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To: Nelson, Matthew
Subject: LICENSING APPLICATION HIGH FARM PUBLIC HOUSE, HOLT PARK LEEDS 16
Importance: High

I have been asked to represent a number of local residents who wish to remain anonymous in terms of objections that they have to the proposed amendment to the current licensing arrangements.

The issues they have asked me to raise are as follows:

❖ Prevention of crime and disorder

- There are lots of alternative late night drinking venues in town centre locations within a short journey from Adel.
- They do not see the need for extended opening hours in an establishment located at the heart of a peaceful and quiet neighbourhood and strongly oppose the license variation application.
- I am advised that although the new licence hasn't been agreed yet on a recent Tuesday morning they were open until 3 am, also on Friday, Saturday, Sunday there was dancing on from 10 pm until 2 am.
- In the past the pub has been responsible for rowdy and troublesome behaviour and to extend the drinking hours will only make this worse.

❖ Prevention of public nuisance

- Noise after midnight
- Extra vehicular traffic after midnight
- Increased pedestrian traffic after midnight
- The High Farm public house is surrounded on one side by lots of small cul de sacs
- With current opening hours residents are still kept awake until around 1am with the noise. They are worried if it is open until 2am the noise will carry on until 3am. It is not suitable to have loud music being played in the middle of a residential area until 2 am in the morning.
- The High Farm has become increasingly rowdy particularly on a Friday and Saturday night. The noise from the music can be very loud as it is unobstructed from many surrounding properties and regularly keeps residents awake until late at night. If this was extended to 2am on a Friday and Saturday the impact on family life and the ability of people to get a good nights sleep could be severely affected causing significant emotional distress.
- It is also near old people residential housing complex at Farrar Lane, which is unfair to them. The noise and music you can hear now I would not want extending into the early hours when I have to get up at 04:30.
- A resident advised that they met a few friends at the High Farm last month and we were not welcomed. The music came on in the bar and was unnecessarily loud so the party asked if they could have it turned down. Although the young barmaid said she would ... that didn't happen so they had to move outside. They got the impression that only young and noisy people are welcome.

- Residents are not happy about the prospect of large events, possibly loud music events and people dispersing at 2.00 am who have no respect for the local community.

❖ Public safety

- Residents have reported that there is also frequent trouble at closing time in the car park and loud arguments and disagreements can be heard often accompanied by the use of foul and abusive language. They advised that there have also been multiple occasions when cars on leaving the High Farm have been driven erratically performing handbrake turns and screeching their tyres. They advised this tends to happen at closing time particularly on a weekend and adds to the disturbance caused by the loud music.
- There is also a fear by local residents of reporting incidents like this to the police and they have backed off from doing so.

❖ Protection of children from harm

- Residents have stated that local young children have often been woken by the loud music, causing parents problems in getting them back to sleep.
- They also state that there are always broken beer bottles on the ground making an unsafe environment for children to play in. Nearby properties also regularly find empty beer bottles discarded on their property.

I trust this is in order.

Thank you

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