01.Rep Response

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the concerns raised regarding my application to extend the opening hours at Rossi's Bar. I fully respect the views of local residents and wish to clarify several points to ensure the Licensing Authority has an accurate and evidence-based understanding of how the premises operates.

1. Prevention of Public Nuisance

The representation raises concerns about "loud music pollution" and disturbance to residents.

I would like to reassure the council:

- Rossi's Bar has no history of noise complaints.
- The premises is fitted with professional acoustic insulation, ensuring music does not escape into the street or residential units above.
- Doors remain closed at all times except for entry/exit, preventing noise breakout.
- Music is indoors only; there is no outdoor entertainment.
- Staff supervise the frontage to prevent congregation and ensure quiet dispersal.
- Nightly litter checks and waste management prevent nuisance.

The concerns expressed are speculative and not based on any evidence of nuisance caused by this premises.

2. Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The representation states that a 3am closing time will "cause drunken behaviour" and "associated ASB."

To clarify:

- There have been no incidents of ASB, disorder, or police involvement linked to Rossi's Bar.
- The premises operates CCTV throughout, Challenge 25, and SIA-licensed door staff during busy periods.
- Staff are trained in responsible alcohol retailing and conflict management.
- Later hours do not inherently increase crime; well-managed, supervised venues reduce the likelihood of unregulated street drinking or gatherings.

The concerns raised are general assumptions, not premises-specific evidence.

3. Public Safety

The representation suggests the neighbourhood is "not appropriate" for late-night openings. This is not a licensing-objective-based concern and reflects a personal opinion rather than a

public safety issue. The representation does not identify any specific risks, incidents, or evidence relating to Rossi's Bar that would undermine the public safety objective.

Rossi's Bar has:

- A full fire safety risk assessment and emergency procedures.
- Clear evacuation routes and emergency lighting.
- Door staff controlling entry, preventing overcrowding, and maintaining safety.
- No public safety concerns raised in the representation that relate to the actual operation of the premises.

4. Protection of Children from Harm

The representation does not raise any licensing-relevant concerns under this objective.

Rossi's Bar:

- Does not permit unaccompanied minors.
- Does not host child-focused events.
- Has no history of child-related incidents.

I appreciate the resident's concerns and remain committed to operating a safe, well-managed venue that respects the local community. However, the issues raised in this representation are not based on any evidence relating to Rossi's Bar, and do not demonstrate that the proposed variation would undermine the licensing objectives.

The premises has a strong compliance record, robust management controls, and a proven ability to operate responsibly. I therefore respectfully request that the Licensing Authority considers this rebuttal alongside the application.