MEMORANDUM TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND LICENSING – PLANNING CONSULTATION

Application No: DC/25/0889 Case Officer: Jacques Burrowes

Address: The Six Bells 76 High Street Billingshurst
Proposal: Erection of a timber pergola with polycarbonate roof in front garden to provide covered outdoor seating area, with York stone paving to match existing hardstanding. (Full Application).

Date comments required by: 03/07/25.

Details of the application can be viewed at
https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/planningapplications/view-and-comment-on-planning-applications

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PHLO Comments: 27/06/2025

I have viewed plans on Public Access & visited the site. This department seeks assurance that that no nuisance, disturbance or loss of amenity is caused to nearby properties.

This department have received previous complaints regarding noise from events in the garden to this premises. The last reported incident was August 2024.

The Six Bells has a Premise Licence issued by this department under the Licensing Act 2003. There are no conditions on the licence that precludes the premises from holding regulated entertainment in their garden. Most conditions on the licence seek to minimise the impact of noise rather than preventing it e.g.:

- No recorded music, other than low level background music, to be played after
- 23:00hrs.
- Sources of noise from music, singing and speech, whether amplified or non-
- amplified should be barely audible outside noise sensitive premises, such that it is inaudible inside noise sensitive premises between the hours of 2300 and 0700
- No Sale Supply or Consumption of intoxicating liquor in any outside drinking areas after 2300hrs on any day
- Notices advising customers to leave quietly and respect neighbours to be display prominently throughout the premises particularly at the exits.
- There shall be in place and operated a scheme of managed departure for the terminal hour to ensure that customers leave the premises quickly and quietly to avoid any public nuisance within the vicinity of the premises

Conditions recommended for consideration by the Local Planning Authority.

- Only unamplified music to be permitted to take place in the garden.
- Any speakers installed in the pergola to play background music only
- Any external lights are to be positioned to minimise light trespass and glare into neighbouring residential properties.

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To comply with the requirements of the Smoke-free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations 2006 the structure must not be wholly enclosed, or substantially enclosed if allowing patrons to smoke in the covered pergola.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me



Paul Hobbs
Principal Environmental Health Officer