

To Whom It May Concern,

I have written a statement to be read out at the hearing for Proper Sounds license (8 Chestergate, Macclesfield, sk11 6ba). Please see below.

"I have objected to the license being requested by James King for a number of different reasons. I'm don't know all of the correct terminology to object all I know is that my life would be turned upside down if a license for both music and alcohol were to be granted.

I am a key worker and have worked throughout most of the COVID lockdowns looking after children so that other key workers can work. I am concerned that the noise from downstairs is going to have a negative impact on my sleep and homelife therefore impacting upon my work. I am in a position of trust and I also need to safeguard the children in my care. I need to be on top form to do this not tired because Proper Sound decided to stay open late.

I also suffer with depression and anxiety and have been medicated for them for over 10 years. Recently I decided to wean myself off this medication which I am successfully doing but I feel the anxiety of having people drinking alcohol and listening to amplified music just outside my bedroom window would force me back onto those medications. Imagine having somebody constantly having a party next door from your home after a long day at work.

I know you are all thinking that I chose to live in town so I should expect noise and people to be drinking around me. This is true to a certain extent. I chose to live in a development of 6 flats which were purpose built. I know there are bars around us and we put up with the noise as it happens very rarely and they were here when we moved in. If Proper Sound was already there we would not have chosen to move here but it wasn't. The flats were here first. We are a strong community who keep ourselves to ourselves and have a strong work ethic. We may live in housing association flats but this doesn't mean we are any less of a person than anybody else.

The building work going on in Proper Sound has been horrendous for us as residents for a number of weeks now. I believe this shows the owners character as they gave us no warning and some days their radio feels like I'm in a nightclub not my home. I now feel that there can be no level of trust from us in the people involved in Proper Sound. Luckily I do not work from home but it would be impossible to do so if I did. The council have asked for building in a listed building to cease until planning permission has been granted but still the endless banging and drilling continues day after day. In my opinion this shows a lack of respect. Also when we see the owners they make us feel uncomfortable by smirking at us. I just don't have any trust that this as a business is going to work under residential homes.

I feel very stuck as if this goes ahead I feel I would have to leave a home in which we have been happy and settled in for three years now. I also don't know how this would affect my mental health. I am writing this in desperation.

I wish James and Lucie luck with their business but I don't feel that below 6 family residential homes is the place to do it"

Thank you