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To: BMSDC Licensing Team

Subject: LICENSING ACT 2003: REPRESENTATION FROM RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY. The Chequers, 19 Stowmarket Road, Great Blakenham

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Reference/Type: Section 17 New Premises Licence

Premises: The Chequers, 19 Stowmarket Road, Great Blakenham

Applicant: The Chequers (Great Blakenham) Limited

Detail: New Premises Licence for sale of alcohol and regulated public entertainment etc.

Thank you for consulting me on the above application for a new premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003.

I understand this has come about because the premise was recently extended under planning permission 4363/15/FUL.

I note from the 2015 permission that stated opening hours were 11:00 to 23:00 hours Monday to Saturday and Sunday 11:30 to 22:30 hours.

The application for a new premises licence departs from this by way of extending hours on Friday (24:00 hours) and Saturday (01:00 hours).

Please be aware that this premises is subject to recent enforcement action and that a noise abatement notice was served on 18/06/2021 and required the owner to:

1. Exercise proper control over the volume of amplified sound to prevent nuisance to the occupiers of neighbouring residential premises.
2. Ensure folding doors, entrance doors and windows of the premises are kept closed (except for those used during access and egress) during the playing of amplified live or recorded music, amplified vocal address and any other amplified sound inside the premises.

In the notes on the premises licence describing the steps to meet licensing objectives the applicant states doors and window will be closed after 21:30 hours but this will not necessarily prevent nuisance if public entertainment occurs before this time.

I have also received complaints concerning the use of outside area with respect to loud animated voices and shouting after 23:00 hours (up to 01:00 hours on Sunday morning) disturbing sleep. I would therefore recommend that use of the outside areas (beer garden) ceases and cleared of customers from 23:00 so as not to cause nuisance to neighbouring residential premises.

I do not therefore consider that the licensing application as applied meets the aims of the licensing objective 'Prevention of Public Nuisance'. I therefore, object to the license as applied for and request the application is called for review by the licensing committee.

I trust this is of assistance but should you require any further detail or information, please do not hesitate to reconsult me.

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