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Your ref: JJ

Dear Mrs Jones,

Re: The Plough, Debden

Thank you for informing us about the application for a variation to the licence for The Plough, Debden.

I feel it necessary to comment on this application as I believe that given the location of this pub in a small quiet village, close to many residential properties, it is not appropriate to have alcohol served until mid-night Monday to Thursday and Sunday and until 01:00 on Friday and Saturday, with closure times of 00:30 and 1:30, respectively. I also note that the application calls for permission to serve, and I assume, consume alcohol both inside and outside the premises.

Such hours are not appropriate in a quiet residential area. With the best will in the world requesting members of the public to leave the premises quietly, in practice, never happens. Even if they leave the premises quietly, previous experience is that noise is still generated as a result loud talk in the car park and the starting up of cars/motorbikes and the driving away of these vehicles. This is a particular problem in the summer when houses have windows open at night.

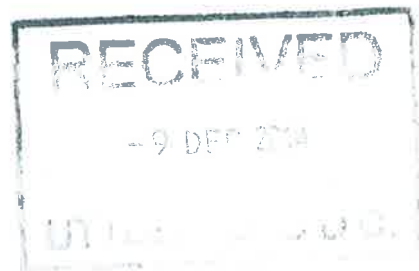
Such noise in my opinion is a public nuisance and not in keeping with the environment.

I am not against the pub, however, I would suggest that the likely disruption of our normal sleep patterns through increased noise is against our human rights.

I would suggest that opening times to 23:00 Monday to Thursday + Sunday and to mid-night on Friday and Saturday would be more in keeping with the pubs location.

Yours sincerely,

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Attention of Mrs J Jones

Dear Mrs Jones

Re The Plough Public House High Street Debden - opening hours.

Thank you for your letter of the 1st December 2014 regarding the extension of opening hours for the sale of alcohol, and playing of music, at the above premises, we advise as follows:

We understand that the extended hours requested are:

Sunday to Thursday 11-00am to 0-00hrs i.e Midnight

Friday & Saturday 11-00am to 1-00hrs the next day.

We would advise that we are located next to the garden of the pub and in close proximity to the rear door which opens directly into the pub with no lobby to prevent noise escaping.

This area is very quiet at night and sounds travel in the night air.

Two of our bedrooms are located to the rear of our house close to the rear and the rear door of the pub. We often have our young grand-daughters to sleep and we also have to get up at 6-30am for work.

Whilst we wish the new owners of the Pub every success in their new venture and also wish to be good neighbours, we would not want this to be at ours and others expense through loss of sleep. We feel it would not be unreasonable for the pub to stay open on a Friday and Saturday until midnight, as usually we have noticed people take a while to actually go home and tend to stay in the pub garden laughing and chatting after closing time anyway.

I would not operate garden machinery or play music before 9-00am as I have respect for my neighbours, particularly as some people work late, and therefore in a similar vein, I would not wish to hear music and people leaving the pub at 1-00am in the morning when we and others are trying to get to sleep.

In consequence we feel that the opening hours should not be extended, under the objectives C) the prevention of a public nuisance , and D) the protection of children from harm.

We would be grateful if you could advise who we should contact in respect of noise if the application is approved, as this would be detrimental to well-being, and health.

Yours faithfully

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