

Kirsty Clark Licensing

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Sent: 21 June 2021 17:32
To: CE Licensing
Subject: Half Moon Inn, Ryton Village Application to vary Premises License

For the URGENT attention of :

Licensing Act Section
Development & Public Protection
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Gateshead
NE8 1HH

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to express my dismay and concern that the above application has not been brought to my attention by the Council. I understand that comments and observations to the application have been invited to be submitted by 21st June 2021. In view of the very short time span afforded to me, thus, I wish to submit my comments via email, and trust that these will be entered on the file and seen by the licensing officers and committee members.

I am an immediate neighbour to these premises, sharing a long boundary with the rear of the pub, and directly overlooking the beer garden at the rear.

I wish to notify my COMPLETE SUPPORT for the application. I have lived at [REDACTED] for almost 25 years, and in that time we have not once suffered any concern or inconvenience from the activities of the pub. I believe the public house has been in that position for more than 100 years, and thus it is clear that we and all other neighbours knew that it was there when we purchased or rented our houses. We see the presence of the pub as a positive asset in the village, and are glad to enjoy it's amenity. We hear voices and sounds from the activities in the garden some times and it does not concern us at all, we enjoy the ambience that this provides.

In the time we have been in Ryton Village, three other pubs in the village have failed and closed down, The Jolly Fellows, The Ryton Country Park Hotel and the Ryton Hotel. The fourth pub, the Olde Crosse also has closed down several times and has seen a chequered history of repeated failure. A few years ago, after an extended period of closure it was saved as a Community Asset by a Community Share Issue to buy it, with many local people buying shares to support the issue (including the local MP and several local Councillors), yet even manned partly by volunteers the pub still closed down, and now it is being rented to another private tenant, God help them...

The ONLY pub that has consistently remained open in the Village is The Half Moon. I believe that this is as a direct result of good management and consistently meeting the licensing objectives, and it is vitally important that the community and the Council does everything in it's power to nurture and assist the survival of this important asset to our Village.

The local community, local Councillors and local MP all saw fit in the value of retaining a public house in the Village, and it would be extraordinarily contentious and a prejudicial conflict of interest of any of those parties or shareholders to seek to influence against or object to this Application.

I have been approached by some local neighbours who expected that I would want to object to the Application. They alleged that they had seen examples of fighting, drunkenness, nudity, urination, vomiting and broken glass outside the pub and in it's vicinity. I said that I had not seen any examples of such behaviour, and asked them to provide some sort of proof or photographs evidencing that incidents had occurred, and that they had

been linked to the pub. My driveway is a few meters from the pub, and not once in 25 years have I had to clear up any glass, vomit, urine or blood from the street outside. The neighbours allegations were all hearsay and fantasy, apart from a few lies and waffle I have been told were fed to the local police for the benefit of their logs. The accusers were unable to show proof of any of their allegations. It became apparent that these vexatious neighbours were attempting to start a whispering campaign of attrition against the pub. I would strongly suggest that you put any objectors to proof if such allegations have been made. Considering I alone share the whole rear boundary of the pub's beer garden with my grounds, and have a direct view of what is going on at the rear of the pub, if anyone would know about such behaviour it would be me, and it simply has not happened!

If there is likely to be any public meeting or virtual meeting to consider the Application before granting it, I wish to use this email to formally notify that I would like to speak at the meeting.

Yours faithfully

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