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Please see body of email for my representation - can you please acknowledge receipt and acceptance. Many thanks.

Re: [WK202222017 Bath Arms, Crockerton Variation.](#)

From: [REDACTED] Clay Street, Crockerton [REDACTED]

Much has been said over the last three years by the Bath Arms' new owners of the enthusiasm expressed by village residents for the return of the pub and, indeed, it will be great to see it open once again.

However, in the light of this application to vary license terms, while villagers are clearly hoping for a welcoming village pub with great food - I doubt many feel the need for a late-night bar serving alcohol until 12.30 throughout the week or, indeed, a private outdoor event venue offering similarly generous hours.

I also doubt those living around the pub will appreciate the inevitable noise of car doors and engines at 1am and beyond as customers and staff depart.

The garden itself has long witnessed consumption of off-license alcohol, just like any other village pub, but now a comparatively small area directly behind the north-west end of the pub building has been turned into a focused seating area with dedicated outdoor bar - and I fear this tight concentration of outdoor seating for 70+ people in the area closest to the pub's residential neighbours will inevitably exacerbate noise issues should the license variation be approved.

Our bedroom windows are 16m from the new garden bar area seeking license, 30m from the outside bar comprising what the Chaffinch Pub Company describes as "a stand-alone site, available for hire for private functions and events".

No mention is made of noise mitigation in this outdoor venue – I believe that licensing authorities expect that in all but exceptional circumstances, the noise associated with regulated entertainment which takes place between the hours of 23:00 and 09:00 or which takes place on a regular basis at any time should be controlled to such a level that the noise will be inaudible at all times inside noise sensitive properties in the vicinity of the licensed premises.

I fail to see how sales of alcohol to a crowded event outdoors until 12.30 within less than 20m of residential property can meet these conditions.

Surely restricted hours for the outside bar and - indeed - use of the garden would be reasonable and considerate, preferably to cease sales of alcohol from the garden bar after 10pm and use of the garden after 11pm, thereby minimizing noise disturbance.

Many pubs within a short drive of Crockerton claim to offer a very similar high-end gastropub and private hire facility, yet somehow none feel the need to habitually serve alcohol beyond 11pm - many offer private event facilities, but none seek a seven-day license to serve until 12.30.

Twelve years ago I bought a house next door to a village pub and I'll be glad to see its doors open once again. However, its quiet village context and close proximity of residential properties surely indicate a conservative and considerate approach to opening hours and use of the outside bar and drinks area.

The backbone of a village is its population, not its pub – residents should not endure public nuisance in the form of late night noise and artificial light for the sake of commercial interests.

The Bath Arms at Crockerton - in the heart of a quiet village and surrounded by residential properties - does not lend itself to the role of either a late-license pub or private hire outdoor events venue.