

Appendix B

Newland Street
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West Oxford District Council
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To whom it may concern

I am writing to object to any extension of allowing the playing of recorded music at the White Hart, Eynsham. I also object to the extension of weekend opening hours to 10am from 12am.

I have been living at Newland Street for 11 years and there has already over that time been a significant increase in annoyance from noise from the pub:

- Music played in the garden of the pub at lunchtimes and into the evening on weekends is truly abhorrent, shattering the peace of the village and often driving me and my family out of our garden on a summer's day and even out of the village to find some respite. It is invariably way too loud and frequently has gone on well over the time it was legally allowed.
- Customers stand outside the front of the pub smoking and talking loudly late into the night. This regularly wakes, or keeps awake anyone in the bedrooms of my property which face the road.
- I have two daughters and they are regularly intimidated if they need to walk past the pub, by men standing outside the front of the pub smoking.

The extension of opening hours earlier Monday – Friday mornings and across weekday lunchtimes is less of a problem personally for me and my family, though I would fully support an objection from anyone in Newland Street who is at home during weekdays and objects to the increase in opening hours. Newland Street is a main route for parents taking children to and from the Primary School and I would also support anyone for whom this is a concern.

I understand that the pub management has recently changed hands and I hope this will improve the management of their customers and entertainment.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Sir

CHANGE OF LICENSING HOURS AT THE WHITE HART, EYNESHAM.

As close neighbours, we appreciate the responsible and careful way in which the recent licensees operated this public house, as also their courtesy and friendliness. However their successors may not be of the same disposition and it is mainly in the light of this possibility that we wish to register our objections to the extension of the live and recorded music facility to every evening of the week, and our hope that these will be restricted to weekends as at present.

Our objections are founded on three main counts

(1) **Public nuisance.** Newland Street and the surrounding area is a residential zone which has a preponderance of elderly and retired residents on site. The prospect of evening music on any and every night of the week would significantly damage the quality of life and ambience of the houses in the surrounding area. This is especially the case when the music is played out of doors while technically being kept inside. Indeed we are already disturbed on certain occasions each Summer by amplified throbbing music from the White Hart. The noise being audible over a considerable area. The prospect of music on any weekday night (or, in the new licensees hands, possibly most week nights) is alarming. In writing this, we are aware that however vigorously the intention of playing music only occasionally may be stressed by the new landlord, any future incumbent may well wish to implement the permission much more fully.

(2) **Public Safety.** The parking facilities in the pub premises are limited to 3 or 4 cars so that any major event means that Newland Street is double parked from (at least) the junction with Hawthorn Road and the entrance to Newland Close. It would be very difficult (if not impossible) for a fire engine or ambulance to negotiate the passage way between the parked cars in the event of an emergency. Traffic is very difficult even for ordinary vehicles on the night of an event.

(3) **Crime and disorder.** If increased hours and music are to be the general trend, then Eynsham with its large number of public houses runs the risk attracting an increasingly rowdy element from outside the village, with even more damage to property and vehicles than is already the case. The greater number of events would certainly provide increased opportunities for increased anti-social behaviour.

(4) **General observations** We appreciate that the White Hart has to pay its way and we have had good relationships with the previous licensees which we hope will continue with their successors. We wish them well in their new venture.

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