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To The Licensing Section, Gateshead Council,

We are writing to object strongly to the VARIATION applications to the premises licence at the Half Moon, Ryton Old Village NE40 3QF.

Already the level of noise from the outside seating and drinking area is unreasonably loud. Playing live or recorded music outside will significantly increase the level of noise to an intolerable level.

We have always had good relations with the several tenants of the Half Moon over the 20 years we have lived next door but one to the pub. We have always accepted that on special occasions, such as Bank Holidays, they may have events which include outdoor music. This is fine occasionally but it is exceptionally loud and not something we could tolerate on a daily basis.

We are equally opposed to the installation of a permanent outdoor bar. Many pubs have large beer gardens with outdoor seating and manage perfectly well with the indoor bar.

Currently the Half Moon is operating on restricted opening times, this will, no doubt, revert to much longer hours in the near future. As the Half Moon seems to be catering for an exclusively young audience it seems like there is a party going on most nights, thankfully, at present, without music.

There is a degree of antisocial behaviour at present with some people leaving the premises highly intoxicated, occasionally lying on the pavement comatose

or vomiting. Noise from car door slamming and loud music from car sound systems frequently accompanies people arriving and leaving the premises.

We have concerns that the residential nature of the area, where we live cheek by jowl with the pub, will be dominated by various kinds of antisocial behaviour exacerbated by intoxication and a sense that this is acceptable.

We want the Half Moon to thrive and to be an important and respected part of the community, we are concerned that the requested changes in arrangements at the Half Moon will lead to a deterioration in the longstanding relationship between the Pub and local residents. We are concerned the levels of noise and antisocial behaviour will be amplified if the VARIATIONS are approved.

Yours on behalf of Louise Duncan and Nigel Wild

