



Subject:	Application for the Renewal of a Seven-day Annual Entertainments Licence - Rock Bar, 491- 493 Falls Road
Date:	17th February, 2016
Reporting Officer:	Trevor Martin, Head of Building Control, ext. 2450
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Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of main Issues						
1.1	<p>To consider an application for the renewal of a Seven-day Annual Entertainments Licence for the Rock Bar, based on the Council's standard conditions to provide music, singing, dancing or any other entertainment of a like kind where objections have been received.</p> <table border="0"><tr><td>Premises and Location</td><td>Ref. No.</td><td>Applicant</td></tr><tr><td>Rock Bar, 491-493 Falls Road, Belfast, BT12 6DE.</td><td>WK/201501359</td><td>Mr Sean Duffy, Embapa Leisure Limited, LLP Suite 32, Kennedy Centre Belfast, BT11 9AE.</td></tr></table>	Premises and Location	Ref. No.	Applicant	Rock Bar, 491-493 Falls Road, Belfast, BT12 6DE.	WK/201501359	Mr Sean Duffy, Embapa Leisure Limited, LLP Suite 32, Kennedy Centre Belfast, BT11 9AE.
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1.2	Members should note that previous Entertainments Licences have been granted under the Council's Scheme of Delegation.						
2.0	Recommendations						
2.1	As the objections against the application were received outside the 28-day statutory period, you are required to determine if you wish to exercise your discretion to consider them and, if so, give the objectors and the applicant an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the Committee.						
2.2	If you decide not to take the objections into account then the application will be dealt with under the Scheme of Delegation.						

2.3	Should you exercise your discretion you are required to set a suitable date and time to receive the persons who made the representations, the applicant, and/or their representatives and, after having received their submissions, make a recommendation regarding the application.
3.0	Main report
3.1 3.2 3.3 3.4 3.5	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>As a result of concerns about how the premises is being operated written representations objecting to the application have been received. A total of 11 letters were submitted prior to the application being received on 30th September 2015, hence they are outside the 28 day statutory period.</p> <p>All, except one of the letters of objection were received from local residents of Falls Road and Rockmore Street. The other letter is from a resident of Moyard Crescent, which is not in the immediate vicinity of the premises. Copies of the objection letters are attached at Appendix 1. A copy of the application form is attached at Appendix 2.</p> <p>The nature of the objections relate to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • music being played too loud; • urination in public; • disposal of glasses and bottles, plastic cups, cigarettes and drug related items; • customers causing noise and nuisance during their visit to the premises and when they leave at the end of the night; • the encouragement by the establishment for customers to leave with their drink in a plastic glass; and • the premises and streets being overcrowded for occasional high profile events. <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1 – Letters of Objection</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Application Form</p>