
143445/FO/2025 | Extension of time for further three years for a temporary marquee | British Muslim Heritage Centre College Road Manchester M16 8BP

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To Sue Wills [REDACTED]

Hi Sue

I have looked at the above application, and I have some concerns regarding the renewal of the consent.

On receipt of the application, I checked ARCUS to see if there are any ongoing complaints about the premises, as I remembered that last time, they applied for renewal there had been some issues with noise. I found there were some complaints that were lodged in June and are still 'active', so I contacted the investigating officer Saeed Akhtar to ask if they had any thoughts or objections to the renewal. Saeed informed me that their team has had ongoing issues with the BMHC for many years. These were mainly noise complaints from local residents about loud noise emanating from the premises from loud music when there is an event on in the marquee, from the PA system when being used, traffic noise from cars revving their engines and from flares and fireworks being set off by guests using the marquee.

I have then checked back on the planning history for the Marquee, and the original consent, issued on 15 July 2013 has a condition on which states "The structure shall be acoustically insulated and treated to limit the break-out of noise in accordance with a noise study of the premises and a scheme of acoustic treatment that has been submitted to and approved in writing by the City Council as local planning authority. the scheme shall be implemented in full before the use commences". As far as I can see, this condition has not been implemented and discharged, and the fact that we are continuing to get noise complaints shows that whatever scheme was implemented is not successful.

The current Management Strategy mentions various ways to reduce / control noise from the Marquee, but they say that they are "currently exploring" or "considering" some of these measures, and do not say that they are actually going to be implemented.

In order to consider this application objectively, I will need additional information in the form of a noise report from a competent Acoustic Consultant to ensure that they are able to control noise from the marquee and associated activities, so it does not cause disamenity to the nearby residents. This must include

1. Details of the existing music noise levels from the marquee when events are in progress.
2. The details of the sound limiting device they have installed including details of how different frequencies of noise are controlled, details of who sets this device, details of whether it can be overridden or not.
3. Details of what noise mitigation measures they actually intend on using (not what they are exploring or considering) and how these measures will reduce the noise levels.
4. How the noise from the PA system will be controlled.
5. I will need the consultant to calculate the final predicted noise levels at the nearest noise sensitive receptors once the proposed mitigation measures have been implemented. PA noise, music noise, patron noise, noise from fixed plant and equipment and noise from vehicle

movements should all be included in this, as noise from all of these have caused detriment to the amenity of nearby residents at various points over the last few years.

Kind regards

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