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**SUBJECT: VALE SPORTS ARENA CAMBRIA HOUSE, PENARTH ROAD, PENARTH, CARDIFF, VALE OF GLAMORGAN, CF11 8TW**

**APPLICATION: VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE**

I refer to your memorandum received by Shared Regulatory Services on 21 August 2018.

**1. Environmental Health have identified the following issues as relevant to the Public Nuisance and Public Safety Licensing Objectives:**

The Vale Sports Arena, granted planning permission in 2016, currently operates as a sporting / coaching venue. The venue is used for football coaching and periodically stages boxing nights and sports dinners with celebrity speakers. The Arena is to be found on Penarth Road close to the boundary of the Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff Council.

As can be seen from the map (blue dots; commercial, green dots; residential) and photos below the area is a mix of retail and residential establishments with flats and housing to be found over-looking the Arena site.





Careful consideration has been given to this application following visits to the area, including during the evening / night. The location of the Arena and nearby residential property has been considered and the following is advised.

The main issues regarding this application are;

- Noise break-out from the premise itself, noting the building has a un-insulated sheet roof with roof-lights, see screen shots below from Arena's own website;





### **3. Observations and Recommendations**

- The Arena has in recent months applied for four Temporary Event Notices so to operate until 01:00 and 03:00 in the morning. On three occasions when the TENs were utilised I attended the area and witnessed loud music such that it could be deemed a public nuisance.

Details below are based on contemporary notes made whilst on duty;

#### **Friday 1 June Saturday 2 June 2018**

Boxing event followed by music until 01:00.

I was on site at 00:21 to side of unit below the Arena and in front of Pool and Hot tub show room the bass and lyrics of the music were very evident.

At 00:28 to flats above Penarth Rd- WILLOWMERE CF64 2LP - these are opposite the Arena the voices of patrons outside and the bass of the music is very evident to car park in front of the flats, lyrics and DJ also audible even through extensive road traffic and therefore noise from the traffic. The bass of the music was extremely evident along with drunken patrons previously seen to the front of the Arena with glasses in hand.

The rhythm and bass was constant.

We return to Penarth Rd to drive up to Vale Arena - access road busy with cars and people, the area and road is very poorly lit, with the street lighting obscured and diminished by over-hanging trees.

Drove on to site of Arena, a medic was seen, identification printed to back of shirt, and colleague said bouncer, seen earlier directing traffic, with medic and they were attending to someone on the floor. My colleague advised there was bandage to the head of the individual on the floor, she had a better view than I and I was driving.

Left site at 00:40

Patrons leaving and it was noted they were walking back into Cardiff along Penarth Rd.

#### **TEN for 9-10 June 2018 music event Sunday 10 June 2018**

00:21 to side of unit below and in front of Pool and Hot tub show room, to the left of the arena. Picture of site below. Bass and lyrics very evident.



Side of Vale Arena in the background

00:24 to flats above Penarth Rd- WILLOWMERE CF64 2LP - these are opposite the Arena. The voices of patrons outside and the bass of the music is very evident to the car park in front of the flats, lyrics and DJ also audible even through extensive road traffic noise.

00:26 bass increases and is extremely evident and would clearly be heard to flats with windows open over heavy drone of traffic which was particularly busy because of Streophonics concert in town/ Cardiff.

The volume of the bass fluctuated up and down, and the bass was cutting in and out but with regards to the volume when stood directly in front of flats the bass was extremely evident over the traffic.

**BASS WOULD BE EVIDENT INTERNALLY,AS IN THE FLATS, ALTHOUGH TRAFFIC VERY EVIDENT** and greater in number than on previous visit/ occasion.

Following this event the department received its first of two noise complaints.



Willowmere flats overlooking Penarth Rd and the Arena.

**TEN for 18-19 August music event  
Sunday 19 August 2018**

01:37 to side of unit below and in front of Pool and Hot tub show room, bass pounding and sounds as if roof reverberating.

01:42 approx. to flats above Penarth Rd- WILLOWMERE CF64 2LP - these are opposite Arena

Bass and music evident to car park in front of the flats and music evident over passing traffic. Spoke with a resident of flats who taking her dog out, she advised it was audible outside and with windows open in her flat *'so bad this time..... as previously then heard rows and trouble'*

01:47 to Church View Close, music clearly audible especially bass.

BBQ to side of Vale Arena- seen when driving by, as in through the car park area, including the clouds of smoke! (and smell)

Further second complaint received from resident of Llandough, complainant is over 400m away on Dochdwy Road.

The applicant has been made aware of the complaints received, in writing; these complaints are still under investigation.

#### **4. Conclusion**

It is advised that the application does not illustrate that the licensing objectives, of the Licensing Act, can or will be achieved.

The applicant has made no reference in his application to the prevention of public nuisance but merely makes reference to '*as original application*' and by default to an application and resulting Premises Licence that does not even include any Regulated Entertainment.

The unsuitability of the building to operate as proposed, especially until early in the morning, is evident from the visits made to site whilst TENs have been utilised.

It is the conclusion of Environmental Health, with regard to the information above, that the Committee should not extend the hours for the Supply of Alcohol as applied for, nor permit Regulated Entertainment which has not be applied for previously and therefore is not authorised as part of the current Premises Licence.

**It is advised that this application, in light of the above information, be refused.**

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