

19 Newman St background and further information

Earlier this year the owners received planning permission and an alcoholic drinks, recorded and live music licence for this club in the basement of what is currently the Post Office and general store, with opening hours until 3am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, and midnight the rest of the week, with a capacity of 150.

Details of the existing licence can be found here

<http://idoxpa.westminster.gov.uk/online-applications/licencingDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=N5IGWDRP0R000>

Several local residents objected to the original licence application, particularly in relation to the late hours, which exceed Westminster Council's core hours (midnight closing) and seem inappropriate for a street that is otherwise reasonably quiet at night. The applicant argued that this was the only practicable use for an otherwise unused premises, and one which would help to ensure the continued viability of the Post Office. Other locals, mostly somewhat further afield, supported the application, arguing that the club would 'add to the bustling feel' of the area or reduce perceived problems of night-time security, and provide a useful place for local businesses to entertain guests.

Residents remain extremely concerned about the potential noise impact of people leaving and arriving late at night under the existing licence. Newman St is otherwise usually reasonably quiet after 11pm at night, although it is noisy with traffic and building works in the day, but because the buildings are tall and the street narrow there is a pronounced canyon effect that magnifies the noise of any revellers or loud music when it is otherwise quiet.

The present application for an extension

The owners, having discovered that potential operators do not consider the site an economic proposition under the existing licence arrangements, have now applied to **nearly double the capacity of the club to 280 and to obtain a further licence for the showing of films and the performance of dance.**

Full details of the current licensing application can be found here

<http://idoxpa.westminster.gov.uk/online-applications/licencingApplicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=NEZ7AQRP1RW00>]

The planning application from the same applicant to convert part of the ground floor into a beauty salon can be found here

<http://idoxpa.westminster.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=NCGF18RPLM100>