

## **I. Gordon Jolly**

I am writing to object to the Variations of Premises Licence W/22/01451/PRMV and W/22/01504/PRMV related to the Bull Hotel and Highway Inn in Burford.

My main objection relates to the likely public nuisance resulting from the application by the Bull Hotel to allow for the playing of recorded music outside of the premises. As a resident of nearby Witney Street, Burford the sound of this music would I believe be audible from my property, particularly at night. This would be disturbing to me and my family, as well as my neighbours. The current licence for the Bull Hotel has the condition that “*Entertainment is to be held internally only and no music or speakers shall be provided to external areas of the premises*”. This condition should be retained.

Alcohol consumed outside, especially on the High Street should not be not allowed after 23.00. Both premises are looking to have outside seating on the High Street where alcohol will be consumed and this together with the potential playing of recorded music (by the Bull Hotel) should not be permitted outside of generally accepted licensing hours. Again noise related to this could be a disturbing nuisance. Whilst realising that both premises are hotels, late night alcohol sales and consumption is appropriate for residents, but this should be limited to inside only.

The playing of recorded music outside would I believe set an unwelcome precedent within the town centre of Burford. The other numerous pubs and restaurants in the town would doubtless be seeking the same if this element of the licence variation for the Bull Hotel were to be granted. If this was sought for multiple premises then the potential noise nuisance would be greatly increased.

## **Nigel and Penny Baraclough**

### **Both Premises**

Parking is limited at the Bull and non-existent at the Highway meaning guests will inevitably park in nearby streets and will create noise from closing car doors, starting engines and driving away to the detriment of local residents.

## **2. Judith Meisenkothen**

I write in regard to the two above requests to alter the existing licenses.

My husband and I do object strongly to the request to allow RECORDED MUSIC to be played OUTSIDE these two premises. A significant number of properties on Burford High Street, including in the immediate area of the Old Bull and The Highway, are residential and it would be incredibly invasive and disturbing on them, and indeed on many other homes in the area, for music to be played outside, particularly at night and up to midnight. For example, we live in Sylvester Close, just off Witney Street, and know, to our cost, how disruptive outdoor music is whenever the Warwick Hall garden is rented out for an event – and this is about 400 yards away from our home and the events are only occasional and have to stop at 23.00. We can only imagine the impact on homes of music – 7 days a

week – from the two properties in question, sited as they are in the middle of a residential town where people have to get up early to go to work and children to school.

The precedent that allowing outside music such as that envisaged is huge and damaging. There are 7 other pubs and hotels in the town and if they all requested a similar extension to their licenses the whole atmosphere of our ancient town would be destroyed.

Thank you for your attention.

### **3. A J Hodgkison**

Re: 'Enhancement' of Burford into - Blackpool on Sea ! The endless traffic through the town subsides later in the day to provide some welcome peace for residents and visitors. Most people stay in the town to experience 'getting away from it all' in the Cotswolds, not to listen to somebody else's music etc. This is a totally inappropriate idea in a medieval town with nearby residents living near a 'Funfair'.

### **4. J Hodgkison**

Regarding the above licencing variation application.

I would object to the provision of outdoor recorded music at either venue.

Both properties lie within a developed area of residential housing, and other hotels where guests could be disturbed at night by outside music. Whilst indoor music is hopefully regulated by the householder's consideration for neighbours I regret that commercial interests can sometimes overpower the views of residents

I am a Burford resident living a little further away from the town centre and am aware of the already but occasional late night music and fireworks disturbing households late at night. In addition I do not feel a town of Burford's size can comfortably accommodate the consumption of alcohol on outdoor premises later into the night.

With regard to the possibility of wedding parties, there are already two hotels catering for such which are situated further from 'denser' residential property. Is Burford to become the 'party venue' of West Oxfordshire. We do hope not.

I hope these views will be considered when reviewing the application

### **5. Steven Barber**

Please register my objection to the application for extending noise hours inside and more especially outside the Bull and the Highway Inn.

This is not the sort of character I want in a Cotswold town and insults our heritage.

### **6. Oonagh Barber**

I wish to object to the change in licensing hours and proposed music to be played outside at the Bull and Highway Inns in Burford...

I feel this would detract from a Cotswold Village image that many tourists pay to visit.

Please keep me informed regarding these plans.

## **7. Sanchia Barlow**

I understand there is a planning application to develop The Bull and Highway Inn, located in Burford High Street, to include a licence to serve food and drink and play music both inside and outside for extended hours.

I am writing to register my strong objection to these plans to create noise outside the property as this will inevitably cause a public nuisance due to disturbance and noise pollution for nearby residents and for wildlife. This is a tightly packed residential area, valued as a peaceful and secure environment in which to live and work. The gardens in this area are mature and well cared for, supporting significant bird and insect life which needs quiet and safety to thrive. The introduction of a business bringing noise and movement from people and music outside at all hours of the day and night will inevitably have a serious negative impact on the special nature of central Burford. It will benefit no one apart from the business itself and will actively harm a human and natural environment we should be prioritising with thoughtful care and respect.

Please urge relevant decision makers to honestly consider whether they would be willing to accommodate this intrusion into their 'back yard', into their quiet lives and closely packed neighbourhoods. Furthermore many people now work from home and may be unable to do so if there is constant music or socialising in close proximity. The impact will be extensive and severe.

I hope this application will be given the very serious attention it deserves and that the wishes of local residents and environmental interests which we know are of paramount importance will take precedence over commercial interests.