

Mardi Gras Hotel Licence Application Supplementary Evidence

Objection from Geoff Brankston

Claim: There is no need for a public licence as there is already 10.

Counter-claim: This is intended to diversify our business to survive in the current climate and to allow for bar meals for those that cannot afford to stay overnight and regular invited clientele who may not like the clientele of open public bars and feel safer in a controlled space ie: the older generation of LBGT people

Claim: Disorder and safety on the outside terrace until 2am

Counter-claim: At present any of our residents can sit on the terrace with no time limit at all, we are proposing with the Environmental health and Polices approval to close the terrace for drinking and socialising at 10pm, allowing smoking only thus actually illuminating the noise that would occur.

Claim: The issues with Fernlea

Counter-claim: This has nothing to do with us, and we are not applying for a public licence in the same vein as The Fernlea has theirs. It is not fair to punish others over their issues.

Claim: Lord Street has never been a street for public bars

Counter-claim: I am amazed at this, as Granby Lodge, the objector's hotel is surrounded by public bars on or just off Lord Street, R-Bar, Flying Handbag, etc etc

Counter-claim summary: As Granby Lodge are the head of BAGS, I expected them to join forces with Ruebens, their objections surely cannot be counted, they are no-where near our hotel, and anything that happens at Mardi Gras would not affect them in any way.