

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 January 2018 20:04
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Opposition to Limes Hotel, Needham Market (Elizabeth Holdings) application for change in condition to license

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have recently been made aware that the Limes Hotel, Needham Market, owned by holding company Elizabeth Holdings, have applied to have conditions on their alcohol license changed.

This is deeply concerning to me, as a resident of the town.

I moved to Needham Market in 2015 and currently live on the high street, with my young family. Our 3yr old son sleeps in a front bedroom facing directly out onto the high street and we are expecting a new arrival in Feb. As with many of Needham Markets residents, we chose to live here specifically for the peaceful and pleasant environs it presents and are justifiably concerned that a change to the licensing conditions of the somewhat notorious Limes Hotel could severely jeopardise that peace, rendering the town unsuitable for young families and others seeking the relative quiet and safety it currently provides.

Since being made aware of the application, a number of long term residents of Needham have made it clear that in the past, the Limes Hotel has been the source of numerous disturbances, with noisy late night discos (the buildings on the High Street are very old and sounds travels through the walls like paper), significantly increased traffic and associated noise late at night and routine Anti Social behaviour including vomit on the pavement and criminal activity (including an assault that nearly ended in death).

Based on this, the police and licensing authorities worked hard at the time to get the licensing conditions in order, as they currently are, to ensure the residents of Needham Market, in particular its beautiful and historic high street, could enjoy the peace and safety for which they have worked and for which they chose to live here.

Any disruption such as that previously experienced (i.e. prior to the current licensing conditions being put in place) would have a significant and damaging impact on mine and my children's quality of life, as it would for all residents of the high street and doubtless many other surrounding properties.

I therefore wish to submit my formal objection to any change in the current licensing conditions for the Limes Hotel, Needham Market.

Please confirm receipt of my email and acknowledgement of my objection. Please also advise me on any further action I need to take, in order to make my objection officially recognised by the counsel and the licensing authorities.

Many thanks,

Needham Market High Street Resident



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 January 2018 12:13
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: OBJECCIÓN TO APPLICATION ELIZABETH HOLDINGS Limes Hotel

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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to any changes to the Licensing conditions that are currently imposed upon the Limes Hotel/ Buggs bar (Elizabeth Holdings application) at 99 High Street Needham Market Ipswich.

I am a resident of Needham Market living on the High Street for the past 4 years.

I have witnessed the fighting in the street by persons attending unsupervised "functions" at this premises. I have called the police to attend on many many occasions owing to antisocial behaviour and noise nuisance emanating from these premises owing to over indulgence of alcohol which appeared to go unchecked by the staff serving alcohol at the premises. One assault emanating from the over indulgence of alcohol in the premises very nearly ended in the death of the victim. He fortunately survived but has brain damage. The weekly Live Bands /Discos only attracted young element from outside of the town of Needham Market many of whom would arrive late at night , after pubs in Stowmarket and surrounding areas had closed for the evening. Many would already be worse for wear of alcohol. It was basically used as a nite club which it should not be.

Residents , young unsupervised, have been found running , late at night , across the roof of the hotel at the back overlooking the car park. Police have been called to disperse groups of drunken young people that have booked into the Limes Hotel rooms then caused havoc disturbing local residents till early hours of the morning on both of these occasions there was no " responsible" person at the Hotel to deal with matters. Noise , cars screeching away from the front at the hotel late at night, vomit on the street outside and in plant pots (designed to enhance the high street) fighting in the street , groups drinking and smoking outside the front door of Buggs Bar late into the evening, and excessively loud music from the hall at the Limes were not an uncommon sight/sound before the conditions were put in place by the Licensing Authorities. For at least the past 18 months there has not been a permanent manager at the Limes Hotel /Buggs bar. It could be said that it has just been ticking over. The Limes Hotel is and should remain a country-hotel hosting family events in the hall NOT A NIGHT CLUB .

I and many residents of Needham Market , especially the High Street, fear a return to the times before the very necessary licensing conditions were put in place. I will concede that after perhaps a couple of years when a licensee of the hotel has proved that good order can be keep in and around the running of the premises a relaxation should be considered. It was deemed necessary to put the conditions in place and there has been very very few testings of these conditions at the premises.

I urge you to keep ALL conditions imposed to remain .

Regards

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Thank you

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 January 2018 09:17
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Ref: Objection to variation on Premises Licence, The Limes Hotel, Needham Market.

Dear Sir/Madam

REF: Limes Hotel, 99 High Street, Needham Market, Suffolk IP6 8DQ

Proposed new wording of conditions 8, 14, 19, and 35

Please accept this letter as our objection to the proposed changes requested by Elizabeth Holdings Limes Hotel to the Annex 1 – Mandatory Conditions.

The proposed change to item 8 of the Annex 1 – Mandatory Conditions will clearly allow the DPS (designated premises supervisor) to undertake their own risk assessment.

The current condition was implemented as the DPS failed to be successful in assessing the risk in this regard. Historically the immediate neighbourhood has experienced many incidents of anti-social behaviour by guests and visitors to hosted events such as bottles/glasses abandoned in private gardens as well as the public highway, urinating on private property, fighting in the street and carpark (you would be able to see the records of such from police incident reports and local authority environmental health records).

Even with this mandatory requirement the DPS have been unable to successfully demonstrate that they can run such an event without a significant adverse impact to the residential and commercial environment in which they are located.

The other proposed changes are only required if item 8 is amended. It is on this basis that we submit the recommendation that the existing mandatory conditions are not changed.

Kind Regards

Mr & Mrs D Wilson
93 High Street
Needham Market

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 January 2018 11:41
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Proposed change to licensing at The Limes Hotel, Needham Market

As a resident of Needham Market for the past 12 years or so I wish to object to the above proposal. Since the change imposed by the Police Needham has been a peaceful place to live with hardly any disturbances after dark, especially in School Street.

Wendy Luff, 7 School Street, Needham Market IP68BB