

Appendix D

Crime objections / noise disturbance / parking / prevention of public nuisance

Definitely concerned about the later licence on bank holidays and Xmas.... This is a residential area and previously when the pub was owned there was lots of noise pollution with people drinking outside

Dr Catherine Thomson



Dear Sirs

I would like to object to a licensing application with reference 24/00744/LAPRE concerning the bridges pub South Darent.

The application is made with a requested for Non-standard timings, specifically:

Section M: Christmas Eve, New Years Eve and weekends before a Bank Holiday until 01:00 hours the following day.

Section O: Christmas Eve, New Years Eve and weekends before a Bank Holiday until 02:00 hours the following Day.

This is the aspect of the application I oppose on the basis that:

- the area is a small residential village (not a semi residential area as incorrectly cited in Part 3 of the application) and the human traffic/music/drunken behaviour/vehicles at these late hours will be a public nuisance;
- no other pubs in area have late licensing times which will inevitably mean that drinkers in search of carrying on the party will descend into this peaceful corner of the village causing a nuisance;
- the public street lighting doesn't even stay on as late as the timings requested, which will be harmful to public safety with drinkers leaving the premises late and in darkness
- the lack of street lighting combined with late night drinkers would be a recipe for crime and disorder
- the longer hours causing extra alcohol consumption, will inevitably led to more cars being left over night. The premises has inadequate Parking facilities meaning cars will be left on the roads in an area where parking is already an issue and encouraging car crime
- the pub is small meaning that drinkers stand outside. This would cause an unacceptable level of nuisance late at night disturbing neighbours including children
- in addition drinking in the street leads to broken glass being left on the pavement. Plus cigarette butts. As well as vomiting from late night alcohol consumption
- children are neighbours to the pub. the last licensees exposed those children to drug deals taking place on the street, loud music, cars coming and going, and general antisocial behaviour, which was very harmful. This being a quiet corner of the village, with no street lighting, a late night license will only exacerbate this issue

To be clear, we love this pub. We are looking forward to it reopening, but reopening at hours which are on level with the other pubs in this village.

Kind regards
Lisa Williams