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Hi Carla,

We wish to make a representation to object to this application to change the current licence.

We have lived in Crockerton for 6 years. It is a small, peaceful and quiet rural village in a designated AONB location. One of the attractions for us was that it had a traditional local village pub that was well liked and run in a way that respected the local community and rural setting.

Our house is directly opposite and looks over the pub. Despite our proximity, we weren't disturbed by the pub. Its licence limited alcohol sales to 11pm (10:30 on Sundays) and indoors. There were only a few occasions when functions were held that finished later; these however were rare and by exception.

We were very sorry when the pub shut down a few years after we arrived. We are pleased that new owners have taken it over and are restoring it. However we object to their application to change the current licence to: include the outside area of the premises; extend alcohol sales hours to 00h30 for every day. These changes will have a negative impact to the village and local community in relation to the Licencing Objectives (**Prevention of Public Nuisance & Public Safety**) as further outlined below.

Although the existing licence allows for the pub to operate to 01:00, the extension to 00:30 will mean that more customers remain in the pub later than they would have done under the existing 23:00 limit. This will result in later noise of customers / vehicles leaving and even later staff clearing up and closing causing disturbance to neighbours.

Extending the licence to include the outside area of the premises will greatly increase the disturbance (noise and light) for the surrounding community. Also as the village is in a valley, noise will carry further. The licence application plans show a red line enclosing the entire area of the pubs grounds. This implies that customers / drinking will be allowed anywhere up to the red line rather than being restricted to the newly built outside covered seating area and garden bar thereby bringing the disturbance even closer to the neighbours.

In a recent article in Wiltshire Live (<https://www.wiltshirelive.co.uk/whats-on/food-drink/derelect-bath-arms-shearwater-partially-7588742>) the new owners have stated that the outside area is "set to be a stand-alone site, available for hire for private functions and events when the pub is launched." This clearly indicates that the owner is intending to bring in customers from a much wider area and greatly increasing the customer numbers for the outside area.

As the pub has only a small car park, many customers and staff will have to park in the road. As these roads are unlit and without pavements this will present a potential risk / hazard to other road users over a longer period each evening / night.

Based on the above concerns we consider the proposed changes to be unacceptable.

Please confirm receipt and acceptance of this email.

Regards,

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