### LICENSED PREMISES

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REPORT**

## 1. NAME AND ADDRESSES OF PREMISES:

Thirty3 Hz, 16 Park Street, City Centre, Guildford, GU1 4XB

2. LOCATION:



The premise is located to the west of A3100 (Park Street). The properties in the vicinity are mainly commercial with few residences (Flats in the First House, 16 Farnham Road). There are properties at the back of Park Street, which can be accessed through stairs between 12 and 16 Farnham Road.

# 3. OPERATION:

(Description of operating schedule)

Currently licensed to provide live music, recorded music and alcohol for consumption on and off the

premise from 10.00 – 02:00 Monday – Saturday and 1200 – 00:00 on Sunday. The new application is seeking variation to the existing license to allow:

- a) Provision of play both indoors and outdoors, Mon-Sat, 1000 02:30, Sun 1200-0230, additional 1hr during British summer time and extended hours on New Years Eve
- b) Exhibition of films Indoors, Mon-Sat, 1000 02:30, Sun 1200 0230, additional 1hr during British summer time
- c) Provision of live and recorded music; performance of dance indoors, Mon Sat 1000 0300, Sun, 12:00 03:00; additional 1hr during British Summer time.
- d) Provision of refreshments, both indoors and outdoors, Mon Sat 1000 0300 and Sun 1200 0300
- e) Provision of alcohol for both onsite and offsite consumption, Mon-Sat 1000 0300 and Sun 1200 0300
- f) The premise open to public till 0330, Monday Sunday, and additional 1 hour during British summer time.

4.	NOISY ACTIVITIES: A. ENTERTAINMENT	Live music, recorded music and other similar activities, provision of films and plays, Provision of play – both indoors and outdoors.
	B. OPERATING HOURS	Monday-Saturday 1000 – 0300 and Sunday 1200 – 0300, additional 1 hour during British Summer
	C. BEER GARDEN	yes
	D. CAR PARK	Limited parking space; no details whether open for customer
	E. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	No details given.
	F. DISPOSAL OF BOTTLES AND WASTE	No details given.
5.	ANCILLIARY ACTIVITIES: COOKING ODOURS	No details given.
	OUTDOOR BARS AND BAR-B-CUES	No.
6	LIGHTING	No details given.

## 7. ANALYSIS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- There are a few residential properties in proximity to the club, and I am concerned about the opening hours requested (closing time 0300 and extra hour in summers) and prolonged noise impact on residents. Historically this department has investigated complaint (April May 2014) of noise due to people walking past, shouting and chanting, allegedly the customer from Thirty3 Hz.
- The provision of play is requested both indoors and outdoors (till 2.30 and 3:30 in summers). There are no details on whether amplified or not; how noise will be controlled. I have noted mention of noise absorbing foliage and acoustic sound insulation in the variation application (Section 16d), however, there are no details of noise insulation currently in place or proposed. I have concerns over requested hours for the use of outdoor area.
- Variation request is also made to remove conditions G1,2,3 and 4 which were considered

pertinent to reduce noise disturbance. If G1 is removed, I recommend that it is replaced with the condition below to control the noise level from any PA system (whether inhouse or brought in by the external contractor):

"A tamper proof noise-limiting device shall be installed and permanently maintained in good working order within the premises. The device shall automatically control the volume of all amplified live and recorded entertainment at the venue at all times, such that noise will not cause disturbance to the locality or any adjacent noise sensitive premises. The maximum volume played shall be set in arrangement with officers of the Environmental Health & Licensing Division, which shall not be exceeded. If necessary, the licensee shall arrange to reset this level upon request from officers of the Division."

- If removal of condition G3 is allowed in the variation then I would recommend that the noise limiting device mentioned above should be able to detect the opening of doors and windows and the volume of amplified music is further compressed so that the noise is not audible beyond a radius of 25m from the premise
- I recommend replacing condition G2 with: All the amplified entertainment shall be confined to internal bar area and no loud speakers external to the building shall be permitted.
- In February 2015, the neighbouring take-away (Charcoal Grill) made an application to serve late night refreshments between 23:00 03:00 hrs. Because of concerns related to prolonged noise disturbance along with other issues, the Licensing Sub-Committee granted the closing time of 02.00hrs (30minutes prior to the closing time of the club).

#### 8. CONDITIONS

Officer's name: Anjana Papnai

Date of report: 9th June 2016

Time spent on investigation: 3 hrs