

In response to the objections from residents, we would like to reply with the following..

- 1.) There has been no objection from residents who live in much closer proximity to the premises. There is a flat adjacent to the business and another to the rear.
- 2.) One of the objections is from a former member of staff and customer who is acting with prejudice.
- 3.) One of the objections is from a family member, of an employee of another business competitor, which they mention by name. They are acting with prejudice.
- 4.) The anti social behaviour mentioned has not been reported to the police.
- 5.) The police have monitored the premises during numerous TENs used as test events. They have no objection to the variation.
- 6.) Noise leakage from the inside of the Siege of Orleans is minimal to the point of zero.
- 7.) Self imposed conditions on the variation include:  
All windows are closed and sealed on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor where a DJ is playing  
Sound proofing has already been installed.  
Speakers are to be turned off at 10.30pm and this has already been in place since 1<sup>st</sup> October.
- 8.) The outside area is to be closed down at 11pm and only used by smokers, this will be strictly controlled by door staff.
- 9.) Customers leaving the Siege of Orleans are reminded via signage at the entrance / exit to respect our neighbours and leave quietly.
- 10.) Since April 2021 having re-opened after being closed for 7 months from the previous 12, the Siege like many other places has seen a surge in trade. People had missed socialising and seeing friends, and town and city centres had been deserted to the point of no noise. It was inevitable that with these businesses returning, it would be louder in these areas than the previous year. We for-see it settling down much to how things were before in 2022. We ask to be given the variation to allow our business to compete on a level playing field and believe that the measures and conditions in place will support the licensing objectives.