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The Garden House,
Jaggards,
Corsham,
Wiltshire,
SN13 9SF.
2nd November 2015.

Re Wadswick Green Retirement Village.

Dear *M. Francis*.

I write as a Town Councillor for the village of Neston on Corsham Town Council and as an individual. I live 150yds from the development with the outlook from my house facing the development. I also have experience in the licensing trade and the granting of such a licence for which Wadswick have applied.

I see no reason why a Licence should not be granted but there is a strong feeling that that which is outlined in the Application is against public feeling and the normal hours for the following reasons:-

1. The retirement village will have residents aged from 60+ and do not need, nor want, a licence until 1am.
2. No need has been shown that there is, or will be, a demand for such late hours for seven days a week and/or every day of the year.
3. There is no need or demand for the Bar to be open to the public in its own right until 1am. which would turn the establishment into a nightclub.
4. When there was a nightclub beside the Post Office, the Flamingo, the music was heard in the village of Neston late into the night, despite the fact that it was inside. People were unable to sleep with their windows open. This application will lead to the same situation happening again.
5. Music, of any kind, should not be allowed outside due to the disturbance it will cause to residents, locals and neighbours. We, already, suffer from the almost constant bleep-bleep-bleep of the builders' lorries which is heard throughout the locality, daily. Blaring music would, no doubt, be too much for everyone.
6. No-one minds the odd party but to have one regularly to 1am. is certainly not neighbourly for anyone. There are houses to be built in the very close proximity (the remainder of the units as well as Sands Quarry) and it would be an intrusion into others' tranquillity and peace in the open countryside.
7. If normal licensing hours are not sufficient then the Licensee may apply for an extension -as is normal - stating the nature, hours and location of the event.
8. There is no reason why the Public should not be able to visit the village but they should be guests of the residents and not the main reason for the Licence. The Village should not be turned into the only late-night drinking premises in Corsham.
9. No observation is made about the Off-licence but it would be wise to have the same hours as for the On-Licence.
10. It is believed that the Corsham Rugby Club applied for a similar licence as this application and it was altered to comply with normal hours. As a precedent, therefore, this licence should be similarly restricted.
11. The likelihood of traffic, on a regular basis - late at night - would be detrimental to life in the countryside and is certainly not desirable.

Taking into account all the above, it would be reasonable to grant a licence (both On and Off) to be served and consumed inside the premises from 11am. to 11pm. Monday to Friday, 11am to 11.30pm. on Saturday and Noon to 10.30pm. on Sunday.

I look forward to hearing from you with regards to these matters.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]