

Alex Lisowski

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 May 2018 21:43
To: Licensing Team
Subject: Champs (Druids) 205 High St, Rickmansworth WD3 1BB - Licence variation - Objection

To the Licensing Team - TRDC

We wish to object to the above licence variation on the grounds of public nuisance in the dominantly residential area at this end of the High St.

We [REDACTED] sometimes experience noise and disturbance on a Friday or Saturday night. Usually it is after turnout with revellers shouting or arguing in the closed entrance area. However, on the whole we have accepted it as a trade-off for living near the pub.

The new licence variation seeks to extend the time customers can leave the pub from midnight to 1.00am on Friday and Saturday nights. This would be after an extra 1 hour's drinking extended until 00.30. nb. 1.5 hours after the nearby Fox & Hounds. There is also added potential for disturbance by extensions of recorded music outside and inside.

We are also concerned that customers of the Fox & Hounds and The Pennsylvanian would be tempted to migrate down the High St on Friday & Saturday nights to continue drinking and create additional potential for noise and disturbance in this residential end of the High St.

We believe the extension of drinking times and opening hours is inappropriate and should be refused.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Alex Lisowski

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 May 2018 22:45
To: G - Licensing
Subject: Proposed variation of licence to Druids, 205 High Street, Rickmansworth WD3 1BD

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The noise level emanating from the pub garden is already unacceptably high at times, especially during the summer months during match times when my windows are open or I am relaxing outside. There is often loud music and drunken singing and shouting which get progressively worse at night. The noise has often kept me awake, and on several occasions I [REDACTED] ask them to keep the noise down. There are frequently drunken noisy pub leavers [REDACTED] at closing time, and half empty beer glasses left on [REDACTED] wall. My understanding is that the police have already been called out on a number of occasions to address public disturbances at the pub. There is also, directly opposite Druids garden, a residential home housing many elderly and sometimes disabled or unwell people, already subjected to unacceptably loud noise at times.

By extending the drinking times and opening hours, particularly at weekends by 2 hours, in addition to increasing the size of the outside seating area, not to mention live and recorded music from 10 am until half past midnight, ALL the above PROBLEMS will be EXACERBATED. I understand that customers could be still leaving the premises at 1.30 in the morning, if the licence is granted. Minicabs picking up fares, car doors slamming, more rowdy restaurant/ pub leavers....

This is a residential area at the end of the High Street.

In

[REDACTED] this is not the right place for this proposed venue.

I object to all the points in the proposed variation of licence on the grounds that it would undoubtedly have a negative impact on my health and lifestyle.

[REDACTED]

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Alex Lisowski

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 June 2018 19:28
To: Licensing Team
Subject: Ref: Druids/Champs Licensing Application – letter of opposition

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Categories: REPRESENTATIONS

Licensing Department
 Three Rivers District Council
 Three Rivers House
 Northway
 Rickmansworth WD3 1RL

Ref: Druids/Champs Licensing Application – letter of opposition

Dear sir, madam

We are writing to oppose the proposed extension of opening hours at the Druids pub at 205 High Street in Rickmansworth.

[REDACTED] we are aware of the effect the late hours, music and noise of customers coming and going are already having on the local area. Druids has never been a local pub that has been particularly considerate to its local residents, extending premises and licensing seems a sure way to increase nuisance whilst lessening its appeal to those that actually live in the area.

[REDACTED] we no longer live within a distance of Druids for the above to affect us. However, [REDACTED] live in the centre of Rickmansworth and feel strongly about our little town, how it is losing its character and seems to be turning into a small Watford, and not in a good way; more in a 'run down high street, public disorder' sort of way. Therefore, we are writing this letter as one of general concern; we do not want extended licensing hours to become a precedent for the town and creating anti-social behaviour and more general dilapidation of this town. We also do not feel extension of this licence will increase revenue for Rickmansworth. It will not entice more people to our high street during the day but instead will harm its reputation, will increase antisocial behaviour, cause nuisance to the local community and increase the burden on council services.

[REDACTED] we enjoy living here but feel that this sort licensing would create a dangerous and damaging precedent for the town, causing nuisance for the local community. This is why we oppose this application.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

Alex Lisowski

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 June 2018 16:35
To: Licensing Team
Subject: Change in hours/activities at Druids pub in Rickmansworth

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Categories: REPRESENTATIONS

I would like to object formally to the application to change the hours and activities of Druids/Champs to extend the licensing and opening hours beyond the existing agreement. The pub is located in a quiet residential area, many families in the close vicinity have young children and this would cause an increase in noise and alcohol related antisocial behaviour in the area. [REDACTED] This change in use would impact very negatively on the weekend evenings [REDACTED]. I therefore strongly object to this proposal.

[REDACTED]

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Alex Lisowski

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 June 2018 16:33
To: Licensing Team
Subject: Change in hours and activities of the Druids Pub (now Champs) in Rickmansworth High Street

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Categories: REPRESENTATIONS

I would like to object formally to the application to change the hours and activities of Druids/Champs to extend the licensing and opening hours beyond the existing agreement. The pub is located in a quiet residential area, many families in the close vicinity have young children and this would cause an increase in noise and alcohol related antisocial behaviour in the area. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This change in use would impact very negatively on the weekend evenings [REDACTED] I therefore strongly object to this proposal.

With best wishes, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Alex Lisowski

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 June 2018 17:02
To: Licensing Team
Subject: Licensing Representation - Champs (Druids) 205 High St, Rickmansworth
Attachments: DRUIDS - representation-form.pdf

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Categories: REPRESENTATIONS

Dear sirs

Please find attached our representation form outlining our objections to this application.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

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*Your Name	[REDACTED]
*Postal and email address	[REDACTED]
Contact telephone number	[REDACTED]

*Name of the premises you are making a representation about	Champs (Druids)
*Address of the premises you are making a representation about	205 High Street Rickmansworth WD3 1BB

*Which of the four licensing Objectives does your representation relate to?	<i>Please detail the evidence supporting your representation. Or the reason for your representation, use separate sheets if necessary</i>
To prevent crime and disorder	Extending the licensed area to include the garden and the regular opening hours until after midnight will inevitably lead to drunken behaviour at very unsocial hours in the middle of a highly populated residential area - promoting opportunities for crime and disorder.
Public safety	
To prevent public nuisance	Extending the licensed area to include the garden and the regular opening hours until after midnight will create unwarranted noise and nuisance in the middle of a highly populated residential area at hours when neighbouring residents would normally be assured of peace and quiet. Allowing music, both recorded and live, indoors and outdoors until after midnight is totally unacceptable in such a residential area. The original planning consent restricted hours for this very reason.
To protect children from harm	

I/We fully understand that this Representation will be made available to the applicant and included in the Sub Committee's Hearing papers which are publically accessible documents, and any subsequent appeal court proceedings.

Signed: [REDACTED]

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Licensing Representation Form August 2012

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 3. **Prevention of public nuisance.** This can relate to issues such as, hours of operation, noise emanating from the premises, vibrations, lighting, litter etc.
 4. **Protection of children from harm.** This relates to protecting children from the activities carried out on the premises whilst they are there. The law already provides special protections for children under 18 to buy alcohol.
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Northway, Rickmansworth,
Herts.
WD3 1RL.

Or as an attachment by email to: Licensing.team@threerivers.gov.uk

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Alex Lisowski

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 June 2018 19:08
To: Licensing Team
Subject: Application by Druids Pub (now Champs), 205 High Street, Rickmansworth.

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories: REPRESENTATIONS

Dear Sir or Madam

This application has come to our attention today by way of a leaflet through our letterbox and we wish to object to the proposals.

[REDACTED] we regularly witness the bad behaviour of their clientele already, without them having extended hours in which to get even more inebriated. They damage property and urinate into front gardens and the underpass leading to Mill End.

Also, there is a home for the elderly [REDACTED] yards from the Pub, [REDACTED] without having to contend with the noise going on to the early hours of the morning. Even if they stop drinking at 1am, they will still be hanging around, usually being very loud, for a lot longer. We can hear them [REDACTED] and I have in the past telephoned the pub and asked them to disperse noisy groups who have spilled out onto the pavement and are behaving stupidly.

Why do they feel it necessary to make the garden area licensable and How do they propose to "close" the garden area at 23.00?

Recorded or live music after midnight cannot be allowed to happen - during the warmer months and with windows open it will be impossible for nearby residents to sleep.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Alex Lisowski

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 June 2018 07:05
To: G - Licensing
Subject: Champs (Druids) Urgent

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Categories: REPRESENTATIONS

Dear Sir/Madam

[REDACTED] We [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] are very concerned about the proposed licence changes to Champs (Druids) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. We have witnessed several changes at
the pub of landlord, name and licence and remember a time when the police were often called to the pub and
fights broke out in the street from the pub. We would not like to have late night music and drinking outside due to
the noise levels and drinkers leaving the pub premises late at night. [REDACTED]

I hope common sense prevails and this licence is not extended it will affect many local residents including young
and elderly living close by.

Yours sincerely
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Alex Lisowski

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 June 2018 20:57
To: Licensing Team
Subject: Objection to the planning and licensing application of Champs (nee Druids) Ref: 18/0902/ful

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Categories: REPRESENTATIONS

I write to oppose the proposed development of Champs (nee Druids) of 205 High Street, Rickmansworth, WD3 1BB, from both their planning and licensing applications. [REDACTED]

My rationale is simple - the bigger the area of the pub, the more likely it is for increased volume of custom. The longer the hours of the sale of alcohol, the more alcohol will be consumed. Therefore, more people, will be drinking more alcohol, in a primarily residential area. The result is inevitable - it will significantly add to the already detrimental impact that the pub imposes on the local community.

It will be more of a public nuisance. It will create more crime and disorder. It will encourage more anti-social behaviour. It will effect the right people have to feel safe and comfortable in their homes.

Is it too much to ask for local residents to enjoy their immediate environment like the majority of other Rickmansworth residents? Is it too much to ask to get uninterrupted sleep over a weekend? Is it too much to ask that we avoid having to hose down vomit and sweep up broken glass before children step on them? And is it too much to ask not to have to remove half eaten takeaway food and litter from our front gardens?

I think not. Therefore I ask you to consider my objection with the utmost attention when making a decision on this both the licensing and planning applications from Punch Taverns.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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Alex Lisowski

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 June 2018 23:01
To: Licensing Team
Subject: Re: Champs Rickmansworth (prev Druids) 205 High Street Rickmansworth WD3 IBB
Attachments: Representation form Duids Pub CJ 180604 (1).pdf

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Dear Licensing Team at Three Rivers Council,

Please find attached my representation to the application for Champs (Druids) Pub to extend licensing hours, licensed area and licensed activities. I object to much of the application as it is not in keeping with the central town semi-residential location and the new owner Captial Partners has made this application with little to none consultation and does not consider its existing neighbours.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Good morning

Thank you for your email.

Apologies you had trouble with our website. The application itself is not found on our website as it may contain personal information, however we have a register of current applications online which shows what is being proposed. This can be found under *public register of current applications* on our licensing page. There is also more information at the bottom of this page <https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/advice-for-residents>. You can either just email in your representations to us, or complete the representation form, I've attached a copy for you.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any more information.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Assistant Licensing Officer

Regulatory Services

Three Rivers District Council

Three Rivers House, Northway, Rickmansworth, Herts, WD3 1RL

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 30 May 2018 11:39

To: Licensing Team

Subject: Champs Rickmansworth (prev Druids) 205 High Street Rickmansworth WD3 IBB

Dear Sirs/Madam

I am aware of a recent notification of application to change the licensing conditions for the above-mentioned premises. [REDACTED] I would like to provide comments on this application, however, I am unable to find the application on the Three Rivers website.

Please, could you provide details on of how to locate the application on the website and how I can comment?

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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To prevent public nuisance	See attached.
To protect children from harm	

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Signed: [REDACTED]

Date: 04 June 2018

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To prevent crime and disorder:

Extending the sale of alcohol hours is expected to increase the level of alcohol that is consumed by patrons which in turn will increase the likelihood of disorder. This considers that patrons currently, and considering the shorter licensed period, can at times be heard leaving the premises in a state of inebriation causing levels of disorder. Extending the licensing period can only serve to increase the frequency and duration of such events. I object to the application for extending the sale of alcohol license time.

Public safety:

No comment.

To prevent public nuisance:

Extending the licensable area to the garden area will increase the level of noise above that already heard within the vicinity of the premises. The premises are located within a residential area on the end of the High Street any increase in noise is insensitive to the surroundings. The garden area should not be a licensed area as it does not consider the neighbours and the obvious increase in patrons in the garden will increase the level of nuisance caused. I am aware of a planning application to add a fire pit to the garden area. The addition of a fire pit in such premises will lead to almost constant daily use and the burning of hard fuels which will increase local air pollution. This in turn will have a negative impact on local residents health aggravating those with existing conditions and have an unnecessary environmental impact by increasing CO2 emissions. I object to the application for extending the licensable area to the garden area of the premises.

Extending the licensed hours for recorded music beyond the current license is inappropriate and the resulting noise will be a nuisance for residential neighbours. It is inappropriate to have recorded music playing in a residential area until 00:30. Moreover, if the licensable area is extended to the garden such nuisance would be unbearable for local residents trying to enjoy the amenity of their property and gardens. I object to the application for extending the licensing hours for recorded music.

Adding live music is inappropriate and insensitive for a residential area. The level of noise will increase and will be a nuisance for residential neighbours. It is inappropriate to have live music playing in a residential on a regular basis at anytime of the day. Moreover, if the licensable area is extended to the garden such nuisance would be unbearable for local residents trying to enjoy the amenity of their property and gardens. I object to the application for extending the license to include live music.

Extending the alcohol licensing hours until 00:30 will result in patrons leaving the premises at a later hour than currently experienced. Patrons exiting the premises can be loud, offensive and disorderly this behaviour at a later hour will be a public nuisance. I object to the application for extending the sale of alcohol license time.

Adding films to the licensing should only be considered when noise abatement controls are in place to protect the neighbours for excessive noise nuisance from the screening of films. Films should not be licensed for the hours of the application.

Late night refreshment license would increase the noise and smell from the kitchen and any building modifications associated with planning application 18/0902/FUL or similar that results in a larger kitchen.

To protect children from harm:

No comment.

Alex Lisowski

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 June 2018 15:58
To: G - Licensing
Subject: Letter of objection

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories: REPRESENTATIONS

Dear Three rivers Council

I am writing a letter of strong objection in relation to proposed application for variation of Premise License for Champs (Druids)

[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] surrounded by similarly situated families, alongside a community of elders living in sheltered accommodation [REDACTED]

Noise pollution from Druids is already at significant levels, particularly on Friday and Saturday evenings, where [REDACTED] often exposed to Team oriented chanting alongside loud, lewd, abusive language and general drunken behaviour. I am often pulling out glasses and bottles from my [REDACTED] garden or clearing them from the street in the area where they have been discarded by visitors to the premises.

The pavement outside druids and the corresponding pavement over the road outside Wensum court, opposite our house, are habituated used as places of congregation particularly at closing time, where anti social behaviour increases, including threatening and occasionally violent behaviour.

It is my informed opinion that -

2 - An extension to make the garden licensable until 23.00hrs would result in an intolerable increase in noise pollution levels

3 - Amending the current license on children on the premises to exclude them would result in the identity of the premises shifting further in the direction anti social behaviour as the presence of families with children tends to moderate behaviour

4 - Extending recorded music levels until 00.30hrs will be anti social for residents such as ourselves, we already have to tolerate the noise pollution form the premises

5,6,7 - Extending Live music until 01.00 in conjunct with serving alcohol until 01.00 and drinking up until 01.30 allow necessary further noise pollution and will increase the incidence of anti social and abuse behaviour

8 - Adding late night refreshments until 01,00 will draw further clientele from other venues in the High Street that stop serving earlier, causing an increase in footfall and density on the premises.

I feel strongly and I know many of the community do, that change of direction the Premises wishes to take bodes ill for the residential community. It is of my opinion that the nature of the direction the premises wishes to take is

more in line with that of a 'Club' than a Public house, and that this is not in fitting with the Character of the local area and the residents.

I am strongly concerned that the proposed changes to license will result in the premises becoming a hub for late night congregation after other premises on the high street let out, and this would significantly negatively both residents quality of life and become a corrosive element in safety lives of the town centre, and increase in antisocial behaviour.

It's my opinion that should people wish to stay out drinking until 1,30, with loud music, there are plenty of Clubs offering that experience in Watford and elsewhere.

I ask for my objection to these proposed changes be logged on the application and to be added to the list of considerations in this matter.

Yours respectfully,



Alex Lisowski

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 May 2018 14:59
To: G - Licensing
Subject: Champs (Druids)

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Alex Lisowski

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 June 2018 11:43
To: Licensing Team
Subject: Druids (Champs) Pub. High Street, Rickmansworth

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Alex Lisowski

I am writing to object to the application from the above Pub. Namely I object to:

- Any extension of the recorded or live music beyond 11pm
- Any extension to selling alcohol beyond 11pm
- Any extension of the opening hours beyond 11pm and early mornings
- Any changes to the Christmas and Boxing Day opening hours

My reasons for the objections are:

- The pub is surrounded by residential properties, mainly those with families and flats for the elderly
- The pub is has a large outside area which already causes considerable noise nuisance to those of us living in close proximity to the pub
- The music or TV sports events noise from inside the pub expels to the area surrounding the pub. Any extension of this timings would be an infringement of our rights to a quiet night's sleep.
- The noise from those leaving the pub would be unacceptable, beyond the current timings.
- Any extentions to opening hours over Christmas and Boxing Day would be most unacceptable to those of us with children. The noise and disruption of sleep at this time would be so unfair

[REDACTED] have seen the pub change several times. In the past I was the victim of unacceptable noise nuisance from the pub and their customers. The pub eventually lost its license and was closed, as a result of complaints. I do not want to go back to that level of nuisance from my local pub.

This pub is not in a noisy town centre. It is in a residential area.

I would really like to attend the meeting of the Licensing Committee on Thursday 28th June. [REDACTED]

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Alex Lisowski

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 June 2018 07:46
To: Alex Lisowski
Subject: Druids / champs extension of opening hours

Dear Alex,

[REDACTED] I am writing to object to the extension of opening hours and licence for live music until 00.30 on Friday and Saturday nights at Druids / Champs. There are many young families in the neighbouring properties and this would significantly impact noise levels, both from the music and the people leaving the pub late at night. We would probably be unable to open windows etc at night to reduce noise to an acceptable level. In addition I don't understand why for example the Feathers public house restricts customers to being inside (ie not in the garden) from much earlier (I think it's 10.30pm) and then restricts any music from 11pm/11.30pm to restrict impact on nearby residents. It seems that druids has a lot more people who would be impacted as there are more residents in the immediate vicinity. I think a local venue playing live music and showing films from time to time is great (particularly for locals) but the application seems too wide ranging, with little restrictions (eg on frequency - looks like they could do it every Friday and Saturday if they wanted) and the hours are too late especially given the densely populated residential nature of the surrounding buildings including young families and older residents.

Please can you include our objections in your consideration of this case?

Kind regards

Alex Lisowski

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 June 2018 19:44
To: Alex Lisowski
Subject: Application to vary the conditions of the premises licence for Champs(Druids)

I strongly object to this application.

This is a mainly residential area, with a lot of young families and pensioners, and the amount of changes the pub wants to make and the nature of same, will impact greatly on all our lives.

The playing of recorded and live music in the garden, and the showing of films, presumably also in the garden, during the stated hours is completely unacceptable. Add to that the mix of children and the serving of hot food until 1AM on Saturday and Sunday mornings means the pub will become a magnet for the whole area. The inclusion of 'drinks thereafter' and 'smoking after 11PM' will extend the closing times long after those stated.

As soon as other pubs/restaurants in the vicinity close at their given hours revelers will flock here. Also granting of this application will throw the doors open to all other pubs to apply for the same privileges.

I note that item four on the application the time for playing recorded music on a Saturday night will be extended to 3:00AM on Sunday morning. This needs to be clarified as it differs elsewhere on the application.

Residents in the area will have constant noise from blaring music and revelers at the pub seven days a week. It will be impossible to have windows and doors open so we will be prisoners in our own homes to get away from the noise.

I think this is a very selfish request with no thought on the impact to residents in the area.

Regards,
[REDACTED]

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Alex Lisowski

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 June 2018 17:40
To: Alex Lisowski
Cc: Margaret Winder
Subject: Objection to the Application to vary the conditions of the premise licence for Champs(Druids), 205 Rickmansworth Road

Dear Alexander,

[REDACTED] It's the first I've heard of it, [REDACTED] and I wanted to raise a few objections to be passed on before the decision is made.

Reference point one: We have already gone through a period of having to complain about the noise from recorded music from the garden of the Fox and Hounds. This has been better of late but [REDACTED] rather not go back to the stage of hearing music from any of the local public houses inside my house again, especially as they are asking for a closing time of 00:30.

Reference point two: Allowing smoking after 23:00 will be an obvious draw to clientele which will result in added noise pollution. I understand that those of us living near the high street have to balance convenience with the needs of the local shops, bars etc but beyond 22:00 that is a serious imposition on the quality of life of the local residents.

Reference point three: "including drinks thereafter" basically allows anyone to stay in the pub to all hours as long a meal has been purchased earlier in the day. Leaving aside my own admittedly old fashioned view of not having children in pubs beyond 22:00 this provision will most likely just add to the noise levels.

Reference points four, five and six: From experience of the noise coming from the Fox and Hounds in the past live music will be the loudest of all options. The hours of 10:00 to 00:30 (Fri/Sat) and 10:00 to 03:00 (Sat/Sun) are totally unacceptable in a residential area. (I assume that 03:00 is a typo given point six stating that closing time on Sunday morning will be 01:00?) To allow Champs to stay open until 03:00 will just turn it into a club with all the associated noise and nuisance of people leaving and hanging around after closing time waiting for taxis etc. [REDACTED] there is a balance to living in a mixed residential/business area but the pubs and restaurants need to accept this too and playing live music or recorded music beyond 22:00 is not reasonable behaviour in this regard.

Reference point seven: Serving food until 01:00 in the morning is most likely to be a draw for people from all over this area to grab a last drink and meal later than they can in other local public houses that have earlier closing times. I can't see how this won't add to the noise levels not just at Champs but all along the High Street and Ebury Road. We risk having the same problems as there are at the top end of Watford High Street at the weekends.

Reference point eight: Are films going to be shown just inside Champs or is it going to be outside on a large screen? There is no way any halfway reasonable cinema sound system won't be heard inside every household close to the premises.

Reference points nine and ten: Is the extra hour to be added to the current timings or on top of the new hours requested? I would have no objection to Champs being open longer during the day on Christmas Day but again not beyond 22:30 please.

I know this appears a large number of objections but I do strongly believe that this is be highly detrimental to the quality of life to those of living near Champs and I oppose this application on all the above grounds.

yours sincerely

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From: Alex Lisowski <Alex.Lisowski@threerivers.gov.uk>

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, 1 June 2018, 16:06:54 BST

Subject: Application to vary the conditions of the premise slicence for Champs(Druids), 205 Rickmansworth Road

Dear [REDACTED]

Re our earlier telephone conversation, the pub has now changed its' name to Champs.

These are the changes that the pub wants to introduce:

1. The garden area alongside the pub will be added to the licensable area. The garden area will be open to customers from 10am to 11pm, Monday to Thursday. The area will be open from 8am to 11pm on Friday and Saturday. It will be open to customers on Sunday from 12noon to 11pm on Sundays. During these times the garden can be used for the sale of alcohol and the consumption of alcohol. Recorded music can be played in the garden from 10am to 11pm Monday to Thursday, from 10am Friday till 00.30am Saturday morning, from 10am Saturday till 00.30am Sunday morning, 10am to 10.30pm Sunday.
2. Everyday, after 11pm, the garden will be open to smokers.
3. At present children are allowed on the premises till 10pm. This will be altered so that children can remain after 10pm if they are partaking in a sit down meal or attending a private function where they are permitted on the premises until their meal or function finishes, including drinks thereafter.
4. The times for playing recorded music will be extended on Friday night till 00.30am Saturday morning, and on Saturday night till 03.00am Sunday morning.
5. Add the playing of live music from 10am on Friday till 00.30am Saturday morning, and from 10am on Saturday till 00.30am Sunday morning.
6. On a Friday the opening hours will be extended from 8am till 01.00am Saturday morning. The last half hour of that will be for "drinking-up" time. On Saturday the opening hours will be extended from 8am till 01.00am Sunday morning. The last half hour of that will be for "drinking-up" time.
7. On Friday late night refreshment (hot food) will be sold from 11pm to 1am on Saturday morning. On Saturday it will be sold from 11pm to 1am Sunday morning.
8. Films will be shown at the venue from 10am to 11pm Monday to Thursday. They will be shown from 10am Friday till 01am Saturday. They will be shown from 10am Saturday till 1am Sunday. Also from 10am to 10.30pm on Sundays.
9. At present the pub only opens from 12noon to 3pm and 7pm to 10.30pm on Christmas Day. These hours will be extended to what ever hours it would be if it was a normal day. For instance, if Christmas day falls on a Saturday the pub will be able to operate Saturday hours.
10. The pub is also asking for an extra hour to be added to the times for Christmas Eve, Christmas Eve, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and on each Bank Holiday Sunday. It is also asking for an extra hour on the day preceding a Friday bank Holiday or a Public Holiday.

The last day for submitting your objections is Tuesday, 5th June. As I mentioned earlier, this application is going to be decided at a hearing of the Licensing Sub-Committee. The hearing will be at 1am on Thursday, 28th June, 2018.

If you submit objections you will be invited to the hearing to present them in person.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Lisowski

Licensing Officer

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Alex Lisowski

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 June 2018 12:29
To: Licensing Team
Subject: Re Druids pubs extended opening.

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Dear sirs ,

In my humble opinion [REDACTED] The extended opening application is just an application to legalise what already happens, it is common knowledge that you can purchase several drinks at last orders and sit outside for as long as you like. I am sure that this extension will have people drinking outside untill gone 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning. My [REDACTED] recommendation is that this place should have its hours reduced not increased. In the summer the noise can be unbearable outside especially around sports events when the drinking and standing on the tables outside singing continues into the early hours.

This establishment has never followed the rules [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Hard action should be taken to make this public house in a residential area fall into line.

Children should not be aloud on the premises . Knowing past employees of this place cocaine usage in the toilets is a big issue and has been for many years, several of the offenders are parents of young children and this is not a safe environment for them.

I would rather my email is kept confidential and not published as I fear reprisals to my objections from my neighbours who I have alluded to earlier and use this establishment.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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