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To: CE Licensing
Subject: Licensing Review - Schooner, Gateshead

Dear Licensing committee,

Following receipt of a letter regarding complaints re: the Schooner, I would like to respond by registering my support for the Schooner and their efforts to support live music.

Covid-19 has had an incredibly destructive impact on venues and musicians - with musicians in particular being amongst the most badly impacted professions of all. The Schooner as a venue has been a long standing champion of live music in the North East. Their efforts to offer an outlet for live music during these challenging times is noted and appreciated by myself. By providing a venue for outdoor music they have enabled bands and musicians an opportunity to generate much needed income in challenging times. The chance to watch and listen to live music also provides a much needed boost to communities and residents.

As a resident of Churchill Mews (located directly opposite the venue). I can confirm that I have no issue with noise from the Schooner. The venue appear to be respectful of working to reasonable curfews and for limiting music to only a certain number of gigs per week. Whilst I can hear the music from outside the property - should I wish to shut out the noise of the performance completely, I can do so by closing windows or putting the TV on etc.

When choosing to live in St Peters Basin circa 7 years ago, I acknowledged that there was likely to be noise from venues close by (Stadium, Schooner, Spillers etc.) this is entirely in-keeping with living close to central Newcastle and the vibrant Ouseburn area.

Whilst acknowledging the Councils obligation to respond to complaints etc. I would hope that a sensible compromise can be reached which will allow live music to continue to be supported whilst respecting some of the issues raised by residents. From my observations of the correspondence on social media from the Schooner management, it appears that they are willing to work with the St Peters residents to agree sensible way forward.

I look forward to the outcome of the review and am hopeful that a sensible outcome can be reached on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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