

I am contacting yourselves in relation to the current licence application from Art-Iculate (Shropshire) Ltd. Ref: 23/03757/LPREM.

I am writing on behalf of a group of staff members from Dinham ward, Ludlow Hospital.

We are based in the property less than 20 feet away from the proposed licenced premises.

We are a ward with 24 inpatient beds. 4 of those beds are in side rooms which we use for end-of-life care.

When the building next door was sold, we as staff had initial concerns as to what the building would be used for. Once we found out it would be used for very small businesses, we felt reassured, but still concerned with parking problems. However, small businesses would probably be open Monday to Friday 9-5 roughly and then either closed over the weekend or working 9-5 Saturday and 10-4 on Sunday.

Since then, we have discovered a new plan for the building with a subsequent license to sell alcohol now being submitted. The application dated the 13th December, was then attached to the builder's fence on December 22nd.

As stated earlier in my email, we are a community hospital with some very poorly patients. Some patients and their relatives actually request to come to Ludlow for end-of-life care. So they can be closer to family and have a more peaceful and quiet final few days/hours.

During the summer months we obviously have the windows open and patients that are able to go outside have use of our patio area with views over Ludlow.

With the property next door at Unit 2 SY8 studios now putting in for an application to sell alcohol how is this going to affect the sick patients that we care for?

The application is to be able to serve alcohol up until 23:00. Can you imagine being seriously ill, with the windows open to allow for a cool breeze, only to hear a group of people outside drinking and smoking? If your relative was in the last few hours of life, how would you feel if you had people stood 20 feet from the room laughing and joking, drinking and smoking? How would you feel if you've been struggling with an alcohol addiction, you have gone through cold turkey in the acute hospital and you come to Ludlow hospital to regain your confidence and build your strength up, only for people to be stood by the window clinking glasses and chatting about how nice their cocktails taste? How would you feel if you've taken your relative outside in a wheelchair to see the beautiful views and spend some quality time with them only to have a group of up to 50 people stood 20 feet from you all drinking, smoking and talking loudly over one another?

Last summer we had some concerts take place at the castle. We actually had a patient call the police. Due to his dementia, he thought he had been locked in a pub and couldn't understand why the music was so loud. This was a one-off incident; however, can you imagine how this is going to impact the patients with dementia when there are up to 50 people stood around outside in in such close proximity in the summer months.

This leads me on to the issue of parking. Unit 2 has 12 parking spaces. If we have 50 people attending a gathering at any one time, where will everyone park? Please don't insult us by saying if the patrons cannot park in unit 2 car park, they will park in the roads around the hospital, no, they will see an empty space meant for hospital staff/visitors/patients and park there.

We now have 12 less parking spaces at the hospital and many staff who start for a late shift struggle to get parked. The extra 50 people attending unit 2 will only make parking harder.

If 50 people and even just 12 cars all start to leave unit 2 at 23:00-23:30 how do you think the noise will impact our poorly patients? Most of whom are elderly and some with a diagnosis of dementia will not understand why it is so noisy when it's a hospital and it's meant to be a place for rest and convalescing.

We are asking you to seriously take our concerns as staff into consideration before making any decisions on an alcohol license on a hospital property.

Best regards

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**THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM**

**Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account. Please use separate sheets where necessary.**

- Generally, if there is to be a hearing to determine the premises licence application, the Licensing Sub Committee will only be able to consider matters that have been previously disclosed. No new evidence can be introduced at the hearing. It is therefore imperative that you detail all matters that you wish to be considered on this initial representation. Please attach additional sheet if necessary.
- If you make a representation, you will be expected to attend the Licensing Sub Committee hearing and any subsequent appeal process. **All representations in their entirety, including your name, address and contact details will be disclosed to the applicant for the premises licence and their agent.**
- If limited or withheld personal details are redacted from representations, where notice of a hearing is given to an applicant, the licensing authority is required under the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 to provide the applicant with copies of the relevant representations that have been made.

**I/We fully understand that this representation will be made available to the applicant and included in the Sub Committee’s Hearing papers which are publicly accessible documents, and any subsequent appeal court proceedings.**

**Signed: E Byrne**

**Date: 10/1/2024**

**If this form is sent as an email attachment, its transmission will confirm that you have agreed the above conditions**

**Please return this form along with any additional sheets to:**

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Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND

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For confirmation on this date please contact the Licensing Team on 0345 678 9026