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Ref: Application by Diane Phillips. Half Moon, Ryton Village, Ryton NE40 3QF

Dear Licensing Officer,

We would like to register our strong objection to the proposed changes to the licence conditions for the above premises. Our detailed comments are as follows:

1. To extend the licensable area to include the outside area as demonstrated in the plan accompanying the application. There is to include an outside bar.

- The noise levels from these premises have already reached nuisance levels and are regularly of a level which is very intrusive despite our house being five houses away from the premises and are not appropriate for the setting in which these premises sit, this being a residential area with many young families;
- The premises are already having to utilise "portaloos" as clearly the toilet facility provision within the premises is inadequate to deal with the level of trade which clearly now exceeds normal capacity. Despite this, there are frequent occasions where customers leaving these premises see fit to urinate on public pavements and garden walls in the adjacent area. (Please see attached video footage of customer urinating in public within plain sight of a house with two young female children);
- It needs to be ascertained whether the current level and manner of trade is within the requirements for health and safety and fire regulations;
- There is frequent loud and aggressive drunken behaviour from customers leaving the premises and nothing seems to be done to manage this or indeed to refuse service to customers who are clearly already drunk, in contravention of licensing regulations;
- Any extension to the current, already unacceptable situation would be highly inappropriate given the current levels of disturbance and nuisance and would only serve to make a bad situation worse for the local community.

2. To remove condition 4, Annex 3 namely “No live or recorded music will be relayed to the Beer Garden/outside drinking area” from the premises licence.

- As stated above the current levels of noise from these premises already exceed what is acceptable or reasonable. The addition of outside music would only increase noise levels and it is reasonable to assume that customers would then be even noisier in order to make themselves heard over the music;
- Existing music nights inside these premises are already way too loud and disturbing to the neighbourhood. The permitting of outside music would only serve to turn the outside drinking area into some sort of informal “nightclub” which is clearly not acceptable for the context in which this pub sits;
- No efforts have been made to keep noise from customers to a reasonable or acceptable level and it can only be concluded that this would continue despite even higher levels of disturbance.
- We have been woken on numerous occasions by anti-social behaviour and now must sleep with the windows shut at weekends which is very uncomfortable during warmer weather.

In summary, the local community is already suffering a high degree of noise, disturbance and anti-social behaviour resulting from these premises. It is said that these premises were closed down on three occasions by the Police during lockdown periods for being in contravention of social distancing requirements. That this application has been made at all, clearly indicates a complete lack of recognition or concern for the consequences to neighbours and the local community. We therefore sincerely hope that you will refuse this application in the interests of the harmony of our neighbourhood and the wider community.

We would appreciate being informed of the outcome of this application process once it has been concluded.

Many thanks,

Mike & Angela Quigley