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Sent: 27 February 2023 11:08

To: BMSDC Licensing Team <LicensingTeam@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>

Subject: Weavers Tap, Queensbury Building, East St, Sudbury CO10 2HX

Dear Sirs.

A notice has recently appeared outside the premises of the above, regarding their request to extend the hours that they are allowed to serve alcohol and and play music.

My husband and I reside at number 6 East St, Sudbury, CO10 2TP. Our house is on the opposite corner to the Weavers Tap with just a roads width between our house and the pub. We already have to cope with the loud music and bad behaviour of their customers outside our residence, but we do realise that this is part and parcel of where we live. However we strongly object to the proposal that the hours are extended. We are both in our 70's and need our rest!! We also have young grandchildren who come to stay - usually at the weekend, and this extension would cause us real problems.

Please, please do not allow this to happen!! Please feel free to contact us if you need further comment or if you wish to visit us to see just how close we are!!

Regards Jan Atkinson

Roger and Jan Atkinson
6 East St
Sudbury
CO10 2TP

Sent: 14 March 2023 10:21

To: BMSDC Licensing Team <LicensingTeam@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Increase in late opening on Fridays ,Saturdays bank holidays and special occasions for live music and opening hours til 2.30 am.

Reference to increase in late opening of Weavers on Fridays Saturdays etc.

As a resident of Girling Strret I object to this proposal on the following grounds

- 1 The continious noise and disruption especially in the summer months when it is impossible to have windows open and the anti social behaviour when leaving the venue at closing time.
- 2 Although the doors to the ouside seating area should be keep close that is not possible when entering and leaving the bar area and as the evening progresses the noise level increases to anti social height.
- 3 Many of the residents have been living here well before this pub was opened but noboby considers what effect the pub has on the residents especially in the hot summer months.

Maureen Thomas

18 Girling Street
Sudbury
CO101LZ

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Sent: 14 March 2023 03:34

To: BMSDC Licensing Team <LicensingTeam@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>

Subject: Note: Sensitive Material accessible within. Objection to application to vary the Weavers Tap premises licence in Sudbury

Objection....

On behalf of my Family, I strongly object to the following....

To extend the terminal hour for the sale of alcohol (on and off sales) until 02:00 the following morning on Friday and Saturday and extend the terminal hour for recorded music and late night refreshment (both indoors) and opening hours until 02:30 the following morning Friday and Saturday.

To add and remove conditions to the Premises Licence as detailed in the application.

My personal circumstances of objection are as follows...

Noise (from inside the building)

My Family and I have our evenings disturbed by amplified music when music can be heard coming from the building when being Amplified. This can be during the evenings when the rear courtyard doors are opened for access and also spills out from the front of the building. The level of which is where lyrics of songs can be heard. The other form of noise is from those attending the venue by crowds gathering in the courtyard area. Some will make the assumption that as the courtyard is closed at around midnight that this is not relevant to where the premises is applying for extended hours when the rear is closed but I strongly disagree as I am trying to highlight of the length of hours that noise disturbance is constant and can sometimes last from early evening where our evenings are disturbed during our wind down period pre going to sleep through to early hours of the morning and then interrupted whilst trying to eventually sleep only to be woken again - this I summarise as a form of torture. My family and others have a right to being undisturbed in their own homes.

Noise (anti-social behaviour & Public Nuisance)

The video evidence supports that there are those, when leaving the premises continue to make noise into the adjoining roads as seen in East Street but this spills into adjoining roads such as Girling Street where my family live and constantly cause disturbance. Noting that there is also a night club along East Street which escalates this. None the less there are leavers from the Weavers Tap that do exit and cause disturbance. Residents have called Police to attend on occasions. I myself made a call recently around 12.45 and 1.00 am where I could hear a crowd outside and where there was abusive language and threatening behaviour being shouted between people. On this occasion it lasted for around 15minutes from when I was awoken and speaking to the Police Control Centre. The crowd had thankfully dispersed when Officers appeared in the area.

Other. factors to consider....

During the day we tend to leave our windows closed during the daylight hours in order to prevent pollutants entering our property as we live on a busy one-way street. Once the traffic dies down it is essential for us to open our windows in order to let fresh clean air into our property. Unfortunately for us we have to keep them closed on Friday & Saturday evenings when the noise could be developing outside as already mentioned but still get disturbed regardless even when we close them. The problem is at it's greatest during the summer months when our house heats up during the day time and during the late evenings and early mornings we have not really any other alternative than to leave our windows open to allow cool air in. This allowing us to sleep within a suitable temperature except for when the noise builds up from the venue under question and beyond.

Our experience living in Girling Street....

My wife and I first moved into our property in 1993. There was no significant disturbance back then even with the night club still in East Street. The Venue in question was an enclosed venue with

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snooker rooms upstairs. We had no disturbance. Even when the venue was converted this was only open with back ground noise being granted. Again we never had issues.

Girling Street is predominantly a quiet place after 9pm when the traffic dies down and 7am when the traffic starts up again. This all changed once the venue in question started extending its hours and Government Licencing changed. I can say that our quality of life on this road diminishes at the weekends due to the venues constant adaption. Our children when younger used to get disturbed during the evenings due to noise especially during the summer months as explained and even where sleeping towards the back of our property. Our youngest is now 15 years old that still gets occasionally disturbed. I feel so sorry for her and the young families that have moved into the area. In the past year I was contacted by a single mother who lives in Minden Road further away than where we live asking where the music was coming from as she couldn't get her infant to sleep. This was on a day when amplified music was being played at the Weavers Tap.

I will just leave a note here about the Night Club adjacent in East Street regarding audio in case there are those reading this that might assume that the audible sound is coming from here. As a resident in Girling Street we hear and sometimes feel low base from the music where the audio isn't distinguishable which generally doesn't disturb us as it's further away. There was once an issue where the night club would open it's fire exit doors during the summer months but this was stopped by the Environmental Health Department after complaint. Yes some of the external noise disturbance from people will be coming from here however having two establishments open is only spreading the problem. Noting that there isn't a weekend that goes by where we don't hear cries from intoxicated people moaning about a loved one that has split up or from the regular shouting of abuse to others with foul language, We moved our Children to the back of our property some time ago now so as to prevent them from harm of this form of verbal abuse of which my wife and I unfortunately now have to endure.

Summary to above....

My comments above already show how my family are already impacted and would also be further more so where what I have mentioned includes the following items that are considered when issuing licensing....

1. Prevention of Crime and Disorder
2. Public Safety
3. Prevention of Public Nuisance
4. Protection of Children from Harm

In addition my video that I captured in December 22 was done so due to excessive noise being experienced from within my property from outside where I decided to wander down to see where it was coming from which lead me in to East Street. Whilst standing opposite the Weavers Tap on the opposite side of the road away from the building I captured the content seen and heard which clearly shows issues within the control of licensing conditions. The Door at the beginning unmanned where the doors were clearly left open at one point and tied back with no control over. Audible speech can clearly be identified from a mic along with audible music and its content clearly recognisable. Public left to come a go as they pleased and spilling onto the street chanting causing further noise nuisance antisocial behaviour. One lady clearly intoxicated where the Doorman appears to handle her through the entrance to the wall outside - I'll let others decide what's going on here. This clearly shows that supervision is inadequate where control was absent and allowing the issues mentioned. This venue and its applicant are not suitable for the granting of licencing permission which have been applied for and if anything should be recommended restricting the opening hours further where banning amplified music and only allowing background music as the premises was originally intended when it first opened.

Please note that I am aware of a change of name being put forward by the current owner of the business applying for the licence and wish to make it perfectly clear that where I mention the 'Weavers Tap' this would also included any name change that would be used in place of by the registered applicant.

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Please confirm receipt of my email including that you have downloaded and are able to view and listen to its audio content.

Kind regards

Steve Hall
16 Girling Street, Sudbury, Suffolk CO101Lz

Please note for the record that some may know me as a Sudbury Town Councillor. I wish to state for the record that this is my own personal representation where picking up on my families experiences and where I know share also with my neighbours which I have had unavoidable contact with regards to the issues mentioned over the years prior to and after becoming a councillor in a role of which I confirm I have avoided and excluded myself from debate and official discussion that has taken place at the Town Council regarding this licensing application thus to avoid any conflict of interest. I am as a Town Councillor aware that the Town Council have submitted their own objection towards this licencing application.

From: Emily Fox
Sent: 15 March 2023 22:11
To: BMSDC Licensing Team <LicensingTeam@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: weavers tap

Dear Sirs,

I note that there has been an application for extended licensing hours until 2am at the Weavers tap Friday & Saturday night., Sudbury.

I am writing to express that I feel this is a bad idea considering this is a residential part of town.

I live across the road from the Weavers Tap courtyard and am already concerned about the noise levels coming from the pub especially on a Friday & Saturday night.

My house is about 50 yrds from the courtyard and the noise from that open area carries significantly across the road into our garden/house.and it sounds like the people in the courtyard are actually in our garden as there is no barrier.

However, this is only the start of the problems we have experienced. At closing time and in the early hours we experience a significant amount of aggressive drunk and disorderly behaviour. This includes fights, shouting and drug dealing in the alleyway alongside my house.

I find this extremely disruptive and upsetting, not to say frightening.

I have been considering complaining to the council about this and can only imagine the extended hours will exacerbate the situation.

This pub is on the edge of town near a residential area and should respect its neighbours who have to put up with the appalling behaviour of the clientele.

I therefore strongly disagree with these extended opening hours.

I can understand that businesses are struggling to survive and looking for ways to compete but this is too close to a residential area and it is therefore unacceptable to the residents in this area.

Kind regards
Emily Fox
9, East Street, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 2TP