

Re: WK202222017 Bath Arms

This objection is to the variation of the current licence relates to 'prevention of public nuisance' and to 'public safety'.

Public Nuisance

I live next door to the Bath Arms (property [REDACTED] Clay St on map titled 'Licensable Area'). The pub's refurbished outside area extends to the limit of the property and is just 10m from my property and 25m from my house on the bedroom side. It includes a separate bar and store rooms in the outbuilding, and while the plans show it as a grassed area it is now a paved area with tables and seating for 50 -70 people, including a permanent stretch tent (east of the 'outbuilding' abutting the pub boundary and which it is unknown if planning permission has been requested). This makes the outside open area extensive and fit to be used by a lot of people in all weather conditions. There is no substantial foliage other than a hedge to dull noise between the pub outside area and my house and my garden and patio. It will be very noisy for me and my family on a regular basis, including public holidays, and this will impact on our sleep, wellbeing and quality of life as well as on our professional lives as I and my wife work full time.

Crockerton is generally very quiet. There is no other direct or indirect noise, besides traffic on Clay St, to dull noise from the pub outside area, especially at night. As a result direct noise from the outside area will travel far and certainly impact on our sleep and our way of life. It will also impact on homes well beyond my location. There are 11 homes within 100m of the pub outside area.

Throughout opening hours, and after closing, staff will need to clear glasses, bottles and replace beer barrels etc. The pub bin area (marked 'service yard'), located by access necessity, is also on the edge of the pub property closest to my home. There will be considerable direct noise for some time after closing. Leaving this task to the next working day means waste will be left out encouraging vermin and increasing the risk to health.

There will be a requirement for extended periods of external lighting use to ensure the outside area remains a safe place for clients and staff. This will impact on the immediate environment, particularly on me, because I have bedroom windows on that side of my home. Extended lighting periods will be detrimental to our sleep and wellbeing.

There will be considerable indirect noise that impacts on me and my family. The pub car park is 35-40m from my house and there will be a substantial increase in noise and light pollution as clients and staff, in private vehicles and taxis, leave the pub sometime after the sale of alcohol ends at 1am. There will also be indirect noise from vehicles parked on Clay St; historically this happens and will continue to happen when the 21 onsite spaces available for clients and staff are occupied. This indirect noise will further impact on our sleep, wellbeing and quality of life.

Public Safety

The overflow from the Bath Arms car park is onto Clay St. Historically this happened when the pub was open but with a much reduced capacity.

Drivers and passengers accessing on-street parking after drinking alcohol (the purpose of this application) present a risk to public safety. There is no verge parking and there is no street lighting. Drivers and passengers will be required to walk to/from the pub in the highway, and enter/exit vehicles directly onto the highway. There is little ambient light in the area as Crockerton borders the Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire AONB International Dark Sky Reserve. As a result pedestrians at night are at risk, particularly those departing the Bath Arms with extended licence hours.

Objection To Variation

Based on the information detailed above, and due to the increased public nuisance and risk to public safety, I oppose any variation to the current licence for the Bath Arms pub.



Clay St, Crockerton