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LICENSING SECTION

Notice of Representation

Members of the public (where they can be considered to be interested parties) can submit representations in objection to or in support of these applications, within the 28 day consultation period. The Licensing Act 2003 defines an interested party as a person residing in the vicinity of the premises concerned, a person involved in the running of a business within the vicinity, or a body representing such persons or businesses. Elected Members of the licensing authority are also considered to be interested parties and may also submit representations.

Please be aware that for any objections to be considered, they should be submitted before the end of the consultation period and they should address the four licensing objectives of Prevention of crime and disorder, Prevention of public nuisance, Public safety and the Protection of children from harm.

Please be aware that where representations are considered relevant copies of the representation will be provided to the applicant and the Licensing Sub Committee.

Please note: Objections will only be considered where a name and address are supplied.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Licensing Objective: Prevention of Crime and Disorder, &
Prevention of Public Nuisance

Premises: NPR/165 (Stonegate Pub Company Ltd) The Blagdon Arms, Village Square, Cramlington, Northumberland, NE23 1DN

Reason for Representation:

This is an objection to the application to extend licensing hours for the above to 01:00hrs every day.

Background

My house backs on to the cycle path running from Church Street to the north Cramlington estates. It's extremely busy when the pubs in the village (including The Blagdon Arms) turn out, particularly at weekends. Whilst I expect an element of disruption due to living so close to a number of vibrant pubs there's a limit to what I should have to put up with. In the past year my car has been damaged whilst parked on my drive; my rear garden fence has been damaged twice; my whole family have been kept awake on numerous occasions by the shouting, loud singing, arguing, swearing and occasionally fighting as people slowly make their way home. My fence and those of my neighbours are frequently assaulted through kicking and thumping, adding to the noise nuisance. My garden also gets littered with bottles and glasses. Finally, despite having walked only about 100 yards, it seems the bushes immediately after the Freemasons building are the late night toilets, both male and female. Oh, and don't forget the couple who were

actually having sex at 01:15 the other morning right outside the Freemasons building.

Objections

My family are already having to endure both public nuisance, and crime & disorder. The extension to the licensing hours will increase both elements of this for the following reasons:

1. Later opening will simply prolong and extend all of the issues detailed in the background above. Typically on a weekend these issues start at midnight, and carry on until about 01:30am. If this application is granted then these issues will continue until around 02:00am. All 3 adults in my household work weekends, often with early morning start times. We have already made complaints to the council regarding the noise and disorder so this application to extend the current issues is alarming.
2. With a later licence the potential is that people will simply carry on drinking alcohol for longer. I'm sure that's why the licensee has made the application. Those who drink for longer are more likely to commit the misdemeanours detailed in the background above. Not only does more alcohol lead to the possibility of more nuisance, crime, and disorder, but the level of these will be greater.
3. Finally, walkways from Church Street lead north south east and west to the various estates in the town. The issues detailed above will be reflected along each of these paths, no doubt for quite some distance from the pubs. It's unlikely that the residents along these walkways know that this application has been made, and therefore the opportunity to support or object to the application is taken away from them.

Signed

Date17/7/2018.....

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Fwd: Opposition to license extension1 message

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From: **Mark Swinburn**
Date: 6 July 2018 at 23:39
Subject: Opposition to license extension
To: Tasmin Hardy
Cc: Bob Baker

Hi Tasmin

Please find as below.

Objection to application to extend licencing hours at 'The Blagdon Arms', Cramlington Village, Cramlington.

As County Councillor for the Cramlington Village Ward I wish to express opposition for any proposed extension to licencing hours for this, or indeed any other potential requests made from other establishments in Cramlington Village.

The Village and surrounding area already suffers from an unacceptable degree of alcohol related anti-social behaviour, specifically late at night, resulting in both public and private damage.

Whilst we are aware that some late licenses already exist, it would be preferential if in future these could also be brought back to a more acceptable earlier finish when the opportunity arises.

Cramlington Village is a recorded conservation area and there is a strong feeling from residents and visitors to maintain and protect this. Besides this it must be highlighted that this is also a residential area that has a significant concentration of close proximity drinking establishments which has a detrimental effect and negative impact on these residents in the Village and the nearby areas. The effect on residents is such that I have known residents in tears describing what they have to endure – being awoken by sounds of people having sex in their doorway, having to regularly clear vomit and urine from their front door and doorstep and sometimes more than that from the rear, having glasses and bottles just tossed into their gardens. This is just a sample.

Whilst we have no intention of purposely causing any detriment to any business, we do have to question why an extra small increased time of business is specifically necessary when weighed up against the additional disruption created later into the morning by this, with additional consideration to extension to police services.

Further disruption is something that we cannot support, and on behalf of residents in the area I would request that this extension does not go ahead.

I also urge that existing late licences are closely monitored and withdrawn where possible so that earlier closing can be a limit in this area.

Thank you

Mark Swinburn
County Councillor
Cramlington Village Ward

