

APPENDIX 6

Representations

1. Dear Licensing Team,

re application 21/01179/LAPVA

I am writing to object to the application from The Eagle, 145 High St, Old Amersham, for changes in the times of their activities and sale of alcohol.

I am the neighbouring property, [REDACTED] High St.

I have a few points of objection:

- It is totally unnecessary as their present opening hours are more than adequate
- it is a quiet residential part of Old Amersham and already suffers from noise at closing time as there is another public house, The Swan opposite
- Men come out of the pubs and urinate against my house already; this elongated opening time would only make this worse with more drunk people
- the character and fabric of the neighbouring listed buildings would be spoilt by this
- If this lengthened opening time was in place, people would come from other places after closing time to continue drinking which would mean an influx of cars and visitors late at night with people looking to find a pub that's still open
- this might be appropriate in the middle of London but not here
- there are many families with young children and pets in close proximity and any late night music and entertainment would have an adverse effect on them
- increasing the time that people can drink alcohol is very bad for the health of the public and the present opening times are entirely adequate
- the only reason I can think of that this application is made is to increase the profits of the owning brewery; this is not a good reason to allow this application especially with all the negative reasons listed above
- it does not increase the amenities to the local population as there are already 4 public houses and 2 hotels in close proximity

This application is totally unsuitable for the type of establishment that it is and for the environs it's in. I am asking that you refuse the application, please.

Kind regards

[REDACTED] David [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] High St
Old Amersham
HP7 [REDACTED]

2. FAO: Charlie Robinson, Commercial Licensing Manager

Further to your recent Notification of a Premises Licence Application - Licensing Act 2003 - I would respond as follows:

My response to all the proposals contained in the above is that I am emphatically not in favour of any of the proposed time extensions. I feel residents have more than enough late night noise to contend with as the licensing hours are now. It is time residents were considered and not just the businesses as the hours of opening and outside drinking steadily increase year upon year. I believe no regard whatsoever has been paid to how the residents cope with the relentless increase of noise and disturbance from the regular extensions to opening hours both inside and outside public house. My feeling is that public houses are NOT nightclubs and the fact that, in the High Street, they are surrounded by residential properties - not located in a city centre - should be taken into account far more than it is.

When considering the requested extension to opening hours - the proposed external bar servery would add hugely to the external noise which is even harder on the residents later into the night or for longer periods during the day.

Please consider that when the pubs close, that is not the end of the noise for residents. The disturbance then continues as people spill into the High Street before finding their way home - shouting goodbyes - or simply just shouting - apart from the police having to attend from time to time. The staff have to clear up and then leave - and so on - probably for another hour.

I hope my comments will be taken into consideration.

Lynda [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Old Amersham

3. Hello, once again it has been brought to my attention that the Eagle is wanting to change it's hours next year. WHY?

I live at [REDACTED] High Street. Old Amersham and back on to Barn Meadow, the same as the Eagle. The noise and rubbish from The Eagle was terrible this summer, especially during weekends. The trouble is that the back gate on to the Meadow is open mostly , therefore the Meadow became an extension of the pub garden. There is a light by this gate which acts as a beacon for people to enter the pub at night from the field. and this has encouraged lots of youngsters to stay in the field and garden until late, shouting and screaming until the pub shuts.

Regarding the non-standard timings for Live Music/Entertainment and Live Music - if the present hours are increased by an hour it will only add to the noise and anti-social behaviour. Finishing at 10.00 p.m. at present at least gives neighbours a chance to get to bed at a reasonable time. The noise of music reverberates through the adjacent terraced houses, and in the summer it's a nightmare if we have windows open.

Surely the sale by retail of alcohol being restricted to finish at 11.30 pm on Friday and Saturday at present means the pub is vacated by midnight? So an additional half hour or hour on Friday/Saturday, Sunday or Monday into the terminal hour and Bank Holidays and Xmas/New Year will only lead to more drunken behaviour in the High Street or Barn Meadow after midnight.

Likewise the Opening Hours surely don't need to be extended beyond midnight ?

I have lived here for thirty years and whilst I realise the pubs are all wanting to increase their turnover after Covid, there has been a history of problems regarding this pub's clientele since 2014. Maybe you should check Amersham Town Council (rubbish) police/anti social behaviour records. This is a conservation and residential area so consideration should be given to this.

Janet [REDACTED]

4. Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing in response to application from The Eagle 145 High Street Amersham HP7 ODY to change and vary it's premises licence.

We strongly object to the following:

The Bank Holidays, Easter Bank Holiday, Thursday before Good Friday, X mas Eve and Boxing Day plus New Years Eve extension to opening Hours until Midnight + .

Whilst this is a High Street it is also a residential street enjoyed by families with young children as well as elderly residents.

The noise that will take place between The Swan and The Eagle should this extension be granted will be entirely inappropriate and detrimental to the culture of the incumbent residents.

Inevitably ,should you grant this extension , the noise pollution will go on until well past midnight ,spoiling sleep and the peace of the neighbourhood and families rights to enjoy their holiday.

By allowing an external bar serverly it will encourage people to 'spill out' from the small garden and into Barn Meadow. This area is used by all members of the public and they do not need to 'trip over' empty bottles , glasses and crisp packets.

In addition should you grant the licence it will only set a precedent for all of the other pubs such as the Swan and the Elephant and Castle to apply for extensions.

Yours Sincerely,

Chris & Emma [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Amersham

HP7 [REDACTED]

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Amersham
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Mr Charlie Robinson
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25 November 2021

Dear Mr Robinson

21/01179/LAPVA Licence Variation Eagle Amersham

We are writing with regard to the above application to extend the hours and music at the Eagle. We live immediately next door, sharing a party wall and garden boundary, with the establishment.

We very strongly oppose such an extension on the grounds of the major public nuisance caused by the pub over the last two years.

Virtually any music played inside the pub is always a nuisance to us, as the party wall is in places made only of cob. The pub building is part of the same eighteenth century facade, sharing timbers and roof from an earlier cottage construction. Music played, at anything but very low volumes, is directly audible in our bedroom. It is unthinkable the pub should be allowed to play any music after 11pm on any day – to permit it all night on New Year's Eve is beyond a nuisance.

Moreover, we believe, noise and litter from people waiting for taxis in the street after 11.00pm should be kept to a minimum. This proposal will make this kind of nuisance considerably worse.

A succession of landlords at the pub have behaved poorly, created an enormous amount of nuisance, and led us to many disturbed evenings and sleepless nights. This is all seemingly overseen by Punch Partnerships, the applicants. We have been promised improvements, focusing on a pub driven by good food and local community. Neither of these two objectives will be served by the above proposal, that seems merely designed to fuel alcohol into outsiders after midnight in what is a closely populated residential area.

We have lived next to the pub for the last eleven years, but all the worst problems we have faced have occurred in the last two years with a succession of here-today gone-tomorrow managements of the pub.

Below are summarised some examples from the three recent regimes. Multiple detailed noise recordings and complaints of the nuisance have been made to the Environmental Health Department:

- 1) In January 2020, a first new landlord left the pub after nine months. Throughout the last three weeks of this tenancy, they played loud music regularly till two even four o'clock in

the morning.

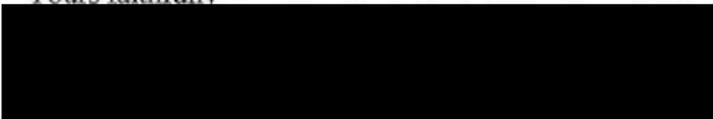
- 2) A new landlord arrived in March 2020 – they started to have a Karaoke Pub. Fortunately this was curtailed by Covid. But then they seem to have turned the closed pub into some kind of squat during lockdown.
- 3) In September 2020 a third new landlord arrived and cleaned up the place. These are the current licensees. Within two months, facing a new lockdown in November 2020, they attempted to run a 'Pub in the street' – playing loud music and serving large quantities of beer through the front windows. They seemed to show no respect that the street is under a PSPO. Their actions resulted in large numbers of afternoon drinkers trespassing and drinking on neighbouring properties, including public day-time urination.

Given the obvious parlous viability of such a small pub, it seems incomprehensible that they, and especially any unknown future tenants, should be given more scope to create public nuisance in similar ways to which we have experienced. The pub has plenty of opportunity to compete with its rivals during the day and evening trade. They currently have few daytime clients and need to take on that challenge, rather than ask for this extension when their competitors are closed.

We look to the council to curtail (not extend) the pub's activities, particularly in the playing of music. The succession of new landlords are evidently not able to control this. Bad behaviour should not be seen to be rewarded.

We are particularly worried that this proposal is driven by the brewery's desire to relaunch the pub, probably under yet more new management. They will then again exert extreme financial pressure on these new tenants to exploit any newly won extensions. We look to the council to protect us from such a practice and the resultant threat to the peaceful enjoyment of our home.

Yours faithfully


John and Lena Morgan

Supporting evidence to be considered by the licensing committee

- Recordings and evidence of 'Public Nuisance' held by Buckinghamshire Environmental Health 2019-2021
- Residents' representations submitted on the minor variation in March 2020 (granted)
- Residents' representations submitted on the major variation in 2014 (withdrawn)