

From: John Lister [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 July 2015 08:38
To: PublicprotectionNorth
Subject: WK/ 201515063 The Pear Tree

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: WK/ 201515063 The Pear Tree

I am writing in support of the application by Punch Taverns regarding the Pear Tree pub in Whitley.

The village of Whitley has been missing its community hub this last year. The extension of hours applied for is reasonable, in my opinion, given the size and location of the establishment and will cause no issue to local residents given the pubs location in the village and and there being no issue of late night noise when it was previously open.

I would hate to see the opening of this community asset further delayed or even stopped due to this entirely reasonable request

Yours

John Lister
123 First Lane
Whitley

-----Original Message-----

From: Dominic Szanto [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 July 2015 21:37
To: PublicprotectionNorth
Subject: WK/ 201515063 The Pear Tree

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: WK/ 201515063 The Pear Tree

I am writing in support of the application by Punch Taverns regarding the above public house. I understand the application is to go before the licensing committee on 6 August.

The Pear Tree has long been at the heart of the Whitley community however as you will be aware it has been closed since mid-2014 and for some years prior to that had been used more as a restaurant than a public house during which time it rather lost its 'spirit'. It is my belief that 'the village pub' should be the core of any community and the redevelopment of the Pear Tree gives Whitley an opportunity to regain that.

I understand that there is a slight extension requested to the previous licence but the Pear Tree is generally on the edge of the village and is not the sort of establishment where late-night leavers make much noise. The application seems entirely reasonable for a public house of its size, location and style.

Yours,
Dominic Szanto
9 Brookfield Rise, Whitley

From: [Mike Colour Idea](#)
To: [Bray, Teresa](#)
Subject: Re: Ref wk/ 201515063 The Pear Tree, Whitley
Date: 09 July 2015 16:43:03

Teresa, I may have misunderstood your response though I stand by my reply. Do you mean the licensing objectives below?

- The prevention of crime and disorder,
- Public safety,
- Prevention of public nuisance, and
- The protection of children from harm

If so, then given the minimal increases in trading and opening hours proposed and the demographic of the likely local patrons of this 'village pub' I can't imagine there will be any significant risk of these objectives being adversely affected any more that it was when it was run as a Restaurant/Hotel for guests that came predominantly from the outside of the area.

If additional noise is a concern then If anything I expect the more local clientele to be even more respectful of the neighbours..

Best regards

Mike Booth

18 Shaw Hill
Shaw
Melksham
Wiltshire
SN12 8ET

Freephone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

On 9 Jul 2015, at 14:35, "Bray, Teresa" <Teresa.Bray@wiltshire.gov.uk> wrote:

> Good afternoon Mike
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> Many thanks for your supporting comments relating to the variation application for The Pear Tree Inn.
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> Should you wish to attend the hearing do let me know and I will forward the appropriate documents to you.
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> Kind regards
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> Teresa Bray
> Public Protection Officer (Licensing)
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> Direct Dial: 01249 706413
> Internal: 21413
> Work Mobile: 07827 976810
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> From: Mike Colour Idea [REDACTED]
> Sent: 08 July 2015 10:16
> To: PublicprotectionNorth
> Subject: Ref wk/ 201515063 The Pear Tree, Whitley

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> Dear Sir/Madam

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> I am writing in support of the application by Punch Taverns for a change in license at the Pear Tree public house, Whitley. I understand the application is to be reviewed by the licensing committee on 6 August?

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> I moved to Shaw (the village adjoining Whitley) three years ago and one of the deciding factors for moving here was the presence of what I understood to be a thriving village pub, for me an important part of any community. I was somewhat dismayed to find that this once thriving pub had been turned into a pretentious gastro eatery and expensive Inn by [REDACTED]. Not surprisingly this was not what the village needed and the financial loss of local patronage coupled with poor management meant that the Inn/Restaurant soon failed.

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> I understand that there is a slight extension requested to the previous licence which seems entirely reasonable to allow the new tenants the flexibility in opening hours they need to make this pub viable in the current economic climate. I strongly believe this pub can quickly regain its place as an important meeting and socialising place for the two villages as well as providing much needed income and employment opportunities in a village with few businesses or facilities for pre-retirement age people.

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> Punch Taverns portfolio of other inns and pubs throughout the UK reassures me that this venue will be run responsibly as a traditional village pub and they have my full support and appreciation for returning it to being a venue that the community needs and desires.

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> Best regards

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> Mike Booth

> 18 Shaw Hill

> Shaw

> Melksham

> Wiltshire

> SN12 8ET

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> Freephone: [REDACTED]

> Email: [REDACTED]

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From: [Neil Nathan \(NHS ENGLAND\)](#)
To: [Bray, Teresa](#)
Subject: Re: Ref WK/201515063 The Pear Tree
Date: 09 July 2015 21:44:17

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in support of the application by Punch Taverns regarding the above public house which I understand will be presented to the licensing committee on 6 August 2015.

As a local resident I do not see how the proposals will impact on the licensing objective of preventing public nuisance. I am not aware that the Pear Tree has ever had any issues relating to public nuisance or specifically late night noise and the minor extension proposed should not change this.

I am far more concerned that the Pear Tree may remain closed. The Pear Tree has been closed since September 2014, and I believe this has been to the detriment of Whitley and Shaw Villages (of which I am a resident). A thriving village pub can add significantly to the fabric of a small local community like ours, and I would be concerned if the re-development of the Pear Tree was further stalled. The application seems absolutely reasonable to me, for a village pub with restaurant with B&B facilities. This is an important local business and an important part of our village.

Yours
Nathan Hall
6 Beltane Place, Shaw

Nathan Hall
Senior QIPP Manager
Specialised Commissioning
NHS England



On 9 Jul 2015, at 14:09, "Bray, Teresa" <Teresa.Bray@wiltshire.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam

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The Pear Tree has been closed since September 2014, and I believe this has been to the detriment of Whitley and Shaw Villages (of which I am a resident). A thriving village pub can add significantly to the fabric of a small local community like ours, and I would be concerned if the re-development of the Pear Tree was further stalled. The application seems absolutely reasonable to me, for a village pub with restaurant with B&B facilities. This is an important local business and an important part of our village.

Yours

Nathan Hall
6 Beltane Place, Shaw

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From: PublicprotectionNorth
To: Bray, Teresa
Subject: FW: Application Reference WK/201515063 The pear Tree Inn, Whitley
Date: 08 July 2015 16:56:25
Importance: High

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From: Adam Nardell [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 July 2015 16:39
To: PublicprotectionNorth
Cc: Chivers, Terry
Subject: Application Reference WK/201515063 The pear Tree Inn, Whitley
Importance: High

Dear Sirs,

Re. the above Application in respect of Variation of a premises licence for the above premises, I am writing to express my support for this application. The Pear Tree Inn has been for many years the sole licensed premises in the village and as such has been central to life of the community (a fact underlined by the granting of its status as a Community Asset). The closure and vacant state of the premises over the last 18 months or so has left the village without its traditional focal point for the community and I support such reasonable measures – e.g. the proposed licensing hours, to be wholly necessary to remedy this situation. As I resident living virtually opposite the entrance to the Pear Tree I view that the proposed licensing arrangements will have no nuisance or other detrimental impact on and my home.

I hope that you will see fit to approve this very reasonable licensing application.

Kind regards

Adam
Adam Nardell
116a First Lane
Whitley SN12 8RG

From: PublicprotectionNorth
To: Bray, Teresa
Subject: FW: WK/ 201515063 The Pear Tree
Date: 09 July 2015 09:17:38

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-----Original Message-----

From: Chris Wilson [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 July 2015 21:04
To: PublicprotectionNorth
Subject: Re: WK/ 201515063 The Pear Tree

Dear Sir

I am writing to append my support to the planning application in respect of the Pear Tree Public House, Whitley in which an extension to it's opening hours is requested.

The additional time being requested is relatively small and is unlikely to have any detrimental impact to residents of the village.

The proposed extended hours are likely to serve the community better and offer greater convenience in this day and age, where people lead increasingly busy lives.

The pub acts as a focal point for village life and has offered a very inferior service under recent ownership.

Furthermore, it has been closed since Oct 2014 and leaves a large hole in village life. There is an opportunity to get it back on its feet and I believe we should embrace the proposal fully.

I would be grateful if you could register my support for the application when it goes in front of the Licensing Ctte.

Your Sincerely

Chris Wilson

C J WILSON
25 Brookfield Rise, Whitley, SN12 8QP

Sent from my iPhone

From: PublicprotectionNorth
To: Bray, Teresa
Subject: FW: Ref.wk 201515063 The Pear Tree
Date: 09 July 2015 09:17:58

FYI

-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa Little [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 July 2015 21:09
To: PublicprotectionNorth
Subject: Ref.wk 201515063 The Pear Tree

Dear Sirs

As Whitley residents and we would like to voice our whole hearted support for the Licence Application submitted by Punch Taverns for the reopening of The Pear Tree public House. We feel the terms of their Application are completely acceptable. We cannot understand how the small extension to public opening times and the and the 24 hour extension (providing it is restricted to residents only) could possibly have any adverse effect on our neighbourhood. The pub is set in large grounds well back from the road, and with fields to 3 sides. By default of its location and grounds it has always been a family orientated pub and the heart and sole of the village. We feel it is vitally important to support its reopening as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

Steven and Lisa Little
157b West Hill
Whitley
Melksham
SN12 8RD

Sent from my iPad

From: Mark Ashkowski [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 July 2015 21:11
To: PublicprotectionNorth
Subject: Re: WK/ 201515063 The Pear Tree

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in support of the application by Punch Taverns regarding the above public house. I understand the application is to go before the licensing committee on 6 August.

The Pear Tree has for a long time been central to the communities of Shaw and Whitley. It has been a great village pub, and a focal point for our community. Sadly, it has been closed since 2014 and in recent years has been used as a restaurant rather than a pub/restaurant.

All (or it seems almost all) of the community was delighted to learn that Punch Taverns would be taking it over. If this had not happened I was giving serious consideration to campaigning for community ownership.

I understand that there is a slight extension requested to the previous licence. It is my understanding that almost the whole community are in support of this. It will help the new owners survive in this difficult economic climate, and help provide us with a sustainable local pub. As it is, the Pear Tree is generally on the edge of the village and is not the sort of establishment where late-night leavers make much noise. Thus, the extension is highly unlikely to cause any or any significant disruption to the area.

Please do not be influenced by the views of a small number of local residents who have signed a petition opposing the license extension.

Yours sincerely

Mark Ashkowski
11 The Beeches
Shaw
SN12 8EP

From: PublicprotectionNorth
To: Bray, Teresa
Subject: FW: WK/201515063
Date: 10 July 2015 08:59:12

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

From: Louise Mumford [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 July 2015 19:06
To: PublicprotectionNorth
Subject: REF: WK/201515063

Dear Sirs,

I am writing in support of the above Licensing Application regarding The Pear Tree Inn, Whitley.

As a local resident who lives in close proximity to the pub and specifically the car park I am of the view that the proposed alterations to the licence will be of no adverse effect or cause me any disturbance.

Moreover the pub is a vital community asset and is essential for the wellbeing of the village.

Thus I am supportive of the changes to the licence.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Mumford (Ms)
116A First Lane, SN12 8RG

From: Paul Lambert
To: Bray, Teresa
Subject: RE: Application Reference WK/201515063 - PEAR TREE INN
Date: 10 July 2015 11:44:23

Hi Teresa,

Full address:

[REDACTED]

Many thanks
Paul

From: Bray, Teresa [mailto:Teresa.Bray@wiltshire.gov.uk]
Sent: 10 July 2015 11:05
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Application Reference WK/201515063 - PEAR TREE INN

Good morning Paul

Many thanks for your supporting email below in connection with the above premises application for a variation.

However, I cannot accept this as a valid supporting representation as it does not include your address.

Can you provide me with these details for it to be valid.

Kind regards

Teresa Bray
Public Protection Officer (Licensing)

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From: PublicprotectionNorth
Sent: 08 July 2015 14:20
To: Bray, Teresa
Subject: FW: Application Reference WK/201515063 - PEAR TREE INN

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Paul Lambert [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 July 2015 14:13
To: PublicprotectionNorth
Subject: Application Reference WK/201515063 - PEAR TREE INN

Application Reference	WK/201515063
Type of Application	Variation of a premises licence
Applicant's Name	Punch Taverns PLC
Address of Premises to be Licensed	The Pear Tree Inn Top Lane Whitley Melksham Wiltshire SN12 8QX

Dear Sirs,

Re the above application I write in support of it as I feel the proposed business will not have a negative effect on local residents.

The building itself is a good distance from houses and the majority of people who use this kind of establishment are not drunks, or rowdy, or youngsters of the kind that would cause problems for neighbouring residences but its very much a high end (posh) gastropub where almost everyone leaves by car in a rather more sober state and at a sensible time. Therefore I feel that the objections are baseless.

We really need another pub in this area, there really is nowhere else that's a nice place to go for a drink in nice surroundings.

Many thanks
Paul

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From: Jo Body
To: Bray, Teresa
Subject: Re: The Pear Tree Whitley
Date: 10 July 2015 14:02:02

My address is 85 corsham road Whitley sn12 8qf

Sent from my iPhone

On 10 Jul 2015, at 12:27, Bray, Teresa <Teresa.Bray@wiltshire.gov.uk> wrote:

Good afternoon Jo

I still cannot accept this as a valid supporting representation as it does not include your address.
Can you provide me with these details for it to be valid?

Kind regards

Teresa Bray
Public Protection Officer (Licensing)

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From: Jo Body [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 July 2015 15:01
To: Bray, Teresa
Subject: Re: The Pear Tree Whitley

Thank you for clarifying Teresa

Please see my specific comments per licensing objection below

Prevention of Crime and Disorder:

There has been a public house in the village for longer than any of the objecting residents have lived in the village and we have not suffered from any raised Crime & Disorder due to the public house being open - this is a totally narrow minded and ridiculous objection to suggest we would witness an increase in crime and disorder it is a village pub not a night club! The very nature of a village pub is that the local villagers frequent it and that others who use it will be arriving by car and as such not be over indulging due to drink driving laws!!

Protection of Children from harm

Exactly how the pub reopening will put children in harm is a mystery to me. I have a 5 year old who walks and cycles with me around the village, having the pub open will not put him in any danger in any way, shape, or form. In fact having the village

pub reopen will be great as it will give us a safe place to meet up in the village with other residents and their children. Before [REDACTED] closed the pub we used to meet up with friends in the pub garden on a sunny day - it was a lovely peaceful setting where we all felt 100% safe for ourselves and our children.

Public nuisance

For this point I reiterate that the pub is set well back from the road which will obviously minimise the nuisance of noise to anyone, there are only a handful of houses within 50 yards of the pub - the pub reopening would not affect the local citizens in terms of noise pollution, nor in terms of odour, in terms of street fouling / litter etc again it is a non issue due to the location and nature of the business. In terms of light pollution the pub is surrounded by large hedges that will block any additional lights that might affect immediate neighbours

Public Safety

For this concern I feel like I am stating the obvious - Punch Taverns are not a two-bit company they run these types of establishments for a living so are not going to over populate the building (it's a village pub with B&B capabilities not a hotel with a night club!!!) They have standards to adhere to.

All in all after reading up on the four licensing objections I find it amazing that this is even going to a hearing, the majority of the village have been asking when the place will reopen and I seriously cannot believe the views of a tiny minority in the village could stop this village mainstay from reopening. What would they prefer for it to slowly slide into disrepair and then have to be torn down and replaced with new housing - have they even thought through what they are objecting to? I doubt it

Kind regards
Jo Body

On 9 July 2015 at 14:33, Bray, Teresa <Teresa.Bray@wiltshire.gov.uk>
wrote:
Hi Jo

The 4 licensing objectives are:
Prevention of Crime and Disorder
Protection of Children from harm
Public nuisance
Public Safety

The wording would need to show how you feel that the application being granted would not have an adverse effect on these.
Do give me a call if you need any clarification.

Kind regards

Teresa Bray

Public Protection Officer (Licensing)

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From: Jo Body [mailto:]
Sent: 09 July 2015 14:27
To: Bray, Teresa
Subject: Re: The Pear Tree Whitley

Hi Teresa

Can you please let me know the exact wording of the the licensing objections so I can send you my comments specific to each of them?

Cheers
Jo Body

On 9 July 2015 at 14:13, Bray, Teresa <Teresa.Bray@wiltshire.gov.uk> wrote:
Good afternoon Jo

Many thanks for your supporting comments relating to the variation application for The Pear Tree Inn.

I cannot accept this as a Supporting representation as it does not specifically relate to any of the 4 licensing objectives. However I can accept it as a supporting comment and it may be used in my report when this application goes to a hearing to decide it's outcome.

Should you wish to attend the hearing do let me know and I will forward the appropriate documents to you.

Kind regards

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From: Jo Body [mailto:]
Sent: 08 July 2015 10:19
To: PublicprotectionNorth
Subject: The Pear Tree Whitley

Hi

reference wk/ 201515063 The Pear Tree

I am registering my disbelief that a small number of residents have complained about the reopening of the Pear Tree. This pub has been a real asset to the village until it was ruined by Marco Pierre White. Now a company is willing to invest in the pub and the village and a handful of narrow minded people have complained about opening times!!!

I think this is ridiculous and I believe you will find that far more than 27 residents will come out in support of Punch Taverns and their proposals to refurbish and reopen the Pear Tree in Whitley.

Kind regards

Jo Body
(Whitley resident)

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From: Sarah Wales
To: [Bray, Teresa](mailto:Teresa.Bray@wiltshire.gov.uk)
Subject: Re: Whitley pub
Date: 10 July 2015 14:19:21

Dear Ms Bray,

My home address is 105G Top Lane, Whitley, Melksham, Wiltshire. SN12 8QL.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Wales

Sent from my iPad

> On 10 Jul 2015, at 11:56, Bray, Teresa <Teresa.Bray@wiltshire.gov.uk> wrote:

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> Good morning Mrs Wales

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> Teresa Bray

> Public Protection Officer (Licensing)

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Sarah Wales

> Sent: 08 July 2015 21:35

> To: PublicprotectionNorth

> Subject: Whitley pub

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> Dear Sir/Madam

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> As a resident of Whitley, I am totally happy about the proposed extended opening hours of the pub. While Whitley is a quiet village, by today's standards, twelve o'clock leaving time is still relatively early closing time and as there has never been a problem with gangs of drunk people leaving I do not expect there to be a problem. The Pear Tree has never been that sort of pub and I believe the plans for the new owners are similar to previous tenants so I am totally happy with the proposed opening hours.

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> Yours faithfully,

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> Mrs Wales

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> Sent from my iPad

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From: [David Onetel](#)
To: [Bray, Teresa](#)
Subject: Re: Pear Tree in Whitley
Date: 13 July 2015 12:15:37

Hi Teresa
Yes no problem. My address is 105g Top Lane, Whitley, sn12 8ql.
Thanks
David

Sent from my iPhone

> On 13 Jul 2015, at 11:03, Bray, Teresa <Teresa.Bray@wiltshire.gov.uk> wrote:
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> Good Morning Mr Wales
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> In order for me to be able to use this as a supporting representation please could you confirm your address?
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> Failing that I will still use this as a supporting comment for my hearing report.
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> Kind regards
>
> Teresa Bray
> Public Protection Officer (Licensing)
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: PublicprotectionNorth
> Sent: 10 July 2015 14:34
> To: Bray, Teresa
> Subject: FW: Pear Tree in Whitley
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> [REDACTED]

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: David Wales [REDACTED]
> Sent: 10 July 2015 14:24
> To: PublicprotectionNorth
> Cc: John Lister; Peter Ellis; Sarah Wales
> Subject: Pear Tree in Whitley
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> Dear sir/madam
>
> I am a resident in Whitley for 12 years now and have understood that the new operators of the Pear Tree wish to extend the sales of alcohol hours from 11am-11pm to 10am-midnight.
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> As I live fairly close to the pub I have never experienced any issues of noise coming from the Pear Tree, I

hereby confirm my approval of that proposal.

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> Many thanks

> David

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