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Hi Carla

Hope you are well.

I'd like to formally submit a representation for the Bath Arms Crockerton. This references the license changes that have been submitted recently by the pub to now include the outside area, garden bar and the sale of alcohol to 12.30am every day.

My household has just moved into [REDACTED] rockerton which is in very close proximity to the pub, and we own land that directly joins the pubs outside space and garden boundary so any changes will have a direct impact on us.

Please see below our concerns that relate to the licensing objectives below:

Public Nuisance:

- Currently the license doesn't cover the outside area / garden bar. We wish to express a concern that including this area could contribute to large amounts of noise being generated when in use and clearing away. The volume of people that could operate the area at any one time (customers and staff) would be quite high so the noise would be amplified. The pub nestles into a very rural residential area and with sound travelling, there is a real concern this would become a nuisance to the surrounding houses including our own. It also feels unnecessary for a village pub to have such a requirement in the first place, when it's situated in an AONB and a rural quiet setting.
- In addition, extending the sale of alcohol alongside the use of the outside space we feel would contribute even more to the noise and the impact that would have. We have a couple of pets which are noise reactive so additional noise would be distressing for them and subsequently my household.
- We will also have horses living right next door to their outside space which they will find unsettling and quite disruptive if the noise level is high and there is a lot of activity after dark. With the extension and inclusion of the outside area, it seems more activities will be planned late into the evenings every day which they are not used to and will have a negative impact on

their wellbeing and overall welfare. I'd be very happy to speak to governing bodies regarding animal welfare to show case studies whereby excessive noise and activities that include fireworks etc have had detrimental consequences to equine life.

- Whilst we don't have children (possibly one day), we are also very conscious that our neighbours do and are at an age that disruptive sleep is neither helpful nor fair. That said, we also feel that our own household could be impacted by the additional noise created at such unsociable hours as we must get up early due to our jobs so being well-rested is important.
- Crockerton is an Area of Outstanding natural Beauty and as such is relatively quiet but also quite dark as it has very little light pollution. We fear this might change if the license is extended as there will be more coming and going at early hours of the morning.

Public Safety:

- Whilst we know this is regarding the extension of the current license, we feel compelled to also point out the risk to public safety: both customers and residents' property if the current license was to be extended. There are no streetlights or pavements in the vicinity of the pub which could prove problematic if there is insufficient parking on site causing customers to find alternative locations to park. The outcome could be customers trying to find cars in the pitch black which would add to the nuisance point above but also could prove a risk to them as they are unfamiliar with the surroundings and might not be able to see as clearly – they could trip / fall on the way to the car etc. This teamed with alcohol could prove even more problematic and irresponsible.

Please let me know if this is sufficient to be considered or if you need anything else.

Looking forward to hearing from you regarding the representation being valid ahead of the closing date this week.

Thanks



