

Appendix D – Representations

The Broad Walk

My wife and I who live in Imperial Square will be affected adversely if this application is approved, hence strongly object on the following grounds:

Misuse of Alcohol (prevalent in nightclubs) is often at the root of many social problems - this we have seen over many decades. Granting this licence will cause:

Public nuisance leading to excessive noise and rowdy behaviour
Threatening public safety (we have first-hand experience of this in imperial square)
This often leads to criminal behaviour.

Granting this licence will not only devalue our property but will be a cause of much distress and expense to our hardworking police.

Hence we strongly object.

Imperial Square

This is unbelievable. I object on the grounds of

Public Nuisance:

There is already significant noise and disruption caused by the Town Hall and 131 having an outside restaurant

How is the noise going to be contained on a roof top that will echo all over the square?

Public Safety:

How are you going to stop the number of drunks in the park and spilling out onto the surrounding streets causing a disorder and petty crime?

The Broad Walk

I wish to register my following Objections to this Application

PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE -

I object to allowing any type of music and/or entertainment to be extended from 10.00 until 02.00 on any day of the week as this results in noise and disturbance and constitutes a Public Nuisance.

Any form of music and/or entertainment must be INDOORS with all the doors and windows closed.

This is a residential area and residents must be able to sleep undisturbed.

I object to Extending the Sale of Alcohol and Late Night Refreshment from 00.00 (midnight) until 02.00 every day.

I object to Extending the Opening Times from 08.00 until 02.30.

The Broad Walk

I object to this application for The Nook Restaurant to operate as a Night Club and sell alcohol and Late-Night Refreshment from 00:00 (midnight) until 02:00 every day as it would fail to meet the following licensing objectives.

Prevention of public nuisance. The glass structure of the venue and its position at the top of the tallest building in the area would undoubtedly create unacceptable levels of noise pollution.

Public safety. The combination of late night alcohol and roof top venues is high risk and difficult to manage.

The prevention of crime or disorder. Given there are other late night venues in the area there would be high numbers of intoxicated patrons exiting into Imperial Square simultaneously in the early hours. This is a recipe for disorder and public nuisance.

Claremont Lodge

We are writing to you via e-mail as we are unable to access the on-line portal and wish to express our objections to the current application (reference 23/01279/PRMV) to extend both the use and licensing hours of The Nook on Five in The Quadrangle Imperial Square Cheltenham GL50 1PZ.

It is our view that the application by The Nook on Five to operate as a 'night club' and sell alcohol and late-night refreshment from midnight until 2am every day should be rejected for the following reasons:

Prevention of public nuisance

The glass structure of the venue and its position at the top of the Quadrangle building in, what is, a partial residential area would give rise to unacceptable levels of noise and general disturbance in the early hours of the morning.

Public safety

The combination of late-night alcohol and roof top venues is high risk and difficult to manage.

The prevention of crime or disorder

There are already more-than-sufficient late-night venues in the immediate vicinity of The Nook on Five restaurant. An additional venue would only add to the late night/early morning noise and disturbance already experienced in the area.

Imperial Square

I object to this licence application.

I live in Imperial Square. We already suffer from the late night noise and drunkenness from the customers of other businesses with late night licences in the area e.g. #131, Under The Prom, Queens Hotel, Happy House, the MooMoo and PopWorld.

We are regularly disturbed and woken up by the noise and nuisance coming from these businesses and their customers at closing time.

The proposal that a late night licence be granted to a bar/nightclub located in a glass atrium with open balconies on top of the tallest building in a built-up residential area is ill-conceived and inconsiderate to the residents and citizens living in the Square.

Imperial Square is already noisy enough, we do not need any more disturbance.

Imperial Square

I object to the variation of The Nooks licensing.

I am concerned about the noise from the extended licensing hours, the potential public order and crime issues and public safety.

The Nook is high up, is a glass structure which is difficult to soundproof and being high up the sound will travel. In addition, if people are on the balcony outside and/or the doors onto the balcony are open it would be very disruptive.

There would also be issues of light pollution, a nightclub is very different to a restaurant and extended hours along with this would cause severe disruption.

There are already 4 night clubs with the immediate area, and this already causes disruption.

Another, would cause even more issues with public order issues. In addition, the level of crime will increase and the area (as I understand) has no camera surveillance unlike the area where the current clubs are. This would mean that any crimes relating to drugs etc would be likely to move to this venue.

Imperial Square and Gardens is an area that families enjoy, people walk their dogs and enjoy the gardens, the thought that a nightclub would be right in the middle of it is unacceptable.

The Nook has always been allowed on the premise it was an upmarket restaurant and this variation in licensing does not fit the spirit of the original vision.

I am strongly opposed to this proposal.

Please kindly consider my objection to the above application under the following licensing objectives:

- Public safety;
- The prevention of crime or disorder.
- The protection of children from harm.
- Prevention of public nuisance.

The Broad Walk

My minor son (14 years old) and I live in the apartment (I am the owner of the apartment) therefore I am very concerned that drunk people will pass our windows and door every night if you decided to address the above application. The receiving of the requested license will increase noise in the area of Imperial Square Residence, the number of drunk people and risk of criminal issues.

My apartment has already suffered from drunk people returning from local pubs located in the area of our residence in the Imperial Square (I listed these issues below), therefore I am very concerned

and upset that risk of having similar issues on a regular basis will be hardly increased if you decided to give the Quad And Nook permission to sell alcohol until 2:00 every day and become a NightClub with opening hours from 8:00 until 02:30.

- My apartment was attacked by two drunk men, who ran up and down by the stairs, shouted and tried to break my door to come into my apartment at night time (I called 999 on 14/02/2022 at 00:23 to get help from the police). They kicked my door with their feet, shook the handle, knocked on the windows and walls, ran up and down my stairs and badly swore. If needed, you can get confirmation of this issue from the police, as the police officer (who managed to catch one of those men 20 mins after I called to 999) said to me that he was very drunk.

- Drunk people sometimes sit on my steps by my front door after returning from local pubs (they are shouting and laughing and sometimes calling my door to ask a question, etc.). Once someone left a glass from the bar with wine on my step by the front door.

Due to the above, we would suffer from drunk people every night if you extend the hours of selling alcohol in the area of our residence in the Imperial Square.

The Broad Walk

Hi, we live across the road with a young child who may be disrupted with the music nightly, we believe the sound will travel more as it's a rooftop not a basement.

And this will also affect the value of our property should we come to sell, everyone will know there is a nightclub nearby.

Parking will be an issue late in the evening & the general dispersment of customers at the end of the night and the noise that goes along with people leaving / getting taxis etc..

Imperial Square

I object to this application as it will cause yet another public nuisance in Imperial Square. It will undoubtedly cause noise pollution in a residential area, where the houses are listed and cannot have double glazing. Public safety could also be a risk with people drinking until 2am on the 5th floor of a building.

Imperial Square

Late night clubs in Cheltenham are typically found in back streets (away from residents), at ground or lower ground level, with soundproofing and no windows. The Nook offers none of these. It is uniquely badly placed and badly designed. It's in the middle of a residential area, it's raised above other properties and made of glass. It offers little or no noise protection, and is at such a height, that it will not only impact close residents, but those across Cheltenham due to the positioning above other buildings.

Having music, drunk people and staff leaving at 2am or later, when road sweepers start at 5.30am, offers almost no time for residents to sleep. Residents are not allowed double glazing due to the 2* listing status and as such will have no rest bite from the noise. This proposal will further impact the mental health of residents and lead to other more significant issues.