criminal behaviour demonstrated on Bank Street usually late at night but sometimes during the day remains at best the same and at worst can be described as deteriorating. We genuinely feel scared for our safety when, for example, we have been away and return late on a weekend. We do try to avoid that but sometimes it is not possible. This is a problem that will only get worse if the license is allowed to go ahead on the terms currently posted.

We request shortening the license opening hours so closing time for all activities is no later than midnight on Sunday through Thursday on a weekly basis. Exceptions can be made on days when the direct following day is a bank holiday.

*P.S. We also attach a photo of the poster they posted, which has the incorrect postcode listed twice for representations. I had to search the internet for the correct postcode. There was also no mention of the details (i.e. reference code) required to find the application online.*

Yours faithfully,

Mr Robert C Baker

Ms Louisa J Beddoes