

Appendix 5

Interested Party Representations

01/03/2023 16:26

Cllr Michael Bracken

Support the application but request that the timings be conformed to other similar operations in this location including the two restaurants across the road from this. I note the application refers to provision of refreshment from 23.00-5.00 and would ask that this aspect be considered in line with comparable operators in particular

26/03/2023 23:32

Tim Lovejoy: Silverhurst, 6 Fulmer Way, Gerrards Cross, SL9 8AH

Prevention of Public Nuisance

The duration and nature of the operation will significantly increase the noise nuisance suffered by residents in the proximity of the premises.

The operating hours mean that significant noise will be generated:

- In the early morning, when staff clean and prepare the premises, and serve breakfast
- In the evening, when recorded music and live entertainment is provided
- Late into the evenings, when patrons are leaving the premises
- In the small hours, as the licence includes provision of Late Night Refreshment between 23:00 and 05:00.

The nuisance will be greatest in the summer when many are dining outside and doors are left open, and residents are using their gardens.

The potential impact of these sources of nuisance has been acknowledged in the conditions applied to similar establishments in the village, including those close to 10 Packhorse Road.

These establishments have much reduced hours of operation compared to those proposed in the application and have been required to operate specific mitigation strategies.

For instance Wildwood, which is opposite The Journeyman:

- Operates between 12:00 and 22:00 during weekdays and between 12:00 and 23:00 on Saturday and Sunday
- Is required to operate noise monitoring patrols
- Stop serving food 1 hour before closure to ensure patrons leave promptly.

Overall the proposed operating hours for the Journeyman are between 35% and 68% more than those of similar establishments in the village. Therefore, we request that the hours of operation are reduced to be in-line with its nearest neighbour, Wildwood.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Regrettably national and local statistics show that public houses increase the instance of the above,

especially during the evening and night. The position of 10 Packhorse Road, combined with the lack of nearby parking facilities, means that patrons will likely park in residential streets or walk through them to get to, and from, the pub. This increases the likelihood of disorder and crime in these areas.

The possibility of nuisance noise, and crime and disorder are further heightened by the extension of the licence to include 'provision of late-night refreshments' from 23:00 – 05:00. These hours are completely anti-social and likely to cause nuisance noise and increase the chances of local residents' suffering crime and disorder.

Protection Of Children

The proposed extended hours and the proximity of 10 Packhorse Road to bus stops used by school children increases the likelihood that children will be harmed when they walk to and from the buses.

Conclusions

1. The allowable hours of operation of The Journeyman should be reduced to be at least in line with similar establishments, such as Wildwood.
2. Specific strategies should be implemented to ensure that the operation does not increase noise nuisance or the instance of crime and disorder in the locality. These could include noise monitoring patrols, signage to ask customers to keep noise to a minimum and respect local resident privacy.

27/03/2023 19:26

Mrs Rita Farragher: Doulma, 11 Fulmer Way, Gerrards Cross, SL9 8AJ

Dear Sir,

I write to object to the application for a New Premises licence (PR202302-312433) for The Journeyman at 10 Packhorse Road, SL9 7QE, on the following grounds.

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27/03/2023 20:49

M Styrka, 2 Fulmer way

Can't believe they are allowing music so late into the night! It's a disgrace for a reasonably quite town !

27/03/2023 21:34

Juliet French: 18 Fulmer Way, SL9 8AH

These hours for consumption of alcohol and all night food provision are totally unacceptable in a residential area for the following reasons:

Residents will be constantly disturbed by noise, music, cars coming and going possibly all night. This is very disturbing especially for the elderly residents who live in this area.

Parking is already compromised in Gerrards Cross as it is - where will all the guests park? Late night drinking can also lead to fights, damage to public property and disturbances in the local area.

The opening times should be restricted to those which fit in to daily living of the majority of people who live in Gerrards Cross - we are families with children, retired and elderly people.

27/03/2023 21:45

Marie Carmont: 14 Fulmer way. GX. SL98AH

We live very close to the venue

The licensing laws are not in keeping with the neighbourhood

When customers collect cars it will create substantial disturbance

Children in the neighbourhood will be at risk.

Such a large premise serving alcohol at all hours not acceptable

Mark Charig: 15 Fulmer Way, Gerrards Cross, SL9 8AJ

This establishment backs on to a quiet residential road. To allow music until midnight, unless the sound is restricted to within the building, will be intrusive to the neighbours. To be serving alcohol in the morning is unnecessary and would promote daytime drunkenness and behavioural problems. I see no demand for service until 05:00 but the continued opening would create noise and light pollution.

Putting up notices to be quiet for residents does not ensure that patrons will comply, particularly if they have been drinking alcohol, so that will disturb schoolchildren and workers trying to sleep if the opening hours are not in line with other establishments in the town. None of these issues is likely to be monitored or sorted by the staff.

27/03/2023 23:15

John Carmont : Beech House, 14 Fulmer way, GX. SL9 8AH

The location is not appropriate as the noise associated with operations during the hours of 11pm a 5 am is not acceptable as it is in a residential area and would create sleeping problems for residents. It would also increase the concerns of pedestrians young and old when they have use the streets of Gerrards Cross late evening and early morning because unfortunately drinking too late at night facilitates need to walk on the streets between 11pm and 5 am.

28/03/2023 10:43

Patrick Cannon : 1 Fulmer Way, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL98AJ

Dear sirs, I write to object strongly to the licensing hours application under consideration from the Journeyman bar/restaurant. The request is based on anti social hours which will give rise to excessive noise, disruption and traffic in what is a quiet , residential neighbourhood. It is also a conservation area where many of the residents have themselves been restricted in changes to their property. The hours proposed are excessive and do not serve the reasonable commercial demand for such a facility. Whereas I do not object to the facility in principle, I would expect that it's hours of operation were kept in line with similar such bar/dining facilities locally and not result in it becoming a late night attraction, drawing crowds from surrounding facilities which have closed at a reasonable hour to result in noise, traffic and public order problems. I hope these point s will influence any excision that is taken.

28/03/2023 18:27

Michael and Marie Styka: 2 Fulmer way

Very long and unreasonable opening hours . Other outlets in the high street open for shorter times. With alcohol being served I can see lots of rowdy behaviour.

28/03/2023 19:27

Christopher Rhodes : 8 Fulmer Way, SL9 8AH

The hours being requested clearly have the potential to lead to excessive noise being generated through to the early hours of the morning on a daily basis. The licence extending to 0500 has the potential to create significant disturbance. Is it really necessary to have such extended hours and if so what mitigations are in place to ensure there is not disruption to neighbours.

29/03/2023 16:43

Ian Bayliss : West Common Lodge, West Common Close, Gerrards Cross, SL9 7QR

As a resident that will be most affected by the Journeyman opening, I object to the Journeyman Licence Application and will be as brief as possible with my reasons.

On first reading I was shocked to see that they request 'provision of late-night refreshment' up to 05:00 in the morning which would be totally unacceptable. I understand that this is a 'typographical error' and I would like the Licencing Authorities to remove this just to make sure.

A closing time of 23:00, at the latest, to line up with the other establishments is far more appropriate for a small town like Gerrards Cross and they should also stop serving food 1 hour

before closing to ensure patrons leave on time.

I appreciate that the Journeyman will be an asset to our Town but certainly not by being open until midnight every night and not at the cost of residents. There will inevitably be an intrusion into our evening peace with customers making noise when they leave and slamming car doors. There will also be illegal parking on the yellow lines along West and East Common, West Common Close, Marsham Way and Bulstrode Way.

The Journeyman management have a noise mitigation plan and this sounds good but implementation must be part of the application.

30/03/2023 08:20

Mary Turpin : 1, Langstone Villas, 9, West Common. Gerrards Cross. SL9 7QP

I am horrified at the thought that these premises are to be open virtually 24hours a day till 5 am!! The parking is going to be a nightmare as I have only street parking a residents permit that no one pays attention to, Now we are going to have noise, people loitering about all night wandering around the common, drugs and no police presence. I can see it all. I cannot believe that our lovely council would let The Journeyman open these hours. It's actually a night club NOT a pub. Plus it will encourage more places of this description. Not a good atmosphere for young people to grow up in!!

30/03/2023 09:36

Christopher Foulger: 5, West Common Close, Gerrards Cross, SL9 7QR

Taking the application for " Sale by Retail of Retail " 08.00 - 00.00 together with "Provision of Late Night Refreshment" 23.00 - 05.00 would suggest that this establishment would be open for business 21 hours every day (1 hour less on Sunday) 52 weeks of the year.

Whilst appreciating this is a business establishment on a town centre High Street there also needs to be equal consideration given to the fact that it is also situated in close proximity to many residential properties.

There will inevitably be movement of people and vehicles during opening hours especially in nearby roads and streets. Consideration and respect of these situations appears to have been completely side lined in this application. The proposed "Late Night" hours are anti-social.

A closing time of 23.00 should be the latest and would fit with the trading hours of other licensed restaurants/bars in Gerrards Cross.

30/03/2023 12:11

Peter Brady, 11 West Common Close, SL9 7QR

The licencing hours should cease at 23.00 not 24.00 in order to minimise noise /disturbance..

Food service should cease at 22.00 to ensure premises are cleared by 23.00. I assume the reference to 5.00 for food service is an error

31/03/2023 14:01

Elizabeth Hornby: Winslow, 7 Fulmer Way, Gerrards Cross, SL9 8AJ

I object to the proposed application due to the proposed hours & the nuisance it will cause to the public & the residents nearby

31/03/2023 22:25

Celia Style: 3 Fulmer Way, Gerrards Cross, SL9 8AJ

Dear Buckinghamshire County Council

I write to object to Oakman Inn's application PR202302-312433 for a new Premises licence for The Journeyman at 10 Packhorse Road, SL9 7QE, on the following grounds.

- prevention of crime and disorder
- prevention of public nuisance

The Journeyman is proposing to have opening hours beyond that of other restaurants within Gerrards Cross. The Journeyman is situated close to residential homes as a result residents will be aware of the increase in noise pollution in the evening emanating from the premises and inevitably be aware when patrons/customers leave the premises and walk to cars parked in residential streets followed by the noise of car doors shutting etc. There is no reason for a late-night refreshments license to 5am in a residential town. This would only increase the likelihood of anti-social behaviour.

In conclusion – The Oakman Inns Journeyman Restaurant and Bar at 10 Packhorse Road has applied for alcohol and entertainment licence which far exceeds that granted at other similar establishments in Gerrards Cross. I would like to see the Journeyman's licence for alcohol, entertainment and refreshments brought into line with similar establishments in Gerrards Cross in particular Wildwood on Packhorse Road (opposite The Journeyman) in order to stop customers extending their alcohol intake, with service of food and alcohol stopped 1 hour before closing and no late-night refreshments licence being granted. In addition, a condition that the outside tables area of the premises is closed for business before dark and doors to the outside & windows must not be left open after 21.00 hrs.

01/04/2023 12:58

Mr and Mrs D Amlot: Heath cottage, West Common, Gerrards Cross, SL9 7QN

As long term residents and due to our age, vulnerable residents of West Common, we know that operation of the Journeyman will cause us disturbance and it is only fair that this should be kept to a reasonable minimum. The application is for late night 'refreshment' to 05:00 am and this is totally UNACCEPTABLE.

Such provision and the sale of alcohol by retail should be limited to the hours when food is served and this should be limited to 10:30 pm.

02/04/2023 13:00

Mrs Patricia Molloy: Fraserhurst, 20 Fulmer Way

The proposed opening hours are ridiculous when compared to similar businesses in the High Street. This is not the West End of London but a suburban/country town which does not need alcohol-fired people leaving the premises late into the night with unpoliced noise and no doubt also leading into the temptation of criminal activity.

02/04/2023 20:17

Nick Leake: The Lindens, Milton Avenue, Gerrards Cross

The proposed hours of opening are unsuitable for a venue in this location which is not served by public transport for those hours and which has limited nearby parking.

It is to be expected that there will be late night/early morning noise, disturbances and anti-social behaviour as the venue will attract customers from far afield. When Winkers Nightclub was open on Denham Lane this was what was experienced and on summer evenings the noise will be audible across much of Gerrards Cross and Chalfont St Peter - cars revving engines, racing, customers shouting etc etc.

It would seem to me that it would be sensible and appropriate for the licencing hours to match those of other adjacent and nearby establishments like Wildwood and The Apple Tree.

02/04/2023 20:19

Dr Taiwo Akinseye: The Cottage, 5 Fulmer Way, Gerrard's Cross, SL9 8AJ

We Strongly object to this proposal as it is on several grounds. Primarily based on Prevention of Public Nuisance and also Prevention of Crime and Social disorder

As residents in very close proximity, we are extremely concerned about the proposed extended licence hours on this plan which would inevitably lead to an increase in noise levels early in the morning and late at night.

The noise of patrons leaving the establishment, combined with the noise from music or other entertainment, would undoubtedly disturb the peace and tranquillity of us in the immediate vicinity of the establishment and ultimately the local community. This could negatively impact the quality of lives, especially elderly residents.

The proposed hours that start from 8am in the morning through midnight on all days except for Sundays is totally unreasonable and should be unacceptable for such a residential area as this, the extended hours would undoubtedly increase the risk of anti-social behaviour and disorder. The likelihood of excessive consumption of alcohol can sometimes lead to aggressive, anti-social and violent behaviour leading to fights, both inside and outside the establishment. These highly likely outcomes pose a risk to public safety and will put a strain on local law enforcement resources.

This proposal could also have a negative impact on the local environment. The increased foot traffic and noise levels could lead to an increase in littering and other forms of pollution, which would be detrimental to the environment and well-being of our community.

We are aware of restricted operating hours of similar establishments in the area (Wildwood), which is just across the road from the proposed establishment (Journeyman) Both these businesses are remarkably similar in nature, namely a public house and restaurant. Wildwood's opening hours are: 11.30 am to 11pm Mondays to Saturdays and 11.30am to 10.30pm on Sunday and Bank Holidays. These hours clearly differ significantly from each other. Wildwood has also been required to implement noise monitoring patrols and strict access controls. These restrictions and controls have been implemented in response to lessons learned from other similar establishments.

We respectfully request that the same learning is applied to The Journeyman's application.

Anything other than an outright objection would put at risk not only the peace and tranquillity of the community but also the well-being and health of the local residents.

04/04/2023 00:01

J. Egger: 8 Marsham Way, Gerrards Cross, SL9 8AD

A late licence for music (both live and recorded) will cause a huge noise disturbance to the many neighbours who surround the property on all sides, as well as disturbing those enjoying leisure time on the commons directly opposite. Provision of alcohol for a full 16 hours of the day and night will lead to many people leaving the property inebriated and noisily. This in turn will lead to the usual alcohol related crimes and misdemeanours in this quiet and mainly residential area. Currently the local hospitality is restricted to restaurants and coffee shops with limited opening hours and no live or recorded music events. This licence will change the whole tone of the hughstreet and neighbourhood. Late opening will also lead to increased traffic noise in the small hours of the night, again disturbing local residents and wildlife on the commons.

04/04/2023 18:07

Sharron & Mark Harrison: 16 Fulmer Way, Gerrards Cross SL9 8AH

We object to the proposed extended licensing hours and the inevitable increase in noise levels and general disturbance to our local neighbour that thus would bring. Anti-social behaviours and disorder these hours could bring must also be given careful consideration as they could pose a risk to public safety.

05/04/2023 11:34

Angela and Trevor Newey: Heathside, 12 Fulmer Way Gerrards Cross SL9 8AH

We would object to the above application from the Journeyman in Gerrards Cross, on the grounds of the following..... querying the extended licencing hours increasing the nuisance from noise levels with nearby residents in this quiet residential area especially those with young children and the elderly. It is of great concern that the hours proposed are from 8am through to midnight (every day except Sundays) This would be further aggravated by the playing of Live Music 8am - 11pm plus Recorded Music 8am to midnight!

ALSO extended hours would encourage alcohol fuelled, aggressive and violent behaviour especially amongst younger people, who tend to congregate around the play area, leaving a mass of litter and broken bottles for the children playing the following morning. Wildwood opposite opening hours are from 11.30am to 11pm Mon-Sat and 11.30am - 10.30 Sundays.

Please consider the above objections to these extended hours for both licensing and music. Our home overlooks the Playground and we have witnessed in the past, first hand, upwards of 50 or so young people (when the Packhorse (now Wildwood)) had extended hours as a Pub and at 11pm on closing there was hugely disruptive behaviour, both noisy and aggressive, plus the associated litter the following morning for the children coming to play.

05/04/2023 20:25

Eugene Walsh: Lawnside, 4 Fulmer Way, Gerrards Cross SL9 8AH

The applied for hours (21 in total) are quite staggering and will inevitably lead to significant increase in noise. The applied for hours contravene commitments made by the applicant at the planning

application stage and therefore as local resident and neighbour I have no confidence in the applicants willingness to maintain a cordial local environment.

Sun 02/04/2023 12:26

Keith Edwards: 9, Fulmer Way, Gerrards Cross, SL9 8AJ

Dear Mr Whittall,

The Journeyman, 10, Packhorse Road (previously M&S Food) have submitted a License Application. This appears to be asking for:

Live Music

Monday-Sunday: 08:00 - 23:00

Recorded Music

Monday-Saturday: 08:00 - 00:00

Sunday: 08:00 - 23:00

Provision of Late Night Refreshment

Monday-Sunday: 23:00 - 05:00

Sale by Retail of Alcohol

Monday-Saturday: 08:00 - 00:00

Sunday: 09:00 - 23:00

The application is, therefore, for a licensed premises to operate in total from 08.00am until 05.00am ie 21 hours per day.

I understand from discussion with you, last week, that the request for 'Provision of Late Refreshment' from 23:00 – 05:00 has been withdrawn.

However, this still means that the premises are seeking a license for the sale of alcohol from Monday-Saturday: 08:00 - 00:00

Sunday: 09:00 - 23:00 as well as the ability to play late night music.

The premises that are being developed was, previously, an M&S Food Hall. This had been on the site for c.15 years and closed, in the evenings, at 8:00pm. Prior to that it was a Motor Vehicle retailer. It was, therefore, being used for a very different purpose and operating very different hours.

Clearly, therefore, if a license is allowed for the sale of alcohol until midnight it will have a significantly detrimental impact on local resident's right to 'peaceful enjoyment' of their property. It will also increase 'Public Nuisance' and the 'Risk of Crime/Disorder' in the local area.

On leaving the premises, Patrons of the 'The Journeyman' are most likely to walk along Packhorse Road to West Common, East Common, Marsham Way and Bulstrode Way. These are also the roads they are likely to park in if, hopefully, they come with a 'nominated driver'. This is because there is unrestricted parking on these roads after 6pm (the public car park opposite the premises charges for parking). These roads are quiet residential roads and, generally, occupied by older / retired residents. These residents are likely to feel intimidated / threatened by people / groups of people in their roads late at night, especially if they are inebriated !

The premises requesting the license also back on to residential properties in Fulmer Way who will be significantly disturbed by such late night opening.

My view and, I believe, the general view of local residents is that similar establishments in the town have opening hours of:

- 11.30 am to 11pm Mondays to Saturdays
- 11.30am to 10.30pm on Sunday and Bank Holidays.

These hours are in place to Prevent Public Nuisance, Ensure Public Safety, the Protection of Crime / Disorder and the Protecting of children from harm that would result from longer opening hours for the purchase / consumption of alcohol.

These hours are very different from the proposed hours for The Journeyman. I understand that there is also a requirement to implement noise monitoring patrols and strict access controls at these premises. These, I am sure, have been implemented in response to lessons learned from the experience at other similar establishments where later opening hours have been permitted. We ask that the same learning is applied to The Journeyman's application.

I trust that you will be able to apply these licensing restrictions, and hours, to 'The Journeyman' and, in so doing, ensure residents and visitors are protected from Public Nuisance, Public Safety and Crime.

Stonesdale
43 Bulstrode Way
Gerrards Cross
Buckinghamshire
SL9 7QT

28th March '23

The Licensing Section
Buckinghamshire Council
Aylesbury - HP19 8FF

Dear Sirs,

The Journeyman
10 Packhorse Road
Gerrards Cross
SL9 7QE

I refer to Application No. PR
202302-312433 by the Oakman
Group Plc for a licence to
include the provision of late-
night refreshments from 23.00-
05.00.

The location next to the
United Reform Church and very
close to a residential area is
bound to create a public

nuisance - noise and light pollution at extremely unsociable hours, possible danger to residents due to the likelihood of disorder and, maybe, crime in the area.

The granting of such a licence would be totally inappropriate in this instance. and I begy you to reconsider.
Yours,

Ros Hurn