

**From:** Nick Murry  
**Sent:** 16 August 2016 13:01  
**To:** Bahadoor, Roy  
**Subject:** RE: Licence variation application for SN15, Station Hill, Chippenham  
**Importance:** High

Dear Mr Bahadoor

**Re: Application for a variation of the licence for SN15, Station Hill, Chippenham**

As a Chippenham Town councillor representing the people of Monkton Ward in which this establishment operates, I object to the application on the basis of its potentially adverse impact on public nuisance, crime and disorder and public safety.

My understanding is that the application seeks to remove previously agreed conditions on staffing levels, the use of polycarbonates on and near the dance floors, and the use of the rear patio and on front door management.

As you will be aware, local residents and businesses were very concerned by the relaxation of the conditions at this premises at the previous hearing; further relaxation of these conditions can only increase the risk of breaches (including potentially serious ones) of the licencing objectives and conditions.

Whilst it's understandable that the Licencing Committee might want to support commercial activities, relaxing licencing rules in a way that could impact public safety, crime and disorder and public nuisance, does not seem to be an acceptable way of doing so. And whilst it's also understandable that the licensee would wish to reduce the number of staff in line with reduced custom, it is not acceptable to allow the club management to subjectively determine the number of staff required under different circumstances, which would seem to undermine the very purpose and objectives of licencing.

In summary, there can be little doubt that the removal of 'any conditioned requirement for door staff on the front door' could endanger public safety, or that 'unsupervised late night drinking on the patio' could create public (noise) nuisance, particularly given the history of these premises causing disturbance to residents in neighbouring and nearby properties in the past. The club's own management should not be allowed to effectively supervise itself on such important aspects of the licence, and the existing conditions should therefore be maintained, or varied in a much more controlled and externally verifiable manner.

Yours sincerely,

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