

## **Observations of Licensing Panel – 10 October 2014**

Thank you to everyone for the information and evidence that has been put before the panel today. The decision of the panel is to not issue a counter notice and therefore to permit the event to go ahead. This would normally be sufficient, but we would like to add some observations to our decision on this occasion.

We were entirely satisfied with the evidence of Mr Dent, and are in particular satisfied that the events at the premises on August 2 and 16 generated a completely unacceptable level of noise. The applicant's solicitor also accepted that those events should have been managed better so as to reduce the noise. We do not accept that the complaints about those events were somehow exaggerated or motivated by any personal animosity. Our decision to not issue a counter notice is based in two factors. First, the very extensive assurances that were given to us on behalf of the applicant about the way in which this event will be managed. We take these assurances on trust, and sincerely hope that our trust will not be misplaced. Secondly, we have sympathy with the bride and groom. None of this is anything to do with them, but they have been put in the position that their wedding arrangements are still in doubt at this late stage. We hope that this decision will allow them to enjoy their big day with their guests, and we wish them all the best.