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Good morning

We refer to the establishment above, and it's current application to vary the licence. We wish to make a representation opposing the variation. To that end we attach the Wilts Council representation form, duly completed and signed. Please note this should be viewed in conjunction with this email.

We live directly opposite the Bath Arms pub and our bedrooms look towards it. Having lived here for 25+ years, and known the Pub through six different landlords, we appreciate (and have experienced) very occasional functions and events. However we do feel this variation is not in keeping with a public house set in a small rural community and will have a very negative effect to residents. We would also add that during our time here the pub has been run very much as a local 'village' pub, but this variation looks to offer an outside venue for private functions as well as extended opening times and being able to sell alcohol across the entire site, indoors and outside. This will have a very detrimental effect to most of the villagers as detailed below. We therefore ask you to consider the following:

- 1) Public Safety: The pub is located in a very quiet and residential area. Their car park is of limited size and so it will be the case that many customers will have to park on the roads surrounding this location. These roads are unlit and with no pavements, and so it will cause hazards to other road users and pedestrians. We appreciate this could happen with the current licence, but the variation will mean the hazard will be over a much longer period. Traffic volume could of course increase if the licence extends beyond that of other similar establishments in the surrounding area insofar as it could attract even more people.
- 2) Prevention of public nuisance: Crockerton is located in a small and quiet rural village, set in a narrow valley (enabling sound to carry), and with no street lighting. The variation requested is for 0030hrs, though of course this is presumably for 'last orders' and so drinking etc would inevitably carry on much longer. The variation will allow customers to consume alcohol outside as well as inside and well into the early hours which will result in outside lit areas all around the pub, noise of people talking etc and then traffic nuisance (car doors, engines starting up, headlights etc) when they depart. This nuisance will be further extended of course by staff having to clean up and clear everything away, which means more light and noise before departing even later. The current car park is immediately adjacent to many residential dwellings and they too will be subject to car noise, lights and people talking; additionally with regard to the car park size, many vehicles would be parked directly outside

local resident dwellings along adjacent unlit streets. At these late times noise and light issues will have more impact. Further, the variation will result in an extended period of outside lights associated with the pub, indoors and outdoors, potentially throughout the week. We would repeat that our bedrooms face towards the pub, and so are directly affected by noise and light.

3) Protection of children: please refer to comments above and consider these particularly with regard to pub noise (particularly outside), car noise, ambient lighting etc, and the likely detriment to young families who live nearby (of which there are many). The distraction of noise could seriously impact the well being of all, but especially young children (particularly those of school age) in being kept awake and potentially worried about what is happening 'outside' their home.

To sum up we do feel this variation will have a huge detrimental effect not only on those people who live nearby, but to many residents throughout the valley. We strongly feel the proposed variation is completely unacceptable within a small residential village.

We thank you for your consideration of our representation; for good order perhaps you would confirm receipt and acceptance of this email and the attached.

Regards



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