

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Cllr. Joe Miller

BH2018/01926 - Unit 4, The Savoy Centre

12/10/2018:

I wish to object to the above application. I appreciate I am out of time to call the matter to committee.

However, having chaired the Live Music Policy Panel in the City which has resulted in the creation of the Live Music Partnership and Live Music Roundtable: I wholly object to the loss of this music venue in the city. There are very few of this sized unit in our city: as such this space provides a crucial space for stepladdering audience sizes for budding artists. Equally it is in a wholly appropriate location for such a use, away from any significant number of residential dwellings. Losing a venue in this location could increase demand for a new venue to establish itself in a less suitable location, which could see it's closure due to enforcement action. Hence the net loss of 1 venue for the city.

This application is contrary to policy CP5: and does not meet any of the exceptions in my view. here will be a net loss of 1 venue as a result of the application submitted. It can not be mitigated by a suggestion of another venue opening which may not come to fruition, be commercially viable or sustainable in the long term in that location. The venue as is has a strong track record of providing a culture service to the city for some time without any major impacts. Please do not put this at risk. The casino building is large enough to expand and has never been on my occasional entry into it, more than twenty percent full. I hope you consider my comments fully in determining the application and the LPA decides to refuse the application.

