

**Sunbury Conservative Club
Green Street
Sunbury on Thames
Surrey**

The Sunbury Conservative Club is bordered by Green Street, Sunbury Park and one bungalow nearby, and to the south a small housing estate.

The current club licence allows the following:

For supply of alcohol:

Monday to Saturday 10:00 to 00:00 (midnight) and Sundays 11:00 to 23:00,

Regulated entertainment for live, recorded music and provision for dancing:

Monday to Saturday 19:00 to 00:00 (midnight) and Sundays 19:00 to 23:00.

With seasonal variations for Christmas and the New Year.

An application has been to vary their current club licence, to extend it, by the following:

For supply of alcohol:

Thursday to Saturday 12:00 to 01:00

Regulated entertainment for live, recorded music and provision for dancing:

Thursday to Saturday 12:00 to 01:00

With seasonal variations for Christmas and the New Year.

It is noted on the application that the club opening hours are until 01:30 Thursday – Saturday. On Sunday it closes at 23:30, all other nights at 00:00 (Midnight).

Environmental Health has no history in respect of noise complaints made from amplified music coming from the premises, nor any in relation to persons leaving the premises. If it was not for the representations made in response to this application, Environmental Health would not be making any representations in respect of this application.

However, on reading the representations made in response to the application I note that there was a reported problem with noise from amplified music coming from the premises. The amplified music coming from the premises appears to affect local residents; the reported effects are stress, turning up the level on the television, inability to sleep, noise intolerable.

A number of representations made reference to one event. It was held on the 10th September 2016 and was a live band. It was reported that respondents could not get to sleep until after the event. In addition, they had to turn up the sound on the television, raise voices when outside in their garden and felt the noise was over powering and could not get to sleep until the event finished between 11:00 – 11:30.

During the preparation of this report, Environmental Health became aware of a complaint, made in respect of another premises in the vicinity of Sunbury Conservative Club, namely the Three Fishes Pub, Green Street, that is opposite the Sunbury Conservative Club. On the night of the 10th September 2016, they had a disco. A complaint (not from one of the

respondents to this application) has been received in respect of the noise from the disco that night.

Recommendations

In order to protect the residents being affected by noise from loud amplified music, the following conditions are proposed to be added to the licence:

1. Regulated entertainment to be restricted to two days a week, with the permitted hours extended to 12:30am; these would be on Friday and Saturday nights only.
2. Staff will check prior to the commencement of regulated entertainment, and periodically during the regulated entertainment, that all windows and doors are shut.
3. From opening until 23:00 hrs. To prevent entertainment being intrusive, noise emanating from the premises will not be clearly distinguishable above other noise at the boundary of the nearest residential property. (You should not be able to identify the tune above normal background noise, although you may still be able to hear something).
4. Between 23:00 hrs and 12:30 hrs: Noise emanating from the regulated entertainment should not be audible outside the premises.
5. Person(s) who are assessing the noise, to have the authority to take the necessary action, i.e. to reduce the noise level, should the noise level exceeds the above criteria by requiring the sound level to be reduced.
6. Consideration should also be given to the installation of a noise limiter device.

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