

## **Kirsty Clark Licensing**

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to make representations on the application by Diane Phillips of the Half Moon Inn in Ryton to extend the licensable area to include the beer garden and the outside bar which has been constructed without planning permission. I also wish to object to the removal of condition 4 annex 3 from the license.

Both of these aims are clearly in breach of the licensing objectives. In particular the prevention of public nuisance and the prevention of crime and disorder.

The Half Moon Inn is a small village pub not a city centre bar. It is surrounded on all sides by residential properties and the surrounding area is overwhelmingly residential in character. The test for these two licensing objectives should be set accordingly in this context.

The removal of condition 4 annex 3 is self evidently a breach of the objectives on public nuisance in the context of this pubs residential setting. The burden should be on the applicant to show they have fulfilled the objective. No noise assessments have been undertaken and this has not been taken to planning for a consideration of the impact of residential amenity or for conditions to be placed upon the area. You will have received complaints from all the near neighbours of excessive noise from the beer garden and that in and of itself should be sufficient to reject this out of hand.

The extension of the licensable area fails to support the objectives on nuisance and crime and disorder it is frankly excessive given the pubs residential context. Residents who have objected can go into great detail explaining the continued issues they face with low level nuisance and disorder. Police are regularly called to attend when customers trespass on property, urinate in public and generally make a nuisance of themselves.

Extending the licensing area and having an outside bar will drive customers to that area rather than keeping them inside which will result in more noise for neighbours whilst they are there. It is also an inducement to stay longer and drink more which will only exacerbate the problems this premises is already causing.

The premises can use Temporary Event Notices when circumstances call for the use of the outside bar. It is excessive to have this as part of the pubs normal routine and the application should be refused.

Regards

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