

Ref: Licensing Act 2003
Application: T D Birks
King John Inn
Tollard Royal

Dear Sir or Madam,

We wish to object to the application by the King John Inn for extended opening hours for a number of reasons. We regret having to do so but feel that our years of being tolerant neighbours, with regard to the noise and light pollution are being abused by their wish to extend our discomfort by introducing late night music and drinking to a Thursday evening/Friday morning.

Our bedroom is less than 30 ft from their main lounge area where the live and recorded music is played. Whereas our rooms are secondary double glazed theirs are not and their windows and door are usually open to remove the smoke - there is no soundproofing whatsoever. In summer, late barbecues with outside music make it difficult for us to sleep, despite having to keep our windows closed. We have spoken on a number of occasions to the landlord about the noise from within the pub during his music events and the noise and the headlights of cars of people leaving the car park late at night, indeed leaving many hours after the official closing time. We have been friendly in our complaints and have resisted the urge to make our complaints official by writing to the relevant authorities.

We are one of the few locals to support the pub and hope to continue doing so in the future but we feel strongly that we suffer enough without the hours being further extended.

Our objections are as follows:

Noise coming from within the pub during discos, live music and karaoke. We not only hear the noise we feel it, namely the vibrations from the incessant 'boom, boom, boom'. There is the noise made by drunken and rowdy customers taking a break outside from the smoke and noise within and when leaving the pub ie, loud conversations and car engines revving and car doors slamming. There is a shortage of car parking available and this results in double parking with cars being hemmed in and having to be moved around the car park at all times including the early hours of the morning.

Light Pollution A security light is activated by the slightest movement and is constantly going off and on at all times of the night and early morning. Similarly, we are regularly disturbed by car headlights shining through our bedroom window.

Drink Driving. We are concerned that the extended hours could increase the possibility of an accident occurring. Indeed our property has been damaged on numerous occasions by drunk drivers leaving the pub. I have had to stop a customer, who was clearly drunk, from driving his car home, whilst the bar staff continued to serve him double measures of spirits. Eventually, he agreed to be driven home. In an other occasion a resident advised a drunk customer that he would phone the police if he attempted to get in his car. The bar staff did little to help but fortunately the drunk was persuaded to get a taxi.

Tollard Royal is a small village of around ninety people. It has no street lighting and no pavements. The only way to get to the pub, apart from on foot, is by car. Unlike towns and large villages, there is no public transport and the nearest taxi service is some miles away. The Police are seldom seen in the village and we believe this is a factor in the cavalier attitude many of the regulars of the King John pub have to drink driving.

When the present landlord moved in, the villagers turned out in force to offer their support and did so in the early days. However, it became apparent that his intentions were to concentrate on the heavy drinkers from around the area and the support of the villagers gradually dwindled. The small core of regular locals meet at the pub early in the evenings.

The thought of extended hours and loud music at weekends and possibly on Thursdays worries us greatly and as such we would ask you to view our objections favourably.

Many thanks

Yours sincerely,



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KING JOHN INN.

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Dear Sir

I write in connection with the application made by MR T D BIRKS to have license to extend the opening hours.

As you may know Tollard Royal lies in a valley where noise levels become greatly amplified, and whilst one is prepared to put up with loud music and raucous voices during bank holidays and special occasions, it is too much to ask to suffer such on a more regular basis

There have been occasions when the loud music has overwhelmed the sound from my television set and

even though I am some 100 yards from the Inn

On more than one occasion I have been up to the Inn to speak to bar staff to have the sound turned down and on some occasions I have to close the bedroom windows so that I can get to sleep.

When they have a Barbecue night the outdoor music and the jollities of those who have perhaps had a little too much to drink creates noise levels beyond what one expects from a "Country Inn" and within a very rural location

I am therefore strongly opposed to any extensions of licensing hours with permitted live & recorded music

Yours faithfully

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Cc: Salisbury District Council
Environmental Services

Sir,

In response to the representation from Environmental services ref JW/sn/7212.

Prevention of public nuisance – sound insulation and odour control.

Filters are used to eliminate kitchen odour and sound or 'noise' is kept to a minimum.

Odour and sound have never been a problem at the King John. The authorities have received no complaints in those areas.

Odour has not been raised as an issue on previous visits from Environmental Services.

It should be noted that, although unnecessary, sound insulation would be prohibitively expensive.

Public safety nature of entertainment and provision of stewards.

The type of entertainment is stated in the operating schedule i.e. disco, recorded music, live music.

These will be required on an infrequent basis and are intended to cover most situations.

The king John is a rural country pub in a village with a population of approximately 90 mature inhabitants.

Events are ticketed and invitations issued to friends and locals.

In practice a solo live singer performs 5 or 6 times a year, Morris Men once or twice, birthdays and anniversaries another 6 or 7 occasions. Typically anniversaries are celebrated with harp or organ music.

As stated, events are usually ticketed and the landlord polices the event himself. For example New Years Eve is limited to 55 tickets – a number that's comfortably managed.

I hope this addresses adequately the points raised. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Regards,

Garth Sims
Applicants Approved Representative