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Dear Mr Whitelegg

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Thank you for yours of 31 July.

I have discussed the same with my clients and with Counsel.

Whilst we welcome the fact that you and apparently Sussex Police are prepared to have a dialogue, with a view to compromise, I regret that your proposals are insufficient to avoid a Hearing before the Committee and if necessary, an appeal.

With regard to the current live music condition, we fail to see that you are really making any proposal that would change the current situation. Please explain?

In any event we struggle to understand your position on such a condition. I remind you that in your submission to the last Review you stated – at para 14:

“.. in my opinion Molly Malones is not a venue associated with live music. It is not clear to me what relationship live music operations have to the decision of the Licensing Panel in this case.”

Given this, you will agree that it is, in truth, wholly unnecessary to have a condition that requires Molly Malones to be a live music venue, although that is precisely what Molly Malones is.

As matters stand it is a bit like having a condition that requires a cinema to show films - simply unnecessary.

Turning to the issue of the ID scanner, I see that no compromise is offered, and rather yours under reply simply sets out the justification put forward by Sussex Police for requiring the ID scanner.

The amendment you are proposing regarding last entry is in reality, de minimis and does not address the issues the premises are currently facing in this regard.

I would be happy of course to speak with you at any time before the Hearing on the 31st but we would

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be looking for some serious movement on the part of BHCC and/or Sussex Police.

Yours sincerely

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