

DR SHEILA E DAY, THE OLD COTTAGE, 19 SILVER STREET,
BRADFORD-ON-AVON, BA15 1JZ

Maggie Jones, Licensing Officer,
Wiltshire Council
165 Bradley Road,
Trowbridge BA14 ORD

15th May 2010

Dear Ms Jones,

Re: New licence application for The Bear Inn, Silver Street, Bradford-on-Avon

I understand that a new licence is being applied for for these premises and that a live music licence - till midnight every day - is part of the application. I would like to lodge an objection to this.

I live a short way up Silver Street from The Bear, on the same side of the street. In the past the live music from those premises has been clearly audible, despite the fact that the then landlords said they had soundproofed the place. If a licence for live music is granted I think that severe restrictions to both the hours and the number of days per week should be put in place.

With many thanks for your attention in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

SHEILA DAY

Jones, Maggie

From: Lorraine Jarvie [lorraine.jarvie@hotelduvin.com]
Sent: 14 May 2010 18:20
To: Jones, Maggie
Subject: The Bear, Bradford on Avon
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Du Vin or
not du Vin.

For lunch or dinner. With wine
or without. Today or tomorrow.
That is the question.



Dear Ms Jones

I am writing regarding the license application of The Bear on Silver Street, Bradford on Avon.

I have been a resident of 7 Silver Street, for 5 years. When we first moved to this property, the Bear was open as a pub with a late license on a Friday & Saturday with live music. Had we have known this at the time, we would not have bough the property as the noise that came from the pub made our lives unbearable.

It was not just the noise of the music on the weekends which you could hear very loudly in our sitting room and bedrooms, but the disruption in the street after closing time – and this was every night of the week. On many occasions, the police were involved and this went on into the early hours. We have a young child and they could not sleep while all of this commotion was going on. In addition we would also go out of our house to find empty take-aways, glasses, bottles and often vomit on our doorstep. It was certainly not what we expected when we moved to Bradford on Avon.


I myself am a hotel manager, so I am certainly not against any licensed premises on our street, but I do think that the views of the residents should be considered and I do not feel it is appropriate to have a late license or a music license in a residential area.

Bradford on Avon is well served for bars and entertainment and I do not see the need for yet another as many of the existing establishments are clearly not operating to capacity.

I hope you will consider this objection as I really feel it will bring a negative image to the town as well as prevent people from wanting to live in our town centre.

Yours sincerely

Lorraine Jarvie
General Manager



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Jones, Maggie

From: thepapes18@tiscali.co.uk
Sent: 13 May 2010 13:26
To: Jones, Maggie
Subject: the bear ph

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Dear Ms. Jones,

I am writing to express my concern about the application by The Bear public house in Bradford on Avon. We live just up the road at 18, Silver Street BA15 1JZ and we are likely to be very badly effected if these changes are allowed. My sons bedroom is at the front of the house and ours is at the rear. My son is of school age and doing exams for the next four years and my husband has to get up for work at 5.30 every weekday. Obviously they need their sleep which will be impossible if this application is allowed as it stands. Live music till midnight is reasonable on a Friday and Saturday night. Serving food and drink until 5am is also likely to result in loud and unruly behavior and I can't imagine that there would be much demand anyway. I hope that you will give our concerns due recognition.

Yours faithfully,
Denise Pape

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Jones, Maggie

From: Jim Smith [jim.jazz2@talktalk.net]
Sent: 12 May 2010 19:34
To: Jones, Maggie
Cc: townclerk@lichfield.gov.uk
Subject: The Bear, Bradford-on-Avon

Dear Maggie Jones

I am writing to inform you that I wish to submit an strong objection to the proposed license application from The Bear Public House on Silver Street in Bradford-on-Avon.

I understand that the new proprietors of The Bear are have applied for a license to allow the pub :

1. To open every day till 1.30am
2. To host live music till midnight every day.

We have been owner occupiers at No. 7 Silver Street, almost directly opposite the Bear, for the past 5 years. Until the previous proprietors moved out and The Pub closed over two years ago we were subjected to unacceptable disturbance and noise every weekend evening. Police were often called, the music from the venue kept us awake and the noise at closing time as customers crowded into the two takeaways next to the Bear was unbearable. There was often violence and each morning litter from the takeaways was strewn over pavements and shop doorways in the Silver Street and the Shambles. We often complained both to the local authority and to the Police but we were informed that the terms of the license allowed the Bear to present live bands no matter what the volume. We complained and pleaded directly with the proprietors each night to turn down the music (even with the pub doors closed our windows vibrated with the volume) but to no avail, no sympathy and certainly no action. I have myself lifted litter, discarded food and wrappers and even on two occasions had to sweep vomit from my doorstep.

While we have no objection and indeed would be glad to see an improved and well managed establishment in our street we know from experience that late drinking in this street, which is largely residential, inevitably leads to disturbance. There is no sound proofing in The Bear so any form of amplified live music in the building will create unacceptable levels of noise. Because of the high buildings in a narrow street, the noise is further amplified up and down Silver Street. There are plenty of other live entertainment outlets in the town centre in Bradford all within half a mile of here.

I believe there is a Representation Form which needs to be completed by 23rd May in the case of this application. I would be grateful if you could email me a copy by return or send a hard copy to

James Smith
Maisonette 1
7 Silver Street
Bradford-on-Avon
BA15 1JY

Yours sincerely

James Smith

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Jones, Maggie

From: Catherine Abel [catherine.abel@hotmail.com]
Sent: 11 May 2010 19:34
To: Jones, Maggie
Subject: The Bear Public House, Bradford-on-Avon

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Dear Ms Jones,

I am writing to express my concern at the proposed licensing hours of the soon to re-open 'Bear' public house in Silver Street, Bradford on Avon. At present the town is well served by licensed premises of all types, serving a wide variety of food and drink, with a good balance between opening hours and the encouragement of respect for residents. One thing that Bradford on Avon is proud of (Indeed it is stated on the signs approaching the town) is that it's a living, working town with people residing in it. It is not like many towns of a similar type where the centres are almost entirely business premises or weekend holiday flats. Bath is a good example of where this dynamic has changed in recent years - the centre now has very few full-time residents and a large number of late night drinking establishments. Whilst I can't say that late licenses are the sole cause of irresponsible drinking, in this country, sadly they are a contributive factor. Of course I am not objecting to the Bear (Indeed it was a popular bar not too long ago), but I do feel that the proposed opening hours and the late music license every day could be seriously detrimental to the fine balance of the town. There are, I believe, several other applications for future licensed premises in the town, obviously with the new Kingston Mills development there's always going to be room for one more but I feel that restraint should be exercised. It is my opinion that to get the balance wrong could not only threaten the existing businesses but it could eventually drive away the town centre residents, totally upsetting what is at present a unique and beautiful town.

Yours sincerely,

7 Catherine Abel
Coppice Hill, Bradford on Avon BA15 1JT

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From: Adam Abel [its_ads@hotmail.com]
Sent: 11 May 2010 19:31
To: Jones, Maggie
Subject: The Bear Public House, Silver St., Bradford on Avon

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Dear Ms Jones,

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Yours sincerely,

7 Adam Abel
Coppice Hill, Bradford on Avon BA15 1JT.

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Jones, Maggie

From: Neil Taylor [neil@silvermusic.tv]
Sent: 11 May 2010 11:27
To: Jones, Maggie
Subject: The Bear Public House, Silver Street, Bradford On Avon

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Dear Maggie,

My name is Neil Taylor, i am a resident 22 Coppice Hill, BOA. i understand the above pub will be opening again soon, i have no problem with this however opening until 1.30 am with live music every night is not acceptable. when it was open before the music use to carry and would keep alot of the residents awake with people leaving in the early hours, shouting and fighting... coming up coppice hill to urinate. We thought all this was behind us... Also considering Kingston Mills is being allocated 3 licensed premises surely its too over the top?

My daughter sometimes stays with me and due to the lack of parking on Coppice Hill she has to park elsewhere. she works until late and would not like to walk due to people being drunk and disorderly.

I hope you take my feelings into consideration on this matter.

Kind Regards Neil Taylor

22 Coppice Hill
Bradford On Avon
BA15 1 JT

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From: Christopher Gillett [christophergillett@googlemail.com]
Sent: 11 May 2010 11:35
To: Jones, Maggie
Subject: The Bear Public House, Silver Street, Bradford on Avon
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Dear Ms Jones,

While I welcome the reopening of The Bear, I am concerned by an application for a live music licence until midnight as well as opening times until the early morning.

I live at 3 Woolley Street which is at the foot of Whitehill (the other side of the street is still Silver St) and when The Bear had live music several years ago it was easily audible and intrusive. I have no objection to live music - I am a professional musician - but unfortunately the level of amplification which is now the norm is too loud for a venue in a residential area.

I would ask you therefore to consider the peace of the neighbourhood when considering this licence application.

Yours,

Christopher Gillett

3 Woolley St,
Bradford on Avon
BA15 1AD

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From: Barbara Humble [mac.humble@tiscali.co.uk]
Sent: 11 May 2010 08:24
To: Jones, Maggie
Subject: The Bear Public House, Silver Street, Bradford on Avon
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Maggie Jones - Licensing Officer

Ref the application by The Bear Public House, Silver Street, Bradford on Avon for the following:

Open EVERY DAY till 1.30am
Serve Hot Food and DRINKS till 5.00am EVERY DAY
Host LIVE MUSIC till MIDNIGHT EVERY DAY

These hours do seem excessive in an area that has residential as well as commercial properties. The lateness of the events and licenses may cause a public nuisance to local residents and lead to crime and disorder at unsocial hours. The granting of such licenses may cause a precedent as there are other similar premises in the location.

I live in Woolley Street which follows directly from Silver Street near The Bear, and, along with neighbours, could certainly hear the live music which was being played in the past. Previous applications for extended hours at this pub were rejected on grounds of nuisance to local residents and 11.00pm set as the limit.

Barbara Humble
7 Woolley Street
Bradford on Avon

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Kevin Barker
Bunch of Grapes
14 Silver Street
Bradford on Avon
Wiltshire
BA15 1JY

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The Bear Public House - Formal objection to licence variation

I would like to formally object to some of the variations on the licence application to:

The Bear, Silver Street, Bradford on Avon,

To sell alcohol till 1am every day: I believe this could lead to the disturbance of neighbours during the week and could cause public disorder with many intoxicated people leaving at the same time late in the evening, also the two takeaway operations next door and opposite may start to open later causing even more disturbance and disorder in this partial residential street,
- I would support a 1am closing time Friday and Saturday Only

To serve hot food and drinks till 5am: I object to the inclusion of this on the grounds that it could be mis-used either now or in the future, with the premises being used as an all night cafe / diner, if this is not part of the business plan can it be explained why they need this inclusion or remove it,

To host live music till midnight: This will cause major noise pollution to the neighbourhood, even if the premises have limited sound proofing noise will escape via open doors and windows etc, it would also attract people from outside the neighbourhood with little respect for the area and the people who live near by,
- I would support ending live music one hour before the sale of alcohol ends

Personal Note:

I am not objecting to these extra hours because I am concerned about my own business, indeed the opposite, it may help in bringing extra customers into the street, and even though I operate on a 1am licence Friday and Saturday myself, as an owner operator I choose not to use this except on very special occasions, this helps keep peace with our neighbours, it is unlikely that The Bear as a managed operation will hold similar considerations,

Yours sincerely

Kevin Barker

5-5-10

Licensee

Bunch of Grapes Public House

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REPRESENTATION FORM

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Premises about which Representation is being made	THE BEAR, SILVER STREET	
Your Name	ANNA WHITE	
Postal Address	15 COPPICE HILL, BRADFORD ON AVON BATHS 117	
Contact Telephone Number		
Are you:	Yes	No
• A person who lives in the vicinity?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• A person who operates a business in the vicinity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• A person representing residents or businesses in the vicinity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• A member of the Relevant Licensing Authority (ie, elected Councillor of the Licensing Authority in which the premises is situated)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If you are representing residents or businesses in the vicinity please list those residents or businesses who have asked you to represent them		

Your Representation must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives, which are detailed below. Please detail the evidence supporting your Representation and the reason for your Representation. If necessary, separate sheets may be used.

OBJECTIVES	EVIDENCE
1. The prevention of harm to children	
2. To prevent public nuisance	LATE NIGHT NOISE AFFECTING OUR HOME - PLENTY OF PUBS ETC

SMOKING LAWS
YEAR NUMBERS &
PEOPLE OUTSIDE
THE PUB LATE.

← ALREADY. WHAT NEED FOR SUCH A LATE LICENSE? NOISE EARLY INTO MORNING IN HEAVY POPULATED TOWN CENTRE

OBJECTIVES	EVIDENCE
3. To prevent crime and disorder	LATE NIGHT DRINKING & INCREASED NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON THE STREET LATE AT NIGHT
4. Public Safety	

IN HEAVY POPULATED TOWN CENTRE
NOISE

Please list below any suggested actions that you feel the applicant could take to address your concerns.

LAST ORDERS AT 11PM.
LIVE MUSIC ONCE A WEEK
FINISHING AT 11PM.

If a hearing needs to be held to determine the Premises Licence Application, the Councillors will generally only be able to consider matters that have previously been disclosed. However, additional information in support of your Representation may be considered if all parties at the Hearing agree. We advise that you detail all matters that you wish to be considered on this initial Representation, attaching additional sheets if necessary.

If you do make a Representation you will be invited to attend the Licensing Sub-Committee Hearings and any subsequent appeal proceedings relevant to your Representation.

All Representations in their entirety, including your name and address, will be disclosed to the Premises Licence applicant.

Signature 

Date 12/05/2010

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Chippenham: Wiltshire Council, Monkton Park, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 1ER
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Premises about which Representation is being made	THE BEAR PUBLIC HSE, BOA	
Your Name	BRUCE & SARAH HOWARD	
Postal Address	THE OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL 18 COPPICE HILL BRADFORD ON AVON BA15 1JT	
Contact Telephone Number	01225 860937	
Are you:	Yes	No
• A person who lives in the vicinity?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• A person who operates a business in the vicinity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• A person representing residents or businesses in the vicinity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• A member of the Relevant Licensing Authority (ie, elected Councillor of the Licensing Authority in which the premises is situated)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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OBJECTIVES	EVIDENCE
1. The prevention of harm to children	
2. To prevent public nuisance	

OBJECTIVES	EVIDENCE
3. To prevent crime and disorder	WE HAVE SUFFERED TRESPASSING AND VANDALISM TO OUR PROPERTY DUE TO DRUNKEN BEHAVIOUR FROM TOWN CENTRE PUBS - MOST OFTEN FOLLOWING LIVE MUSIC
4. Public Safety	

Please list below any suggested actions that you feel the applicant could take to address your concerns.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO HAPPY HOURS • NO LATE NIGHT OPENING • INFREQUENT LIVE MUSIC •

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All Representations in their entirety, including your name and address, will be disclosed to the Premises Licence applicant.

Signature *S. C. L. O. W. D. L.*

Date *11.5.10*

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Premises about which Representation is being made	The Bear Public House, Silver Street.		
Your Name	Tanya Achilles		
Postal Address	19 Coppice Hill. Bradford-on-Avon.		
Contact Telephone Number	01225 867101		
Are you:	Yes	No	
• A person who lives in the vicinity?	X		
• A person who operates a business in the vicinity?			
• A person representing residents or businesses in the vicinity?			
• A member of the Relevant Licensing Authority (ie, elected Councillor of the Licensing Authority in which the premises is situated)?			
If you are representing residents or businesses in the vicinity please list those residents or businesses who have asked you to represent them			

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OBJECTIVES	EVIDENCE
1. The prevention of harm to children	My son was recently was harmed by a drunk in the town. Police have been informed.
2. To prevent public nuisance	Yes - history of this in BOA.

Drug selling / Hacking!

OBJECTIVES	EVIDENCE
3. To prevent crime and disorder	Drugs - history of it.
4. Public Safety	To all. 2 people mugged in church St by drunks.

Please list below any suggested actions that you feel the applicant could take to address your concerns.

objection on grounds of lateness of events and licences may cause a public nuisance to local residents.

Noise ~~by~~ beyond 11pm each night - not acceptable to locals.

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Signature *John Smith*

Date *11 May 2010*

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Jones, Maggie

From: tanya lock [tanya.lock@googlemail.com]

Sent: 11 May 2010 10:42

To: Jones, Maggie

Subject: objection: The Bear Public House opening hours

Please note that I, Tanya Achilleos, of 19 Coppice Hill, Bradford on Avon, object to the applied new opening hours for The Bear Public House, Sliver Street, Bradford on Avon for the following reasons - latness of the events and licences will cause public nuisance to local residents and may lead to crime and disorder.

kind regards
Tanya Achilleos.

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