

W/26/00779/PRMV – Fox Inn – Objection Representation

Resident Objection

F A Roisette

I wish to make a formal representation objecting to the proposed variation of the premises licence for The Fox, 27 Enstone Road, Middle Barton.

I live immediately adjacent to the premises and am directly affected by activity in the beer garden and outdoor areas. My representation is based on the licensing objective of the prevention of public nuisance.

Although the application is described as a minor operational change, allowing staff to take food and drink orders and process payments in the garden is likely to encourage customers to remain outside for longer, increase the use of the outdoor seating area and result in greater levels of conversation, laughter and general activity close to neighbouring homes.

This is not a theoretical concern. I already experience regular disturbance, particularly at weekends, from customers using the outdoor areas, organised events, music and classic car gatherings. The noise regularly affects my ability to enjoy my home and garden in peace. The proposed variation is likely to increase both the frequency and duration of this disturbance.

Middle Barton is a rural village where residents reasonably expect a quieter environment, particularly during the evening. Sound travels easily in this setting, and even normal conversations can become intrusive late at night. The cumulative effect of increased outdoor service will have a significant impact on nearby residents.

I am also concerned that increased evening activity and prolonged use of the outdoor areas will further reduce the tranquillity of the surrounding environment. While I appreciate that environmental matters are not, by themselves, licensing objectives, the resulting increase in noise and disturbance directly contributes to public nuisance for neighbouring residents.

I appreciate the importance of local pubs and I am not objecting to the business itself. My objection is specifically to a change that I believe will materially increase outdoor noise and disturbance.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Licensing Authority to refuse the application.

If the Authority is nevertheless minded to grant the variation, I respectfully request that conditions be imposed to minimise the impact on neighbouring residents, including:

No table service or outdoor ordering

Outdoor payments to cease

No amplified music in the outdoor areas.

Staff to actively monitor customer behaviour and ask noisy groups to move indoors.

Clear signage requesting customers to respect neighbouring residents and leave quietly.

The outdoor seating area to be cleared and closed at an appropriate evening hour.

I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this representation and confirm that it has been accepted as a valid representation for the purposes of the Licensing Act 2003. Please also keep me informed of any hearing date or further developments relating to this application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Representations in support

D A G Clarke

I write in support of The Fox's application to take drink orders from the garden and courtyard. The Fox pub is blessed with wonderful views of the Cotswold countryside from its garden, which is becoming a great dining venue. For staff to be able to take drinks orders along with food orders from the garden and courtyard would add to the likelihood of The Fox becoming a stand out dining destination in the region.

A Clarke

I would like to record my support for the application to vary the Premises Licence for The Fox, 27 Enstone Road, Middle Barton, Chipping Norton OX7 7BL. application to vary the Premises Licence for The Fox, 27 Enstone Road, Middle Barton, Chipping Norton OX7 7BL. I was very surprised to discover that the current licence only allows orders and payment for drinks to be taken within the building itself. As the applicant states, the requested variation will contribute greatly to the customer experience and the efficient operation of the business.

C Fisher

I wish to support this application as it will enable the Fox Inn to serve customers more efficiently improving the customer experience. The success of the pub is important to village life.

S Fisher

I support this application as the village will benefit greatly from having a thriving pub. The proposed change in license will make the customer experience more pleasant and so encourage more people to visit to eat and drink. Thank you.

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