

Statement provided by DPS of The Vectis Tavern in reply to objection

“It is of course a concern that these have been raised. At The Vectis Tavern, we have always strived since taking over in 2015, to ensure our establishment is run on a manner that is respectable and considerate of our local area.

We pride ourselves on an open door policy to engage and resolve any issues that may occur. It must be said however, we have not received a single complaint from any source in many years.

We do need to remind folk that the pub is on a High Street location , with several other venues and bus terminal in close vicinity. We cannot therefore be held responsible for noise of locals returning from other venues or Newport late at night.

In fact on many occasions, we have indeed gone to the assistance of others with our own personal door staff, who we employ voluntarily at a considerable cost. We have a strict noise and crowd dispersal policy that we stick to and copy attached.

The High Street is in the heart of the town and therefore does not lend itself to a quiet residential location, by default.

We are happy to engage with [REDACTED]

It must also be stressed that it is NOT our intention to play music every night until all hours of the morning. We are not changing our current opening hours which have been in place since 2008.

We are simply requesting the flexibility to use the additional time on an ad hoc basis as and when. In fact you would struggle to find musicians who have a set longer than 3 hours or a pub that could afford to pay them.

The application is to allow flexibility that within the already existent opening times and noise policy and additional Noise Plan in place.

We do have the support of the Police and Environmental Health, as we have worked very hard to be compliant with our licensing objectives for many years and have succeeded.

Please do feel free to pass my details on to anyone who wishes to discuss further.”