

## Benjamin Ryan

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**From:** Martin Colston  
**Sent:** 08 January 2024 11:27  
**To:** Benjamin Ryan  
**Cc:** Phil Barnett; Louise Sturgess  
**Subject:** Input to licensing meeting for Reloaded Nightclub

Hi Ben,

At the licensing sub committee meeting last week I agreed to provide my input to the follow-up meeting in advance. Here it is.

I am providing input as ward member for Newbury Central. While I am supportive of local businesses providing employment and entertainment, and making use of existing buildings, I am concerned about the potential impact on the residents in the adjacent block of flats. My thoughts are as follows:

1. I note the concerns of the letting agent and the potential impact on the future attractiveness of the flats due to noise
2. I note the objection from resident James Anfield, and the intrusiveness of the noise from the sound check. I would like to know how loud that sound check was and how it compares to the maximum levels planned.
3. I note the objection from resident Tobias McDonald. He also mentions the sound check, and notes that the proposed opening hours are longer than other similar establishments in the town centre, and that opening to 2.30am during the week is too late.
4. I note the concerns of Kate Powell, the Senior Environmental Health Officer who also suggests shorter opening hours during the week
5. I was pleased to see the Noise Management report. The fact there will be no sub-woofers is good, as are the plans to have a digital sound monitor inside, for staff to monitor the noise outside from 11pm onwards, and for the sound to be turned right down during the latter stages of each shift.

I would like to understand how often staff will monitor the noise outside after 11pm, and how they will assess whether its acceptable or not.

I would like a commitment to survey the residents of the adjacent block of flats after the first 2 weeks of operation to determine the noise impact on residents, and a commitment to take appropriate action to mitigate any unacceptable noise disturbance

Finally, I would like the opening hours during the week (Sunday to Thursday inclusive) to be limited to midnight rather than 2:30 / 4:00am.

All the best,

Martin

possible I would like to speak regarding the complaints and in support of the recommendations made by the Senior Environmental Health Officer to reduce the opening hours and limit the volume of the music. And recommend that an acoustics report be carried out and any required sound proofing and mitigation be completed before the club opens.

All the best,

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