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Email received 18 April 2021:

Dear Sir or Madam

We are concerned at the licensing application put forward by the Angel. They have requested late night drinking up to midnight as well as a live music licence. We live in close proximity behind the Angel and are concerned about the impact this will have. The outside area at the Angel has been greatly increased and we are concerned about the noise from customers both while they are on the premises and when they leave at night, with car doors slamming and noise spilling on to the street. We request that drinking is limited to 11.00 pm and that if there is music doors and windows must be kept closed. The Angel and the surrounding buildings are very close together and so whatever happens at the Angel will have an impact on neighbours.

Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely

Emma and Justin Judd
The Old Rectory
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Email received 26 April 2021

Stoke by Nayland Parish Council

Clerk: Mr James Dark, Alde House, Polstead Street, Stoke by Nayland, CO6 4SA

Licensing Team
Babergh Mid Suffolk District Council
(by email)

26 April 2021

Re: Application by The Angel, Stoke by Nayland, for new premises licence

Stoke by Nayland Parish Council has noted with concern an application from The Angel to extend hours for serving food and drink.

The Angel is a valued local facility and we have supported its recent planning application designed to increase the viability of the business when it re-opens following temporary closure during the Covid pandemic.

However, while wishing to support the business's recovery, this must be balanced against its impact on the community. The premises are on the corner of Polstead St and Church St in the heart of the village Conservation Area amid residential dwellings and in an area where visitor parking is very limited. The inn attracts many diners from outside the village.

In this setting, we do not consider it reasonable to extend opening hours to the public until 11.59pm; or for refreshment to be provided until midnight with alcohol available outdoors until 11pm. These hours would inevitably cause considerable nuisance to residents from:

- Noise emanating from the premises late at night, particularly the outdoor area;
- Cars and visitors not leaving until beyond midnight;
- External lighting on Church St and Polstead St remaining on until after midnight.

We propose that a reasonable compromise would be for the premises to close to the public at 11pm and for the outdoor area not to remain open beyond 10pm. Service of refreshment and drink would not carry on indoors beyond 11pm.

Furthermore, on New Year's Eve, we do not consider it reasonable for the premises to continue service into New Year's Day beyond 2am and propose that service should cease at this time.

Please could you notify the parish council of your decision.

Regards

James Dark
Clerk to Stoke by Nayland Parish Council

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Email received 28 April 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to express our objections to the license application made recently by the Angel Inn in Stoke by Nayland.

Our house, Fenwood Cottage, Church Street, Stoke by Nayland, is opposite the side of the Angel Inn, including one of its outside seating areas. We are concerned by the licensing application from the Inn which we fear will result in late night disturbance of our densely inhabited residential street.

We believe that granting the Inn the right to serve late night refreshments both indoors and outdoors up to midnight will lead to late night noise from customers in the Inn and its gardens, as well as disturbance when they leave after midnight and slam their car doors etc. We would therefore like to register our objection to this proposal.

We are also concerned that the application to play recorded music till 11pm will cause disturbance and would ask that the license stipulates that doors and windows will be kept closed and that speakers should be located away from doors and windows.

Yours faithfully,

David & Sara Roberts
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Church Street,
Stoke by Nayland,
Suffolk
CO6 4QP

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Email Received 6 May 2021

Dear Licensing Team,

We write to raise objections about what we understand from the Chair of our Parish council to be the operating schedule (within the meaning of s.17(4) Licensing Act 2003) relating to this application: details of this schedule are not readily available on the Babergh website so far as we can see, and we do think that the principle of open government should require this difficulty of access to information to be rectified.

Under the operating schedule, as reported to us, the excessive breadth of the permissions which Ross Parrock on behalf of the Angel seeks in his application for a s.17 New Premises Licence will affect us both by tending to create a public nuisance, and possibly having an effect on public safety.

We live in Scotland street, down the hill from the Angel. We would like the Angel to succeed as a business, and welcome the refurbishment and expansion now going on, and its business selling alcohol and providing bed and breakfast accommodation. As this part of the application suggests, the clientele will largely be visitors to the village, who come in cars.

However, we object to aspects of the licence sought. What we think likely to cause a public nuisance is the proposal for opening for both music and refreshment, on and off premises, until midnight, and 48 hour opening over New Year. The Angel is creating a large outdoor terrace area. Sound travels (it is at the top of the hill, and noise from "up the road" reaches us and our neighbours loudly and clearly). The community is residential. We value quiet in the hours of what is in general supposed to be, well, quiet....

Late night driving - not only from but TO an establishment serving late as a matter of habit - adds to the noise, but also creates a greater hazard in the streets outside the Angel. The crossroad junction is already a difficult junction without further problems from parked cars, especially those that might come and go late into the evening. Some degree of compromise to public safety, caused by the difficulties of larger vehicles threading their way through a narrow causeway between parked cars, already occurs. There is no need to add to this: especially when late night closing implies people who are more tired, and are likely to have consumed more alcohol, and are therefore less careful of their own safety, crossing the junction at a time when a number of cars are leaving. Reducing risk, rather than adding to it, is imperative. I should add that the Parish Council (rightly as we see it) has decided to have very restricted street lighting in Stoke, so pedestrians unfamiliar with Stoke heading back to their cars may create further problems.

Brian and Deborah Langstaff
The Pyghtle,
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Stoke-by-Nayland,
CO6 4QE.

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Email Received 6 May 2021

Dear Licensing Team

We are very concerned about the application by the Angel to extend their licensing hours for food and drink up till midnight, both inside and outside the premises.

The centre of our village is already hostage to those visiting The Crown by car as our parking is limited and people park wherever they can near to the pub, which means blocking nearby gates and doorways, preventing customers parking adjacent to the shop, and damaging the grass verge for up to 80 yards towards Thorrington Street.

If the Angel reopens with the operating hours it has applied for this is likely to mean a substantial disturbance to the centre of our village, in terms of numbers of cars, local noise and light pollution. There will also be the end of the evening chatting outside our houses after midnight with the corresponding doors slamming, cars starting up and so on.

We wish The Angel success in its new guise but not at the expense of our well-being and peace, which are two of the main reasons we moved here.

Regards
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