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Licensing Act 2003 – Application for Grant of a Premises Licence
The Longbar, Unit 2 Braithwell Road, Ravenfield, Rotherham, S65 4LH

Representation 1

Please consider our objections documented below to the licensing requests relating to the above unit.

The unit is situated opposite a row of domestic bungalows. These are currently occupied by retired residents in their 70's. As such they spend a lot of their daytime in their homes. The proposed establishment will impact on their daily lives whether in living rooms or gardens from noise etc from 9.00 am onwards.

1. However it is evening and night time when the most effect will be felt due to the extremely long opening hours requested, with such late finishes not to mention the facilities requested i.e. alcohol and music. Most of the residents sleep to the front alongside the main Braithwell Road and retire to bed well before proposed closing times. If all proposals are granted we face noise not just from music but from customers leaving, car doors opening and closing cars departing and taxis coming and going potentially not just after 10pm but until midnight.
2. Current legislation relating to smoking allows customers to smoke outside only. Potentially, therefore, we face the prospect of groups congregating around the new benches to smoke with all the resulting noise again late at night into the early hours.
3. Requesting provision of refreshments on Saturday's between 23.00 and 23.30 seems unusual. Are the owners intending to provide specific late night events for parties? If so totally unacceptable noise of comings and goings etc.
4. The application is for alcohol consumption off the premises as well as inside, we hope therefore that this does not include provision for outdoor seating for customers to sit on the grassed area adjacent to the car park.

We as residents feel that there really is no need for such a facility in our small village.

Such a venue would have a detrimental impact on residents in terms of noise and general disturbance.

Update to Representation 1 following re-submission of the application

Thank you for your recent email including the revised application relating to The Long Bar Unit 2 Braithwell Road. We have now considered the details proposed.

Unfortunately the new application does not address our main concerns for objection.

These are summarised in your email below and therefore those objections still stand, in brief noise disruption and nuisance to residents from the venue especially at closing time. If anything the new application exacerbates our concerns. We are now aware that parties (private, possibly birthday's etc) of up to 38 people after drinks

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and refreshments, can be leaving the venue at the same time, shouting their " Goodnights" banging car/taxi/minibus doors late at night/possibly into the early hours. This we feel is clearly not acceptable to the elderly residents living directly opposite and who may have retired to bed a couple of hours earlier.

This can be evidenced already from the recently opened large supermarket, this together with the car park exit, [REDACTED] and cars etc accelerating away up to 10pm. We particularly emphasise this point as we cannot imagine what potential disruption this could lead to after 10pm.

Our objections therefore still stand to be considered in full and in due course.

Response of Representation 1 following conciliation letter

Regarding Mr Marshall's response we are pleased he is going to address issues re. drinking outside, smokers congregating and client and children control. However there are a couple of issues that both we and Mrs Richardson would like to comment on

- 1) We believe that the 9.30pm closure of the Fish and Chip shop has no relevance to the closing time of the wine bar.
- 2) Regarding the supermarket which does close at 11pm on **TWO** nights only, similarly the footfall is minimal compared to possibly up to 38 people leaving the wine bar en masse.
- 3) Although our bungalows are situated across the road, noise does carry particularly at night, eg people shouting Goodnight, car doors banging and engines accelerating away from the car park.

We do not wish to appear negative to the opening of a cafe/wine bar, our concern is merely the closing times.

We would stress that current residents are all over 70 years old (some of whom sleep in the front) and will have generally retired to bed between 10pm and 10.30pm.

We therefore suggest that closing times be granted to respect us as residents ie. 10pm premises to be vacated by 10.30pm Monday - Saturday inc.

Representation One – confirmed not attending the hearing on 21st November 2024

Representation 2

I wish to object to the opening of the wine bar/ coffee bar on Braithwell road.

As an OAP resident across the road i am concerned about the opening and closing times, the music playing at night, excess noise

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Update to Representation 2 following re-submission of the application

Thank you for the additional information.

I would still like to object because of the late opening times of the wine bar.

Response of Representation 2 following conciliation letter

In reply to your previous email, I would still like to object to the opening of this bistro, mainly due to the late night hours.

Representation Two – confirmed not attending the hearing on 21st November 2024

Representation 3

My objections are:-

Noise from patrons leaving the bar late at night as my bedroom is on the front of my property.

Update to Representation 3 following re-submission of the application

Further to your correspondence regarding a modified application to the above premises I still want to go ahead with my objection regarding noise from patrons leaving the premises late at night. Slamming car doors and shouting to each other.

As there is no space at the rear or front of the proposed bar for patrons to smoke or vape it is likely that they will congregate on the benches on the side walk in front of the premises. The proposal is for 38 seats and if they are all filled say with a party gathering the likelihood is that the number of people using the benches will create a public nuisance. Especially additional noise late at night and blocking the pedestrian walk way.

Children use the benches to the front of the premises early evening. Patrons smoking in this area will create a poor atmosphere for any children in the vicinity. It is known that passive smoking is detrimental to health especially to the young

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The above application was discussed at Ravenfield Parish Council meeting, held on Thursday 10 October 2024.

Ravenfield Parish Council wish to OBJECT to the application referenced above.

Listed below are issues and concerns.

1. **Insufficient Parking and Increase in Traffic:** The premises, with seating for up to 38 people, does not have enough parking to meet the needs of both customers

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and staff. We are concerned that the parking shortage will impact other businesses sharing the same parking facilities and will lead to unsafe parking outside the shopping centre area and on neighbouring residential roads. We believe that the parking concerns cause a threat to public safety, particularly for pedestrians (many of the elderly residents rely on quiet and safe pathways) and road users. The introduction of a new bar, with extended hours, increases the likelihood of accidents, congestion, and disturbances from customers leaving the premises under the influence of alcohol.

2. **Impact on Noise Levels and Public Disturbance:** The proposed bar is located in extremely close proximity to residential properties, predominantly occupied by elderly individuals. Operating hours that extend late into the night will inevitably lead to increased noise levels, both from the premises itself and customers leaving the establishment, resulting in public nuisance. This disturbance is likely to disrupt the peace of the neighbourhood, significantly affecting the quality of life for nearby residents, particularly those who are elderly or vulnerable.
3. **Proximity to Existing Public Houses:** The village is already served by two established public houses: one directly across the road and another a little further down the road. These existing businesses adequately meet the social and hospitality needs of the community. Another licensed premises in such close proximity would not only be unnecessary but could also lead to over-saturation and competition, potentially causing public nuisance/anti-social behaviour as customers move between establishments late at night.

Given these concerns, the Parish Council believes that approving this application may negatively affect the local community. Therefore, we respectfully request that the application be reconsidered in light of the licensing objectives, around public safety, and the prevention of crime and disorder and public nuisance.

We trust our concerns will be taken into consideration and look forward to your response.

Note: Ravenfield Parish Council have been informed that the following part of their representation will not be considered by the Licensing Sub Committee –

“... these existing businesses adequately meet the social and hospitality needs of the community. Another licensed premises in such close proximity would not only be unnecessary but could also lead to over-saturation and competition.....”

Response of Representation 4 following conciliation letter

Thank you for your email and for providing the information from Mr Marshall.

I will pass this information on to the Parish Councillors; however, the Council will need to discuss this in a meeting before I can provide a response. The Council is scheduled to meet on Thursday 14 November 2024 at 6:30 pm, and I can share the Council's feedback after that time.

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It might be helpful for Mr Marshall to attend this meeting (which is open to the public), as he may be able to address the concerns shared by both Parishioners and the Council.

After reviewing the information, I noticed that Mr Marshall hasn't directly addressed the main concerns regarding insufficient parking and increase in traffic. While he mentions that local clients could walk to the establishment, not all customers will live locally or choose/be able to walk.

I understand there would also be a requirement for a change of business application, so appreciate issues specifically around parking may be more relevant there than for licensing. However, I am including them here as they may be helpful for Mr. Marshall to consider.

Thank you again for your email. I will follow up with you after the Council meeting with any comments or feedback discussed.