1. No licensable activities authorised by this licence shall be permitted until a scheme of sound insulation works have been submitted to and agreed in writing with the local Licensing Authority. Once approved, the planned works are to be carried out in full, prior to the premises undertaking the authorised licensable activities.

Reason

Whilst I appreciate the premises proposed music offer which is considered predominantly recorded/background level and thus, ancillary to the consumption of alcohol, and note the reasonable operating hours stated, nevertheless, given the dwelling type, I'd expect the existing sound insulation performance of the premises to be limited, given the age and structure of the commercial site.

At the time of our meeting, the resident's movement within the residential dwelling above was perceptible on occasion. Accordingly, additional mitigation to improve the sound insulation performance of the premises, whilst reducing noise transference between the two units is desirable. At this stage, mitigation does not necessarily include options including secondary glazing which I appreciate may require consultation with the Local Planning Authority, however, mitigation may include measures to reduce structure borne vibration as customers enter and vacate the premises (consideration of door softening device etc) and works to the ceiling and wall space to contain general activities expected within a licensed premises and noise sources including conversational noise amongst patrons.

2. Customers permitted to temporarily leave and then re-enter the premises e.g. to smoke, shall not be permitted to take drinks or glass/plastic containers with them.

Reason

I've considered this necessary to avoid customers gathering on Clarence Road, given the close proximity of residential dwellings which overlook the proposed premises. Were this the case, it's likely patron noise would be clearly perceptible within the neighbouring residential dwellings, particularly as the evening progresses. I do appreciate your plans here in respect of closely monitoring the outside parts, however.

3. Prominent, clear and legible notices will be displayed at all exits, requesting customers to respect the needs of local residents by leaving the premises and the immediate area quietly.

Reason

To ensure the dispersal of patrons from the premises, particularly on the cessation of licensable activity, occurs in a manner that mitigates the likelihood of disturbance to residents situated on Clarence Road, PO32 6EP.