

Annex 3

Representations – Objections

IP1 Representation

Dear Sirs

i write as i have only just been notified of this application through my neighbour, who also only just found out about it. Why was it not publicised instead appears to be going on in secret?

We, of course do not agree to this licence. we have always had issues with that pub, regardless of who the owners are. the current owners made many promises not to repeat the practices of previous owners, which caused us great stress and nuisance, not to mention sleepless nights. because despite their promises, the music CAN still be heard across the road.

whilst these current owners have been running the pub, we have made many phone calls to the noise team at Enfield as well as called the pub to ask them to lower the music.

We are not living on a busy high road, this is a residential area and therefore we do not require a venue such as this.

when open, the pub hosts many private parties in their upstairs function room, this causes us neighbours great distress as we can feel and hear the music thumping through our walls. not to mention the crowds that congregate outside at the end of the night waiting for their lifts and screaming and laughing late in the night. it is not fair that we have to put up with this. but to now want to host live music every weekend is ludicrous.

they bought the premises as a pub, hosting parties is one thing but wanting to extend their licence to keep us up all night is not fair and goes against the lies they told us at their very first meeting before they opened the pub a few years back. they clearly have not kept to their word.

What do they aim to achieve by wanting to extend their licence? it will draw more people onto our roads, cause us a great amount of stress, not to mention the anti social behaviour which comes with such premises and will only benefit their pockets, while it brings down the neighbourhood, our house prices and our sanity.

There are many detriments that would come out of this licence, namely causing a public nuisance.

Many thanks for taking the time to read.

IP2 Representation

Sirs,

This pub has applied to extend its closing hours on Sunday to 00.30am

I live in the block of flats immediately opposite the pub in xxxxx xxxxx and object very strongly to any extension of this pub's licence. The pub has already in the past year displayed its attraction to a very rowdy, rude and undisciplined crowd causing mayhem to local residents. The police were called in more than once. The owners have displayed a totally unreasonable stance and behaviour. A late night notice is totally untenable.

Please consider this pub's previous history and see how many applications have been refused - for very good reason.

IP3 Representation

To whom this concerns .

I have just been informed by one of my neighbours that today is the last day to object about the Winchmore Hill applying for a late licence.

Firstly I would like to know as a resident who has lived here for over 35 years. Who lives opposite the Winchmore why we were not informed about this application. No letter no method of any communication.

I object to any late licence or live music to be awarded. As this is a residential area and not a high street. My house is right opposite the pub.

I have had people urinating on my wall empty glasses left on my wall people sitting on my wall. It's not on, and very distressing . When the pub was open, people hang around for hrs after the pub has closed and the owners could not care less about the noise of the havoc that goes on until the early hours of the morning. We were going to complain, but with the lockdown it all just got left. We all as residents have previously mention all of the above to the owners and have viewed our opinion the last time they tried to apply for a late licence.

We are going through a hard and difficult time with all that is going on in our current climate. We really don't need more stress.

Further more I am prepared to take this further and go down the legal route if required.

IP3 Representation – Continued

I live with my elderly parents who are xx & xx.

Please see images below. I can't see any blue poster advising anything. If it's on the door I don't walk pass the pub. We're also in lockdown so why would anyone be walking up to a pub door. How would my parents of known this they don't leave the house. Also previously all residents were all sent letters advising of an application for a late licence. The bottom line is it's a residential area we don't want live music and people hanging around until the early hours of the morning shouting and being extremely loud. Glasses are being left on residents walls.

We had this problem before when the pub used to be called Willow. They lost there late licence and closed.

The owners have been aware of the noise and that things aren't managed properly. They don't have anyone on the door advising when leaving the pub not hung around and be respectful of the residents

My parents have become very distressed over this. As so have I. We have enough going on and now we have this to deal with.

IP4 Representation

Dear Sir or Madam

I understand that the Winchmore has applied to extend its Sunday opening hours until 00.30. As a resident of xxxxx xxxxx I wish to object most strongly. The pub is in a quiet residential area with dwellings close by. The noise and disturbance from drinkers leaving and vehicles starting up in the small hours would be an unacceptable intrusion. Previous applications of this nature have been rejected; I trust the Council will follow suit in this case.

IP5 Representation

Dear Sir

I strongly object to the variation of license at the above premises to extend its opening hours and to extend the periods for which it can play live or recorded music.

This is an almost wholly residential area with many young children and elderly residents and such a variation shows complete disregard for the residents.

The extension of hours of the provision of alcohol and late night entertainment only adds to the misery of residents who already have to suffer loud noise at unsocial hours, and customers of the pub loitering outside in large groups after closing time.

This is in direct contravention of the council's duties to promote and maintain law and order as well as their duty to curb public nuisance, to say nothing of the ludicrous pressure on street parking which the pub generates.

It would be a gross dereliction of council duty to permit the variation and **I strongly urge that you refuse the publican's request to extend and vary the terms of the licence.**

One only has to be reminded of the situation last summer where the publican allowed his customers to line the surrounding streets consuming alcohol off the premises and encouraged large groups of people to loiter with intoxicating liquor outside private homes, to prompt you to refuse this irresponsible variation. These actions were a disgrace ignored by the local authorities.

IP5 Additional Information

Handling of off-premises sales in spring/summer 2020 - "takeaway drinking"

The handling of off-licence sales from this premises last summer was conducted in a manner which showed disregard for the local community. There were groups of up to 50 people standing in the street at the crossroads of Winchmore Hill Road and Houndsden Road, drinking alcohol on public streets. Clusters of people felt free to use walls and gardens of private dwellings as an extended beer garden. This promoted excess litter, noise, anti-social behaviour and an intimidating atmosphere for residents.

I requested several groups of people to be moved from my premises' garden walls by the publican's staff. These groups often did not comply with my requests, and the publican made very little or no active attempt to discourage these gatherings or even move to stop selling the alcohol off premises.

Lack of Warning of Notice of Variation to Licence

The above situation, combined with (in my opinion) a covert attempt to gain a major licence variation to the premises, and effectively to rebrand the pub as a nightclub of sorts, is completely at odds with the spirit of a 'community' venue appealing to local residents.

Where was the consultation by the publican of his near neighbours before the application to change the licence was made? It didn't happen; instead a cramped notice in a tiny window of a closed, dark venue was displayed, only likely to be seen by someone peering into the premises. This, to me, shows no regard for the residents whatsoever - instead it smacks of a 'can I get away with it?' mentality.

Likely effects of variation to Licence

Noise and potential anti-social behaviour

A major licence variation of this sort with greatly extended opening hours and the ability to host late night parties smacks of something altogether more sinister and disrespectful to the surrounding residential community than a 'family pub'. It is an economic decision made with no consideration of the enormous social costs it will bring to the residents in the area.

The effects of noise late at night, caused not only by the venue itself but from those leaving it in even greater states of intoxication do not bear thinking about. And there would be the further social cost of higher numbers of (younger, louder) customers being attracted to the venue from further away.

Parking

The venue has wholly inadequate parking facilities. Last year I lost count of the number of times pub visitors were either parked across private driveways, or were simply parked on double yellow lines with total disregard for the Highway Code or traffic trying to navigate the tight roundabout and intersection on which the pub sits. The licence variation would exacerbate these problems.

Conclusion

This licence variation request has turned what may have started as a community project into a simple attempt to make money at any cost.

I believe any trust the publican had built up with the residents has now been lost as a result of this action combined with the takeaway drinking service offered last summer.

For these reasons I believe that this request for a major licence variation should be dismissed, and I recommend further that it should be refused outright with no right of appeal.

IP6 Representation

I would like to strongly object to the licence application by The Winchmore for extended opening hours.

I live in xxxxx xxxxx, which is opposite the pub on xxxxx xxxxx and my balcony directly overlooks the pub.

I object on the basis of:

- Excessive noise and public nuisance from customers standing around outside the pub late into the night.
- The late night music, which is audible from our flat (including baby's room)
- Increased cars parked late into the night around the residential streets including illegally parking on our forecourt.

We have already experienced the disturbance caused by having the pub open for trading last summer (during lockdown), whereby pub customers were sitting on the boundary walls on our flats whilst having their drinks, there would be mess and drink cups around the walls the following day which the Ashwood lodge residents would need to clean and we have also had an instance of pub customers getting drink and urinating on the forecourt. We did register a complaint with the council concerning this.

Allowing a later opening time for the pub will certainly be to the detriment of the local community and I therefore request that that application is denied as I understand it rightly has been in the past.

IP6 Additional Representation

Please find attached photos/videos from summer 2020 evidencing the objections I had about the excessive noise and public nuisance from customers standing outside and around the pub and on the walls of our building and the rubbish (drink cups etc) around our building that that the residents had to clean on a daily basis. This issue would only be exacerbated if opening hours were to be extended. These complaints were registered with the council at the time.

(Video link on website)

IP6 Additional Representation (Continued)

Item 1: 11th June 2020 19:28 – On Ashwood Lodge walls directly opposite The Winchmore



Item 2: 11th June 2020 20:22 – On Ashwood Lodge walls directly opposite The Winchmore



Item 3: 12th June 2020 18:16 – Outside The Winchmore (no social distancing)



Item 4: 12th June 2020 19:50 – Outside The Winchmore (no social distancing)



Item 5: 13th June 2020 19:33 – Outside The Winchmore (no social distancing)



Item 6: 13th June 2020 19:52 – Outside The Winchmore (no social distancing) Patrons sitting on steps with direct view into Ashwood Lodge living rooms



Item 7: 13th June 2020 19:52 – Outside The Winchmore (no social distancing)



Item 8: 13th June 2020 19:52 – Outside The Winchmore (no social distancing)



Item 9: 13th June 2020 19:52 – Outside The Winchmore (no social distancing) Patrons sitting on steps with direct view into Ashwood Lodge living rooms



Item 10: 13th June 2020 19:53 – Outside The Winchmore (no social distancing)



Item 11: 13th June 2020 20:12 – Crowds on public footpath on corner of Houndsden Road and Church Hill opposite Ashwood Lodge



Item 12: 13th June 2020 20:22 – Outside The Winchmore (no social distancing) Patrons using the bus stop for seating



Item 13: 13th June 2020 20:23 – Crowds on public footpath on corner of Houndsden Road and Church Hill opposite Ashwood Lodge. Same people were pictured 30 minutes earlier outside The Winchmore, when asked to move along by bar staff they simply walked across the road and parked there.



Item 14: 19th June 2020 17:55 – On Winchmore Hill Road patrons blocking public footpath. This is directly opposite Ashwood Lodge with direct view into living rooms and bedrooms. Pedestrians were seen walking on the road to avoid the patrons for the sake of social distancing



Item 15: 19th June 2020 18:02 – On Ashwood Lodge walls directly opposite The Winchmore with direct view into Ashwood Lodge living rooms, **at times we were forced to draw our curtains closed in the daytime for the sake of privacy**



Item 16: 19th June 2020 19:40 – On Ashwood Lodge walls directly opposite The Winchmore



Item 17: 20th June 2020 12:21 – One of many beer cups found on the grounds of Ashwood Lodge. One of the Ashwood Lodge residents would walk around the grounds of Ashwood Lodge and pick up all the rubbish left behind by patrons



Item 18: 20th June 2020 12:22 – Rubbish left behind by The Winchmore patrons on the corner of Church Hill and Houndsden Road



IP7 Representation

Dear Sirs

Winchmore Public House, 235 Winchmore Hill Road, London N21 1QA Licence Application

I refer to the above application by Celtic Cross Ltd that seeks to amend the premises licence for the Winchmore Public House. I am writing to object to the proposed amendments applied for by Celtic Cross Ltd.

My property is situated less than 50 metres away from the Winchmore Public House. My living room and second bedroom look directly over the front area of the Public House. The nuisance and annoyance to residence is always at its worst on Friday and Saturday nights particularly in the summer months when patrons of the premises congregate outside of the premises and spill over onto the public highway.

Last summer (2020) clients from the Winchmore Public House gathered outside on the forecourt (within the curtilage of the Public House) and then spill over onto the public highway. There is significant noise nuisance caused during this period sufficient that it can be heard from within adjacent properties and disturbs the sleep of residence. My property does have the benefit of double glazing but this is inadequate to keep the noise out.

There have been several occasions when individuals that have purchased drinks have then sat on the boundary wall of Ashwood Lodge drinking, making noise nuisance to that affects residence. The application to extend the licensing hours to midnight will cause local residence increased nuisance and annoyance. The licensee of the Winchmore Pub has no control over the anti-social behaviour of his clients outside of his premises.

The parking of customer vehicles on highways around the Public House combined with the late night activities contribute significantly to the noise nuisance and disturbance to the area. Customers regularly return to their vehicles anytime up to 12 midnight before leaving the area. Any extension to the licencing hours will undoubtedly result in customers returning to their vehicles well past midnight into the early hours. This level of disturbance is detrimental to the amenity of the area.

In summary I object to the application to:

1. Extend the terminal hour for sale of alcohol on Sunday to **midnight**.
2. Extend the terminal hour for live and recorded music on Friday to Sunday to **midnight**.
3. Permit late night refreshment on Sunday from 23:00 to **midnight**.
4. Extend the opening hours to allow the premises to close on Sunday at **00:30** the following day.

5. Remove all existing Annex 2 and Annex 3 conditions and replace with new conditions as detailed in the application.

The current licence conditions that are in place are both balanced and measured to meet and protect the needs of local residence whilst not damaging the commercial activity of the Willow Public House.

IP8 Representation

To whom it may concern,

As residents living very nearby, we would have to object to the application made by the Public House for extended drinking hours and live music.

First and foremost, I do not understand how such an application can go ahead without informing all the residents prior by post.

The only reason I had any knowledge of this application at all was from another resident who had spotted a notice on the pub door, and that the closing date for any residential representations is today, this makes no sense to me at all.

Having lived in the area for many years now, whilst we appreciate the need for the pub to operate – it should do so with care and attention for the residents especially based on its proximity to nearby houses and flats.

To my knowledge, the venue is not adequately soundproofed and noise nuisance has already been an issue in the past with live music and so forth.

There have also been numerous occasions in the past when well after pub closing hours, inebriated customers are often both seen and heard hanging around the grounds, creating more disturbance with no security in place to marshal the situation and ensure customers leave the grounds swiftly and with respect to the residents.

As mentioned in the past, such an application would only make sense for a pub that is not situated in a residential neighbourhood.

If such an application were to be granted, things will only worsen for the nearby residents.

Therefore, we would ask that the current license agreement remains the same.

IP9 Representation

I would like to strongly object to any extension of the pub license of the Winchmore Pub on Sundays to 00.30am

It is wholly unnecessary and in our experience of living on xxxxx xxxxx, number xxxxx , for over 20 years late opening hours in this pub have been applied for several times and refused several times because of the noise and disturbance it brings to the top of the road.

Sunday nights should be quiet nights for people to prepare calmly for Monday mornings back at work .

IP10 Representation

I write regarding the consultation regarding the changes to the licence for The Winchmore pub, which my husband and I have reviewed together. Our home is directly opposite the pub across the mini roundabout and is therefore directly impacted by any changes made to the licence.

Sundays

We do not agree to extending the operating hours, supply of alcohol, live or recorded music on Sundays and feel that the current opening time of 23.30 and serving / music time of 23.00 should remain in place. This remains an entirely residential area and extending these times will have an adverse impact to our sleep and working life given that the next day is Monday. Consequently we do not agree to the addition of Sundays to the Late Night Refreshment schedule.

Friday & Saturday Live & Recorded music

We do not agree with application to extend the hours to midnight. I note that the Performance of Dance times have not changed and remain 23:00 on days of the week and I would be interested to hear how the dancing will be stopped if music continues?

We would not want to see the general conditions on the license being removed, in particular conditions 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28 and Annex 3. These conditions were put in place to ensure that the noise impact and disturbance both from music and from customers leaving the pub was kept to a minimum. Given the nature of the area we feel these need to remain in place to ensure that the disturbance levels do not rise again to the levels we previously had to endure.

The current owners of the pub do make an effort to engage with their neighbours however noise from the pub is still an issue from time to time. There have been occasions when we have had to request that the music volume be turned down, at other times although the music may cause a disturbance within our home we have not contacted the pub about it knowing it will be ending at 23:00 and people will be leaving shortly thereafter.

Extending the hours will also lead to a greater level of disturbance when people are leaving as they will have consumed more alcohol, they will be louder and more likely to remain talking outside the pub before going home. As with the music this has been an occasional issue.

We would be happy to discuss our concerns with you further

IP11 Representation

Dear sirs,

I would like to object strongly to any extension to the pub licence for the Winchmore Public House.

We live on xxxxx xxxxx, not far from the pub, we have young children at home.

We really feel that such a late licence will attract the type of people who encourage an anti social atmosphere and will encourage entirely the wrong behaviour for this quiet part of Winchmore Hill.

We were drawn to this area as it is so quiet and because we had heard that the pub closed at 11.00pm.

When there have been large gatherings - football matches and the like, there has been a lot of noise and disruption. We feel quite strongly on this issue and would ask that this application is rejected.

IP12 Representation

To whom it may concern:

I would like to object strongly to any extension to this pub licence. I have lived on the road adjacent to this pub for close to 20 years and have seen the pub change hands a few times.

When this pub was taken over by the recent management the main selling point was it becoming a 'family' pub, so confuses me why they would like to extend their opening times. Plus a number of times even at the current legal closing time of 11pm there have been numerous occasions of rowdy behaviour and excessive noise at closing time, which I can only assume will only intensify with extended opening times.

I understand that the pandemic and lockdowns would have impacted their business but I have to stress again this is a residential area and only believe that endorsing this license will be to the detriment of the many, when benefitting only the few.

IP13 Representation

Dear sirs

I would like to object to any extension of hours of the Winchmore pub licence.

When the Winchmore was under previous management (the Willow) it attracted a younger and later crowd who would congregate in Stone Hall Road after a night out.

They would regularly keep us awake in the early hours of the morning, with shouting and loud music being played out of open car windows. As soon as the Willow closed the noise issues stopped so I am absolutely certain the 2 were related. We live in a quiet residential area and I don't think a late licence is in keeping with the surroundings or of any benefit to the majority of residents around here.

IP14 Representation

Dear sirs,

I would like to object strongly to any extension to this pub licence.

We live within 100 yards of the pub and have done for 20 years. Whenever there is a late licence it attracts a different crowd and it quickly becomes an anti social atmosphere. This is a quiet area in the evening and on numerous occasions the whole top end of the road is disturbed by excessive late night noise of customers leaving in the early hours. A late licence is wholly inappropriate for this area. Please look at its history and how many times late licence applications have been refused and for very good reason. We are entitled to live undisturbed by late night noise.

IP15 Representation

Dear sir/madam,

I xxxxx xxxxx residing at xxxxx xxxxx N21, would like to object to any extension to this pub licence "The Winchmore".

We live within 100 yards of the pub and have done so for 1-2 years. In this short space of time we have witnessed several anti-social behaviours from intoxicated people leaving the pub. Our front garden is littered with rubbish from pub goers.

The accident in Autumn 2020 at the roundabout of Houndsden Road / Hadley Way was caused by a driver who left the Winchmore pub completely intoxicated.

There has been a number of occasions where our front garden wall has been used as an extension of the pub after closing time (drinking and shouting etc). This to me is totally unacceptable. A late licence **attracts a different crowd** than the local neighbourhood pub goers and this situation quickly turns anti social.

This is a quiet area in the evening and on numerous occasions the whole top end of the road is disturbed by excessive late night noise of customers leaving in the early hours.

A late licence is wholly inappropriate for this area. Please look at its history and how many times late licence applications have been refused and for very good reason. We are entitled to live undisturbed by late night noise.

IP16 Representation

Dear sirs,

I would like to object very strongly to any extension to this pub licence. We live within 100 yards of the pub and have done so for 2 years. In this short time we have witnessed several anti-social behaviours from severely intoxicated people right at our doorstep. Our front garden is frequently littered with crisp packets and plastic cups / bottles left there. There was a distressing instance where there was a man urinating in my neighbours drive in full view of myself and passers by - there are a lot of young children on our road and this is unacceptable. A late licence attracts a different crowd than the local neighbourhood pub goes and this situation quickly turns anti social. This is a quiet area in the evening and on numerous occasions the whole top end of the road is disturbed by excessive late night noise of customers leaving in the early hours. A late licence is wholly inappropriate for this area. Please look at its history and how many times late licence applications have been refused and for very good reason. We are entitled to live undisturbed by late night noise.

IP17 Representation

Good Morning,

With reference to the Application made by Celtic Cross Limited, as set out in the attached image, I would like my representations considered by the Licensing Committee when deciding upon the Application please.

I believe that the variations sought will materially alter the clientele base and is very likely to bring about drunkenness, noise, anti social behaviour along with damage to vehicles and properties.

The changes are likely to attract a much younger client base and therefore the demand for more and louder music.

I live in xxxxx and have done since 1979. During this time the Pub, which has changed its name several times, has varied as to its place in the community. There have been periods when there has been little which has impacted adversely upon me but other periods when it has effected me. It is fair to say that others, closer to the Pub, may have been affected much more so than myself.

Parking at the top end of Houndsden Road has always been difficult and of the evening time contributed to by customers of the Pub. There is little on site Pub parking and this is awkward. People would rather street park. Houndsden Road is one of the nearest locations for this. This brings noise issues when people leave early in the morning, even if people are considerate. Dispersal at the end of the day will be

slow and cause upset to neighbours. This is a dedicated route for travel of the London Fire Brigade when travelling from Southgate to the south and east of the Borough.

I personally have experienced damage to my vehicles, in the past, when parked outside my house which, I believe, was associated to the Pub. Also drinking glasses, clearly from the Pub, have been smashed/thrown away.

With regards to the proposed new conditions, attached to the Licence, my fear here is that the Police and the London Borough of Enfield do not have sufficient resources to deal with any breaches.

IP17 Additional Representation

My concerns remain despite the Applicant having agreed to the matters raised by both Police and the Local Authority. There is little purpose to having conditions unless they are enforced, something which I believe will not robustly happen should there be breaches.

Having thought further about this matter will you please ask the Applicant for the License Variation to bring with them the Incident Log/Register that they are required to maintain at The Winchmore Public House when they attend the Hearing on the 10th March 2021. This to cover the total period that they have held their Licence.

I will seek at the Meeting on the 10th March 2021 to ask questions about entries or lack of entries in the Log.

IP17 Additional Representation 2

1. When was the fence, which appears in the attached photograph, erected and for what purpose?
2. Was any Planning Consent needed to erect the fence which is five feet tall over and above the two foot wall upon which it stands (Seven Feet in Total)? There are eight six feet wide panels with one cut a little short of this.

IP18 Representation

Dear Sir/Madam

We live in close vicinity to the above pub and are aware of an application to extend its opening hours. We would like to object to the application as the pub is in a quiet residential area and the noise of people leaving the pub late at night disturbs local residents.

IP19 Representation

Dear Sir

it has just been brought to my attention that the above premises have applied to extend their licence on Sunday night until 00.30 the following day.

Due to the fact the existing car park within the public house is insufficient for the number of guests they have no option than to park in the adjacent turnings.

I would like to object to this application as before the lockdown, we were constantly being disturbed by revellers returning to their vehicles late at night.

I am not sure why but it would appear that later the guests leave the premises the noisier they become, this may be because they have longer to consume alcohol or just that later guests are more likely to be the partygoers rather than the social drinkers who leave at a reasonable time.

I feel by extending the hours it will cause disturbance in the adjoining streets and will encourage a different type of crowd to the pub.

Would you please note that the postcode on the notice of application is incorrect which seems unfair if people are writing in about this property which has been incorrectly identified. Furthermore it does not provide the trading name which would be more familiar with the locals.
