

**REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED RE BPL0332-016590/S34
The Silkworm, Queensbury Building, SUDBURY CO10 2HX**

1. SUDBURY TOWN / DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

From: Sue Ayres

Sent: 24 May 2016 15:08

To: Licensing Mailbox

Subject: RE: Licensing Act 2003: The Silkworm, Queensbury Building - Application to vary premises licence

I think that the extra hours requested should not be granted. There are problems in Sudbury in this area due to excess drinking. I know our town pastors , who work in this area would find their work even more difficult than it already is.

Lady Mayor of Sudbury

Sue Ayres

Babergh District Councillor (SUDBURY NORTH WARD)

From: Simon Barrett

Sent: 24 May 2016 08:21

Subject: Re: Licensing Act 2003: The Silkworm, Queensbury Building - Application to vary premises licence

I have to agree with Jan [Cllr Jan Osborne], Most Sudbury South crime reports centre around East Street early morning (after 12.00).

[Cllr] Simon Barrett

Sudbury South Ward

Babergh District Council

From: Jan Osborne

Sent: 23 May 2016 14:01:21

Subject: RE: Licensing Act 2003: The Silkworm, Queensbury Building - Application to vary premises licence

I strongly object to this application for extended hours.

I feel that the current 1.30 am is more than sufficient for the night-time economy, including 'celebration days'.

It needs to be remembered that the Silkworm is in close proximity to residents. These people already suffer from considerable disturbance from the Night Club and the Silkworm when people leave and for this to continue beyond the current time would have a real impact of their quality of life.

Regards

**Cllr Jan Osborne
Babergh District Councillor (Sudbury East)**

**From: Adrian Osborne
Sent: 24 May 2016 13:24
Subject: Vary opening hrs at the Silkworm East st Sudbury Licensing Act 2003**

Further to the proposed application for extended opening hours at the Silkworm Sudbury, as District and Town councillor for the east ward Sudbury I am putting forward a strong objection to this proposal.

Over the past few years with the increase of later opening times we have experienced a considerable upturn in anti-social behaviour leading to parked car's being vandalised and on two separate occasions 4 cars being burnt out including a disabled persons car with a mobility scooter which was also burnt out, adjacent houses and hedges badly affected creating a severe risk to the occupants wellbeing.

The excessive noise of groups returning home has caused distress to our residents waking them up with the disturbance's in the early hours and who over the years have made representations to myself and other councillors and the Police. This proposed increase in hour will have a real negative impact on residents' quality of life.

This is in anybody's language unacceptable, the times already in place are sufficient.

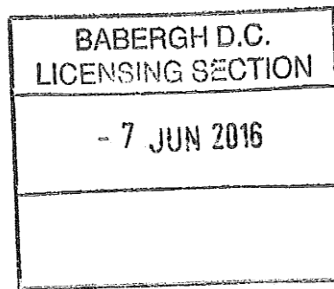
Please can this objection to vary hours be included at the hearing.

Kindest regards.

**Cllr Adrian Osborne.
Babergh District Councillor (Sudbury East)**

2. OTHER PERSONS - R & J ATKINSON

Mr & Mrs R. Atkinson
6 East Street
SUDBURY
Suffolk
CO10 2TP
Phone: [REDACTED]
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5th. June 2016.

RE: Application to vary Premises Licence at 'The Silkworm' East Street Sudbury.

Dear Sirs,

As close neighbours to the above premises we hereby make our representation regarding the above application.

Our property is located on the adjacent corner of the East Street / Girling Street junction with the side boundary extending back along Girling Street as does The Silkworm premises on the other side. We have lived at this address since 2008 which as far as we can recall is about the same time scale as The Silkworm has been trading from that site. We rarely hear any noise nuisance from the main bar areas of the pub and have, over the years, become accustomed to the general noise from the outside smoking area at the rear of the premises. This is especially noticeable in the summer months when generally more people are present and for longer periods and although it can sometimes be a bit of a problem we are happy to live and let live.

We are aware that a condition of the licence already in place is that doors and windows of the premises must be kept closed (except for entry & exit) and from our observations this is generally adhered to. We have noticed in recent months that there seems to have been an increase in the sound level of music within the pub but this has not been noticeable from our side of the road apart from when the doors leading to the outside smoking area open and close.

The only problem we have experienced, and feel is somewhat unacceptable, is that sometimes following closing time large quantities of empty bottles are tipped into the waste bins which are within the outside area causing quite a disruptive noise especially when we have retired for the night. We would like to point out that our bedroom is only approximately 20 metres across the road and in the summer months, with a window open, the noise is a bit intrusive. There are also times when together with this sudden avalanche of glass the metal barrels are noisily moved around and stacked ready for collection by the brewery lorry the next morning.

Our main concern for the future, with extended opening hours, would be that we would not be very pleased if these noisy tasks were carried out any later than say 11pm. We therefore ask that a restriction be placed into the terms and conditions of the licence to this effect.

We would just like to mention another point concerning the lorries making deliveries early in the morning and causing problems on one of the busiest junctions in the town. Almost every morning there is a lorry parked right next to the traffic lights and blocking one whole lane creating severe delays which more often than not are made worse by other lorries trying to back into the Iceland store a few metres away. Something really does need to be done about this constant problem.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

Roger & Jan Atkinson

3. OTHER PERSONS – S A HALL

07/06/2016

Dear licensing Department,

Re: Variation application (ref: BPL0332-016590/s34) received under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003.

It is with some regret that I see that the Silkworm PH located at Queensbury Building, SUDBURY, Suffolk CO10 2XH is applying to extend there licensing hours.

I am one of the resident of a property in Girling Street and write to you, not only for myself but also for neighbours whom also voice their concern.

I/we object to any extension of permitted licensing hours to the proposed times. This also includes any additional alteration of entertainment currently allowed on the premises. I also would object to anything other than set level background audio that is currently allowed and that no amplified operation being used by music or microphone. Reasons all as stated below....

I/we object on the grounds that the current noise levels, anti-social behaviour will be prolonged/extended and the residents quality of living will be diminished.

At present the PH has had an opportunity to extend their existing opening hours up until 1.30am. They have not used this and close at 12.30am weekends which has been thus far tolerable. Extending the hours even further is a step too far and I/we wish to object to this.

I /we would like to see the current licensing hours decreased back to 12.30 as they have not used the 1.30am as previously awarded and I/we absolutely object to the proposed 2.00am. I/We also object to the weekday licensing hours being increased from their current times also to 12.30am

In principle personally I do not object to the premises being open from 7.00am as the entrance is on East Street but strictly with the inclusion of the following conditions..... that is for the sale of food only and non alcoholic beverages only, smoking may only be allowed outside the front of the building's main entrance and not in the Courtyard - i.e. the courtyard not used before 10.am as existing hours permit and that no deliveries are made to the premises before 8.00am weekdays and 10.00am Sundays.

I/we also object to any recorded music being played before 10.00am and to after current permitted times as already allowed.

Although being on a busy one way street during the day, Girling Street during the weekly evenings without late night/early hours opening is a quiet place to live which residents have become accustomed to since times way before the Queensbury Building was converted into a PH. Traffic noise which is constant but tolerable during the day decreases during the evening to that of a trickle of vehicles if any for long periods.

Over the years, noise levels have increased especially during the early hours of the morning at weekends and also on bank holidays and special events. This is unacceptable to residents

whom wish to live their lives with some degree of privacy and peace and enjoy their properties whilst their residence in Sudbury.

I/we are deeply concerned of the number of music/talent events that have started this year which again is offering more people the chance of using the premises creating greater amounts of people passing properties in our Street. I question if these are aloud within the current license as it states under permitted activities that recorded music can be played, however it is my understanding that the original acoustic report carried out by Philip Acoustics Ltd in 2006 only allowed for background music under the control of the supervisor. If a talent show is using music or DJ this is not under the control of the supervisor nor is it background music?

The Girling Street Car park opposite residents and within walking distance is an asset to the residents and the towns shoppers of Sudbury but however, is almost full during the evenings of the weekend with clubbers from Infinity Night Club in East Street and local PH's such as the Silkworm PH where upon closing time a stream of 'alcohol'd up' people with raised voices, girlfriend/boyfriend arguments, general chanting causes interruption of sleep to the residents.

Due to Girling Street location it is surrounded by concrete building which with no traffic noise at night enhances the slightest noise – even if a group of people are talking at acceptable levels is louder due to echoing. This is very much increased as the voices get louder during the weekend.

I believe that having two premises open at similar times (Infinity and Silkworm) will enable 'premises hopping' allowing people to hop between venues during the early hours thus creating more noise coming from East Street as well. We already suffer from base noise coming from Infinity and the side fire door being opened to let people smoke outside amplification escaping from within. This has been reported to the local environmental health officer on more than one occasion over the years but constantly gets forgotten about.

Back to the Silkworm PH though, one item which has always been a concern of mine and fellow residents is the open courtyard from the Silkworm that backs onto Girling Street. When planning was first granted to The Silkworm PH when it first opened residents had no objection to the premises being used as a PH. This however didn't included for the use of the courtyard as a permanent extension of activities from the inside of the building. Since the smoking laws prevented the use of smoking inside the premises, the courtyard is used as an area of smoking. Tables and chairs were added by prevailing management thus creating a space not only for the use of smokers but access for other non-smokers so that they could join them. Due to staff allowing consumption of alcohol outside the premises this has encourage people to congregate in the courtyard and I guess the management of the Silkworm see this as an attraction (under section 7 of their Additional Conditions – BPLP332-0 stating the provision of late night refreshment shall be for consumption ON the premises only I question if this is actually allowed?). In recent years have made complaints to the local environmental health officer regarding noise due to this area being used in this way and have also phoned the premises complaining regarding the noise of drunken chanting coming from the courtyard and this only being in the early evening. Also noise travelling through the tire exit doors that are sometimes opened. At present I believe the courtyard is closed from midnight. The gates to the rear of the premises are often opened and access is often used through these gates into and from Girling Street. These I believe were for fire exiting purposes only and have been broken and repaired to some degree in recent months. I would question why table and chairs are allowed in the courtyard from the rear exit doors in any case and due to the congregation of people which could prevent people exiting the building in case of emergency?

In the last 12 Months an outside TV has been added to the wall within the courtyard also. I question if this is allowed offering entertainment outside of the building?

As I make mention of above, when Girling Street is quiet of traffic it is a peaceful place to live and at times when the majority of people are retiring for the evening, so with just a few people talking along the street can cause their voices to echo along Girling Street past adjacent properties which even this can cause disturbance.

It's Summer – residents need their windows open along the Street to let fresh air into their properties. They shouldn't have to put up with noise from neighbouring PH's. With people voicing within the courtyard of the Silkworm it often feels like those people are actually in our own properties. I have on occasion had to turn up our TV set thus to drown out some of the noise which then causes more problems for neighbouring properties. Residents shouldn't have to go through this life style which has been created in most cases after the Silkworm was created as a PH.

I therefore call on the Licensing department to take on board my/our objection to the latest application to extend the licensing hours at the Silkworms PH.

Yours Faithfully

Mr S A Hall

Resident of Girling Street CO10 1LZ

(And on behalf of local residents concerned with the proposed application also in Girling Street and surrounding areas)