

**APPLICATION FROM THE GRAND JUNCTION
BUCKINGHAM UNDER THE LICENSING ACT
2003 FOR A MAJOR VARIATION OF A
PREMISES LICENCE**

Director of Community Services

1. THE APPLICATION

Applicant(s): Ashley Brown

Premises: The Grand Junction, 13 High Street, Buckingham, MK18 1NT

1.1 Variation application

The application is for the variation of the Premises Licence under section 34 of the Act. The detail in respect to the hours and activities applied for are set out in the application form, section A to O. Attached as Appendix 1 is a copy of the completed application form, a plan of the premises will be made available at the Sub-Committee hearing. A location plan of the premises is attached as Appendix 4.

The steps the applicant intends to take to promote the licensing objectives are set out in the operating schedule (see Appendix 1 section P).

In an effort to clarify the current and proposed permissions these are set out in Appendix 2.

2. RELEVANT REPRESENTATIONS

2.1 Responsible Authorities

Thames Valley Police – No representation

Environmental Health – No representation

Bucks Fire and Rescue – No representation

Planning – No representation

Trading Standards – No comment

Area Child Protection Committee – No comment

2.2 Interested Parties

During the consultation period 6 representations were received from interested parties. These are attached as appendix 3.

3. NOTICE OF HEARING AND RESPONSES

All parties were served Notices of Hearing on receipt of the representation along with the document, 'Licensing Act 2003 – The Procedure to be followed at Hearings'. The parties have therefore been notified of the consequences of failing to attend.

No further submissions have been received to date following service of the Notice of Hearing. Members will be notified of any further responses at the hearing.

4. GENERAL INFORMATION

The general information Members need to have regard to when determining applications made under the Licensing Act 2003 is set out in a separate document which is attached to the Agenda under cover of which this report has been published.

5 ISSUES RAISED BY THE APPLICATION

The issues raised by the application are for the Sub-Committee to determine having regard to all the relevant considerations. Whatever, the Sub-Committee decides, it must give reasons.

To assist Members and the parties further, The Licensing Services Manager will draw attention to any issues arising from this application at the hearing.

Contact Officer
Background Documents

Peter Seal 01296 585083
Names of Background documents

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Aylesbury Vale District Council

Application to vary a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

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 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & LICENSING SERVICES

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.
 If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.
 You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

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~~Mr~~ Ashley D. Brown
 (Insert name(s) of applicant)

being the premises licence holder, apply to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below

Premises licence number 05/02342/LAPRE (PRO275)

Part 1 - Premises Details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description
 The Grand Junction
 13, High Street

Post town Buckingham Post code MK18 1NT

Telephone number at premises (if any) 01280 - 820597
 Non-domestic rateable value of premises £ 7104

Part 2 - Applicant details

Daytime contact telephone number 01280 820597
 E-mail address (optional) ashleybrown@abbarco-co-uk.
 Current postal address if different from premises address
 Post Town Postcode

Part 3 - Variation

Please tick yes

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect as soon as possible?

If not do you want the variation to take effect from

Day Month Year

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Please describe briefly the nature of the proposed variation (Please see guidance note 1)

Extend all licencable activitys from 23.00 to 00.00 Monday to Wednesday

Removal of condition stopping people using Beer Garden after 23.00. In light of 1st July Smoking ban

If your proposed variation would mean that 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend

Part 4 Operating Schedule

Please complete those parts of the Operating Schedule below which would be subject to change if this application to vary is successful.

Provision of regulated entertainment

Please tick yes

- a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)
- b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)
- c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)
- d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)
- e) live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E) ✓
- f) recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F) ✓
- g) performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)
- h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H)

Provision of entertainment facilities:

- i) making music (if ticking yes, fill in box I)
- j) dancing (if ticking yes, fill in box J) ✓
- k) entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (i) or (j) (if ticking yes, fill in box K)

Provision of late night refreshment (if ticking yes, fill in box L)

Sale by retail of alcohol (if ticking yes, fill in box M) ✓

In all cases complete boxes N, O and P

A

Plays Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Start	Finish			Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for performing plays</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of plays at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
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B

Films Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Start	Finish			Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibition of films at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
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C

Indoor sporting events Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Please give further details (please read guidance note 3)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			
Tue			State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events (please read guidance note 4)
Wed			
Thur			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)
Fri			
Sat			
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D

Boxing or wrestling entertainments Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	
Day	Start	Finish	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon			Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue			Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wed			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)	
Thur				
Fri			State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment (please read guidance note 4)	
Sat				
Sun				
			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)	

E

Live music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon	2300	0000	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue	2300	0000			
Wed	2300	0000	State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur	Same				
Fri	Same		Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat	Same				
Sun	Same				

F

Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon	2300	0000	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue	2300	0000			
Wed	2300	0000	State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur	Same				
Fri	Same		Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat	Same				
Sun	Same				

G

Performances of dance Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

H

Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing		
Day	Start	Finish	Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue				Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)	
Wed			State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

I

Provision of facilities for making music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Please give a description of the facilities for making music you will be providing	
			Will the facilities for making music be indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors <input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/>
				Both <input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)	
Mon				
Tue				
Wed			State any seasonal variations for the provision of facilities for making music (please read guidance note 4)	
Thur				
Fri				
Sat			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for provision of facilities for making music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)	
Sun				

J

Provision of facilities for dancing Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the facilities for dancing be indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (see guidance note 2)	
			Indoors <input type="checkbox"/>	
			Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/>	
			Both <input type="checkbox"/>	
Day	Start	Finish	Please give a description of the facilities for dancing you will be providing	
Mon	2300	0000	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)	
Tue	2300	0000		
Wed	2300	0000		
Thur	SAME		State any seasonal variations for providing dancing facilities (please read guidance note 4)	
Fri	SAME			
Sat	SAME			
Sun	SAME		Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of facilities for dancing at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)	

K

Provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within i or j Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Please give a description of the type of entertainment facility you will be providing</u>		
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Will the entertainment facility be indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Wed					
Thur			<u>State any seasonal variations for the provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within i or j</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Fri					
Sat			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within i or j at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sun					

L

Late night refreshment Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times, to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

M

Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption (Please tick box) (please read guidance note 7)	On the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Off the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon	2300	0000	State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol (please read guidance note 4)	Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue	2300	0000			
Wed	2300	0000			
Thur	same		Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri	same				
Sat	same				
Sun	same				

N

Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 8)

not applicable

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Hours premises are open to the public Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			State any seasonal variations (please read guidance note 4)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	10.00	00.00	
Tue	10.00	00.00	Non standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5) Christmas eve, Bank holidays
Wed	10.00	00.00	
Thur			
Fri			
Sat			
Sun			

Please identify those conditions currently imposed on the licence which you believe could be removed as a consequence of the proposed variation you are seeking

The removal of the Deer garden time limit due to the change of style in the pub trade since 1st July Smoking ban. want to be able to send customers out the back of the premises away from the public, local homes, roads, preventing public nuisance, enabling us to control in a safe private area in our Deer garden.

10 b To be removed

Please tick yes

- I have enclosed the premises licence
- I have enclosed the relevant part of the premises licence
- I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable
- I understand that I must now advertise my application
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

If you have not ticked one of these boxes please fill in reasons for not including the licence, or part of it, below

Reasons why I have failed to enclose the premises licence or relevant part of premises licence

P Describe any additional steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives as a result of the proposed variation:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e) (please read guidance note 9)

We have increased C.C.T.V and floor staff to ensure we meet all four objectives. we have invested heavily on the garden area and plastic bottles & glasses not allowing glasses or glass bottles

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

increased C.C.T.V in the garden area
Plastic glasses & Plastic bottles

c) Public safety

allowing customer in the rear garden. Keeping them away from roads, general public in a controlled environment

d) The prevention of public nuisance

Takes the customers outside of the built up front of the building where noise travels. Enclosed garden area will make it quieter for local residents

e) The protection of children from harm

no children allowed in premises and family beer garden area closes at 9pm.

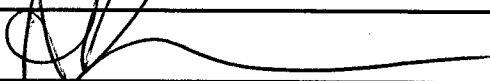
Please tick yes

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee
- I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable
- I understand that I must now advertise my application
- I have enclosed the premises licence or relevant part of it or explanation
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

Part 5 – Signatures (please read guidance note 10)

Signature of applicant (the current premises licence holder) or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 11). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature	
Date	14/8/8
Capacity	

Where the premises licence is jointly held signature of 2nd applicant (the current premises licence holder) or 2nd applicant’s solicitor or other authorised agent (please read guidance note 12). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

Contact name (where not previously given) and address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 13)			
The Grand Junction 13 High Street.			
Post town	Buckingham	Post code	MK18 1NT.
Telephone number (if any)	01280 820597.		
If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail your e-mail address (optional)			

Appendix 2

The application relates to the sale and supply of alcohol and the provision of regulated entertainment

	Supply of Alcohol (Both on & off the premises)			
	Existing		Proposed	
	From	To	From	To
Monday	10 00	23 00	10 00	00 00
Tuesday	10 00	23 00	10 00	00 00
Wednesday	10 00	23 00	10 00	00 00
Thursday	10 00	00 00	No Change	
Friday	10 00	01 00	No Change	
Saturday	10 00	01 00	No Change	
Sunday	11 00	22 30	No Change	

	Live music, recorded music, provision of facilities for dancing			
	Existing		Proposed	
	From	To	From	To
Monday	12 00	23 00	12 00	00 00
Tuesday	12 00	23 00	12 00	00 00
Wednesday	12 00	23 00	12 00	00 00
Thursday	12 00	00 00	No Change	
Friday	12 00	01 00	No Change	
Saturday	12 00	01 00	No Change	
Sunday	12 00	22 30	No Change	

	Hours premises open to the public			
	Existing		Proposed	
	From	To	From	To
Monday	10 00	23 30	10 00	00 00
Tuesday	10 00	23 30	10 00	00 00
Wednesday	10 00	23 30	10 00	00 00
Thursday	10 00	00 30	No Change	
Friday	10 00	01 30	No Change	
Saturday	10 00	01 30	No Change	
Sunday	11 00	23 00	No Change	

Removal of condition (10b according to current premise licence)

All external areas (including the beer garden) of the premises shall be cleared of customers by 2300

Ashton, Kerryann

From: cen@talktalk.net
Sent: 03 September 2007 10:23
To: Licensing Team
Subject: Fw: The Grand Junction, Buckingham

Subject: The Grand Junction, Buckingham

Dear Sir,

Reference :- The Grand Junction, Buckingham's application to extend its hours to midnight on Monday to Wednesday and the removal of the condition restricting the use of the beer garden.

I object to this application because it has not enforced the restrictions to reduce noise pollution already agreed at the previous application hearing.

A restriction already in force is that The Grand Junction must keep its door closed in order to reduce the level of noise pollution to its neighbours.

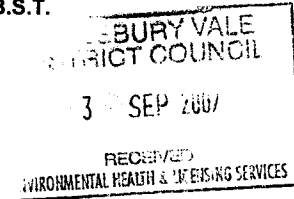
Since July when the no smoking ban came in, I have noticed that on every occasion when I have passed the premises (and that is almost every day) the front door is **always open**.

Also the Fire Doors which open out onto the pavement are always propped open by a chair or by the ash bucket.

Yours sincerely

C. Norman, 31 Stratord Road, Buckingham. MK18 1NY

P.J. Armstrong L.I.B.S.T.



Wyre Lodge
6, Moreton Road
Buckingham
MK18 1LA
01280 817703
07740 852860

28 August 2007

Dear Sir

Re Grand Junction Pub Buckingham I strongly object to extend the hours to midnight on Monday - Wednesday due to the already disturbance it causes in the area i.e. loud singing, swearing & noisy cars using their horns on departing.

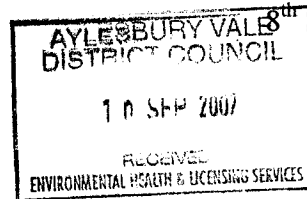
On a previous extension of hours it was agreed to control the noise coming from the pub that the fire door to the street would be closed at all time to reduced the annoyance to local residence.

Please enforce this agreement

Yours Sincerely

Phil Armstrong

34 High Street.
Buckingham. MK18 1NU.



8th September 2007.

Licensing Services Manager,
66 High Street,
Aylesbury,
HP20 1SE

Dear Sir,

re: Grand Junction Public House.

I would like to protest most strongly to any application that longer hours be given to the above pub:

When closing time used to be 11 pm, we knew that by 11.30 or so we could open our windows and be free of the loud voices and louder music and shrieks of laughter that came from people leaving this pub. Since the recent extended time this noise has continued till well after one o'clock and any further extension would only make matters worse

The north side of the High Street is, with few exceptions, residential and it seems to me most unfair that on a nice summer's evening we cannot sit in our gardens, or have our windows open because of the noise, and now it will continue till goodness knows when. My front bedroom has heavy industrial secondary glazing and I can still hear the noise from this particular pub.

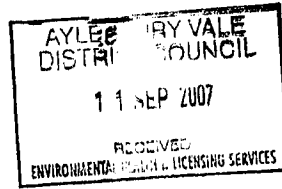
I have been told that people who don't like noise should not live in the middle of a town, but I have lived in my house since 1964, there is another inhabitant who has been here longer than I have, and I don't see why I should have to move or put up with late night disturbance. I have had both my neighbours remarking about the difficulty of getting to sleep at a reasonable time

If the Grand Junction is granted this extension, the other pub and various take-aways will also apply for longer hours, and although I am told each application will be judged on its own merit, eventually it will have to be allowed a license on the grounds of fair play and the situation of the residence on this side of the road will be worse than ever.

Yours faithfully,

(Mrs) E.Zettl}

Licensing Dept
AVDC



7. 9. 07

Dear Mr Seal,

Variation to premises license Grand Junction
Public House, Buckingham.

Extend hours by one hour to midnight Mon. to Weds.

Removal of condition restricting use of beer garden.

I object to this application for the following reasons

1) Because of the present hours of opening we hear noise + get disturbance sporadically until 02.30 hrs. Eleven of clock at night is late enough on the first 3 days of week, often there is noise for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour after closing time. Customers from the pub gravitate to the B.P Garage + cause ^{some} disturbance.

2) The use of the beer garden would be acceptable if there was no music live or canned, + the landlord would ensure customers did not shout + brawl + slam car doors + hoot horns when they depart from the site.

3) Conditions set out in a previous application stated the fire door at the side of the building should be kept closed at all times. This door is often open during day + late into the night. Should this application be granted it is hoped that previous conditions + those applicable are adhered to.

4) Music should be contained inside either in the Pub or the Granary Barn.

5) Consideration needs to be given to residents in the High Street Cecil's Yard, Paynes Court, + Northend Court. We are affected by noise, because sound travels along the river.

Yours sincerely,
Una Robinson. BZ1

Thomas, Karen

From: Peter Thirlby [peter_thirlby@hotmail.com]
Sent: 18 September 2007 10:24
To: Licensing Team
Subject: Objection to Extended Licensing GRAND JUNCTION, Buckingham

Sir

When I moved to 35 High Street, Buckingham in June 2007 I had no illusions that I was moving to some sort of Middle England Idyl where yokles in smocks would dance around the Maypole.

I am, however, shocked to hear that the Grand Junction has applied to extend its licencing hours during the week. In my mind this establishment embodies the worst aspects of the 'yob culture' that prevails the UK at the moment and to allow its drunken, violent clientele further opportunities to make the life of residents of the area a misery in my mind shows that AVDC does not have the best interests of its community at the forefront of its strategy.

The Grand Junction should be bought into line with the other pubs in Buckingham eg the Kings Head, White Hart etc that behave responsibly and know how to work with the residents.

I therefore object, most strongly, to this application. Should it be granted it is likely that I will legally challenge it and start a local campaign to curb licencing of pubs and fast food shops in the area.

Peter Thirlby
35 High Street, Buckingham.

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Thomas, Karen

From: James Lowe [james_o_lowe@hotmail.com]
Sent: 18 September 2007 10:09
To: Licensing Team
Subject: Objection to Extended Licensing GRAND JUNCTION, Buckingham

FAO: Licensing Officer

Dear Mr Swan,

I write to object to the proposed extended license that the Grand Junction, High Street Buckingham has applied for.

This public house is situated in a predominantly residential area of our High Street in our beautiful market town, and I live diagonally opposite it.

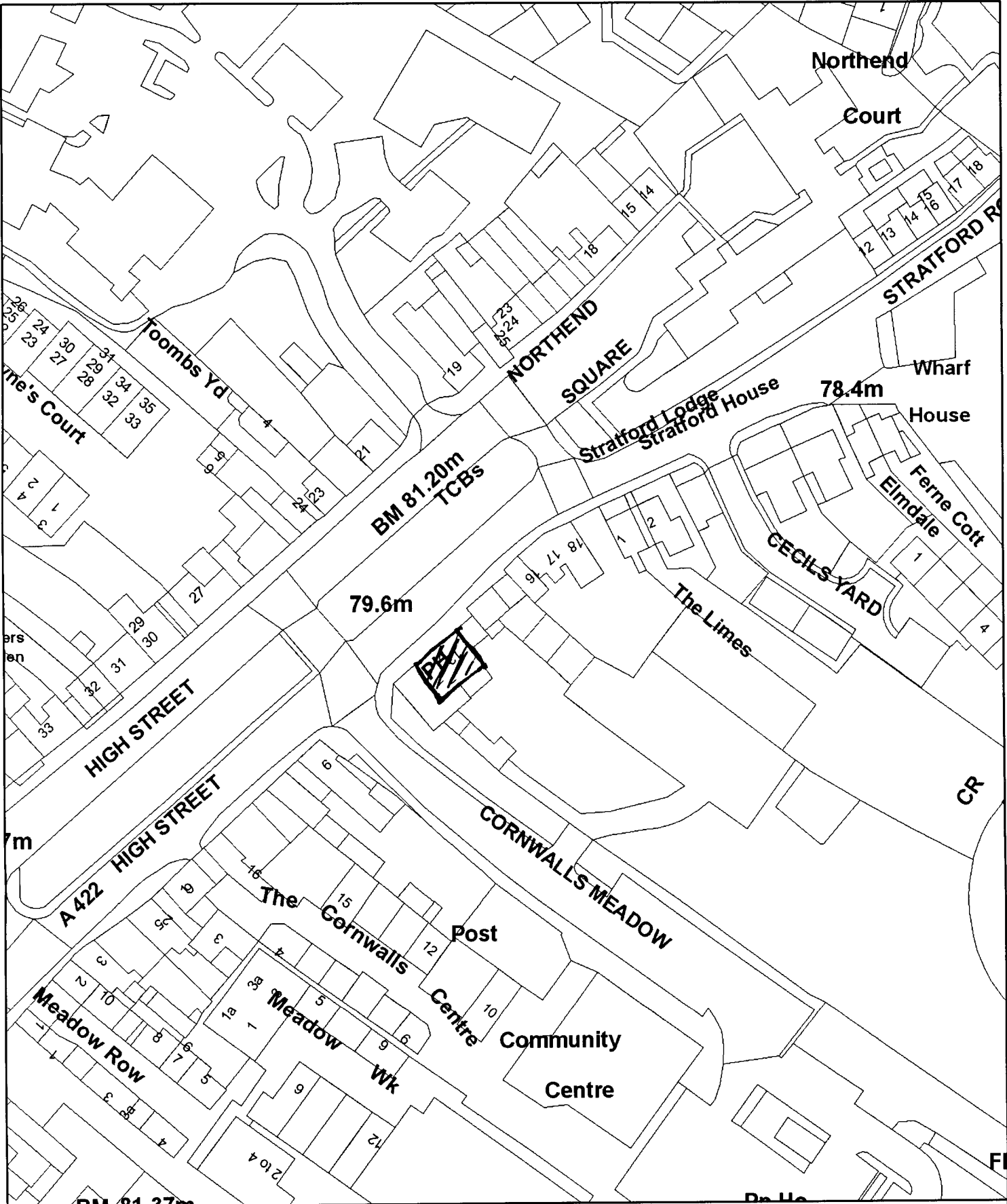
This public house causes a real nuisance to our neighbourhood. They play music so loudly on Friday and Saturday night with no regard to their neighbouring properties. On their quiz nights I can hear the questions from my front living room. I have frequently had to request that they close their fire escape as the noise disturbance is intolerable, and my family are unable to sleep. They occasionally have functions where the noise is so loud that the base beats can be heard above the volume of my TV.

The police are called to disturbances at this Public House more than ANY other in the town, and this is largely due to its young clientele, and the landlord's irresponsible desire to serve customers until they are blind drunk. The situation has become much worse since the White Hart implemented an Over 21s policy. When the Grand Junction closes the High Street resembles a scene similar to that of a street riot in Basra, Iraq. The Grand Junction's drunken customers shouting, swearing, fighting and chanting until well past 2am.

I will definitely be sending a representative to the licensing review that will no doubt take place, where I will be presenting the licensing sub committee with a signed petition from local residents against further extended licensing of these premises, I have always had the support from our local town council, and will seek an objection from our overstretched Police force.

Perhaps this time, the councillors who get to vote on the licensing sub committee, (ALL of whom are NOT our elected town councillors), would actually like to visit the old county town of Buckingham, preferably at one a.m. on a Friday or Saturday night, and make this important decision in the light of the facts rather than one of blissful ignorance like last time a late license was granted.

Yours sincerely
James Lowe
33 High Street, Buckingham, MK18 1NU



The Grand Junction, 13 High Street, Buckingham

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