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**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** New Inn Public House, St John's Hill, Sevenoaks

FAO: Leanne Leeds

I am writing this letter on behalf of the residents of St James' Road and Golding Road, who wish to undermine the licensing objective of prevention of public nuisance

We as residents of St James's Rd (the Castle end!) have to put up with quite a lot that the New Inn can throw at us. As long term residents, we long for the day the New Inn respected the views of its local inhabitants. I speak constantly to many residents around St John's and St James's and we all share the same views. My garden, along with other residents who live in Golding Rd, all dread summer days where the locals spill out into the garden or the road, made worse since the smoking ban a few years ago.

Our main objective to the pub has always been the volume of noise spewing out on a weekend, especially in high summer, and the lack of respect it gives to noise pollution after hours (11pm onwards). The council and the police seem never too interested in this part of the town and I'm sure they would be more attentive if this problem was occurring near the vine or the town centre.

We have never objected to the pub being there, after all, it's been there a long time, and I have also frequented its establishment over the years, along with the remaining few such as the Castle and the Rifleman. We all realise that Pubs have to run a business and that means all sorts of entertainment. But we do object strongly to the way it behaves and gets away with it and we have had several "run-ins" with various landlords of the New Inn over many years much to no avail.

We have badgered the council about its license and its views on loud music at unsociable hours, and we were led to believe that the fire exit doors, which they use as an entrance to the so called bear garden? Should remain SHUT at all times and if they are to maintain a bear garden, then they should build in the necessary building regulations such as a double door etc... Talking of which, one resident has already witnessed "fly-tipping" from the current landlord who seems to think that dumping his rubbish over the fence out of sight from his beer garden is perfectly Ok? Although I appreciate that the land is privately owned and therefore the Council is powerless to act on such illegal activities as fly tipping, it just highlights the many problems we as residents encounter on a regular basis.

I conclude by stating that we have no objection to there being a public house but would wish for swift action to be taken in reducing the on-going noise pollution that this public house seems to revel in without any due care or responsibility to its local residents.

I welcome any positive action that will enhance the lives of the residents in this area and fully support the police in tackling drugs and other anti-social behaviours that seem to be on the increase in the area.

I have already dropped off at your offices a signed petition from some of the residents who wish for their names and addresses to remain private and confidential, and this was action on the request of Ms Hazel Marlor of the Environmental Department at Sevenoaks DC.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me

Kind regards

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