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Licensing at Gateshead Council
Civic Centre, Regent Street
Gateshead NE8 1HH

Re: Application made by the Half Moon Ryton Village Ryton NE40 3QF

For premises licence and club premises certificate VARIATION applications: 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. 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.

Dear Licensing Committee,

We are writing to contest the above application by the Half Moon Pub in Ryton.

Since April this year when, following lockdown, pubs re-opened for outdoor drinking, there has been much bad behaviour by this pub's customers who have been allowed to leave the premises completely inebriated.

Customers are often so drunk that there is noise from shouting and fighting during the day and in the evenings, and in addition there have been numerous occasions when young men have been seen urinating in the street against our house and our neighbours' houses. We recently witnessed young men removing a drain cover and council traffic cones and throwing them into the middle of the road, creating a hazard for drivers and leaving the uncovered drain as a hazard to pedestrians.

There have also been bottles left on the pavement subsequently smashed causing a hazard to dogs, small children, and other pedestrians. We routinely have to clear up detritus on the street left by the pub's customers. One neighbour has had drunk young men jumping on the roof of his car.

Furthermore, young men have been seen removing their clothes and running naked down the street. Other neighbours have witnessed drug taking/dealing and found used condoms on the village green.

We are totally dismayed at the behaviour of the licensees of the pub, who we feel are not doing anything to stop this behaviour and are allowing their customers to drink so much that they are a danger to themselves and a source of intimidation to local residents. Therefore, we do not feel it would be appropriate for them to be granted the right to a permanent outdoor bar, nor a music licence for the outside area. There are many local residents whose peace and quiet would be disturbed if there were to be loud, live music relayed to the pub's outdoor area. We feel strongly that this pub is not currently managed in a responsible way.

We are also worried that Covid social distancing is not being managed properly, although we have not been in the pub's drinking area so we cannot confirm whether social distancing is controlled or not.

This pub is located in a close-knit, peaceful residential area amongst a community who look out for one another and are loyal to their village. We feel strongly that this application should be refused.

Yours faithfully,


Annabel Hayward and Michael Rossington