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29 JUN 2009

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Dear Sir,

VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE FOR THE OLD SUN, SUNDON ROAD

I have some reservations about the application to extend the trading hours at this pub since longer hours will inevitably attract customers from wider afield who don't have such local provision and this custom from further afield can very easily lead to extra people in the village and people who would have no reason to respect the area around the pub, because it isn't their own. The increase in petty crime and disorder in those circumstances would appear to be inevitable.

In addition, the public nuisance potential is substantial. The pub is surrounded by quiet residential roads and hemmed in by homes. It is already a noisy place in the afternoons and evenings with such outdoor areas as there are and the proposed extended hours will inevitably heighten this nuisance. Cars leaving the car park are noisy

in such circumstances at the moment and with longer hours, this noise nuisance (cars and people) would be even more unreasonable.

At the moment, it seems that current trading hours are stretched to the extreme and I know that the ubiquitous "lock-in" is alive and well at the pub. Longer licensed hours will push this nuisance into totally unreasonable hours of the night.

The application to provide regulated entertainment also causes concern for the potential to attract business from outside the village and much further afield. When they have had entertainment (music) there in the past, the sound-proofing has been totally inadequate in itself, and when doors are opened, it is a real nuisance. With the potential to attract outside ~~customers~~ (from the village) customers, there is that same threat around petty crime and disorder as for the extended hours application, as well as the public nuisance issue.

I have had instances late at night with unreasonable noise (I welcome a local pub doing well and have no issues on its location) but it must work within the location parameters and they don't lend themselves to these applications.

Yours faithfully,

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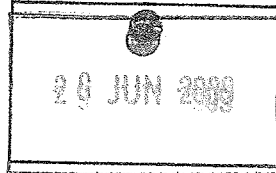
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24th June 2009

The Licensing Team
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Variation of Premises Licence for The Old Sun, Sundon Road, Harlington, LU5 6LN

This application was received by Council at its meeting on Monday night where concern was expressed that the details of the application were only available by appointment at Central Beds when it was not felt appropriate for just one member of Council to be responsible for reporting back the detail. It was further noted that although there may not be any legal requirement to notify neighbours, other than by a notice in the window of the pub or in the local press, that many areas of Harlington do not actually receive a local paper and have not done so for months.

In relation to the variation itself, Councillors considered that the impact on the neighbours of The Old Sun would be far greater than that of other licensed premises in the village as it was right in the middle of a residential area. Thus the new hours would be intrusive and would cause a problem for the neighbours; the noise from the live music along with the comings and goings from the pub and additional traffic in the early hours of the morning, would adversely affect the local area and could give rise to increased crime and disorder. Council has no problem with the showing of films.

It was considered that residents in the vicinity had a right to a home life and privacy and that this application was not conducive to such.

If you required any additional information please let me know.

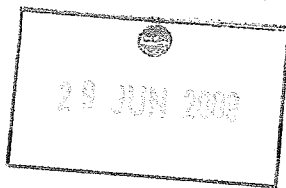
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The Licensing Team
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Dear Sirs,

Re: Application to vary current premises license for The Old Sun, Sundon Rd., Harlington

After receiving notification via Harlington Parish Council I am writing to express my deep concerns over the proposed application mentioned above and to also protest against the limited response time. Anyone away from home for any reason at the moment will be unable to respond although these changes may affect them considerably.

The area surrounding The Old Sun is almost entirely residential, my own home being situated in a road immediately behind the pub and its car park. We already experience some noise disturbance from people who must smoke outside of the premises and also from customers leaving at the end of the night. We hear loud chatter/laughter and because not all customers are on foot we hear car doors slamming as they leave for home and this is at the present closing time. With the new proposed supply of alcohol hours of Mon-Thurs Midnight, Fri-Sat 2am and Sun 11pm plus an actual closing time being 30 mins later we will experience outside smokers chatter and farewell noise until possibly 3am in the early hours of some mornings. Surely this is unacceptable.. However many notices displayed asking customers to be considerate to neighbours as they leave will not make a scrap of difference. There is also the added noise problem from non-village customers who may wander around waiting for the trains to start running again to get home.

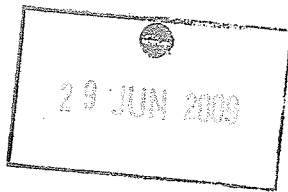
During the winter months, excluding the outside smoking area, the noise can be moderately contained within the pub itself, but once the warmer weather arrives, windows are open and customers are seated outside, the noise level could be horrendous, especially on the Friday and Saturday nights until the proposed time of 2.30am. There are many young children and elderly people living within the vicinity who will be disturbed by this, especially the sheltered housing accommodation situated only a few metres away from this pub that customers will disturb not only in passing, but by hearing the introduction of live bands until midnight (outdoors until 9pm). No one living nearby will have a choice about whether they wish to listen to any of this, if these regulations are passed then choice goes out the window both literally and metaphorically speaking.

If the pub wishes to enlarge its entertainment that is understandable, but why does it have to remain open until 2.30am, if the entertainment finishes at midnight and allowing a 'drinking-up' time of 30mins then they could easily close at 12.30am and their customers could still enjoy a 'good night out' and not disturb the neighbours any more than necessary.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Woodhatch

cc: Harlington Parish Council



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25th June 2009

Dear Sirs

Re: Variation of Premises Licence for The Old Sun, Sundon Road

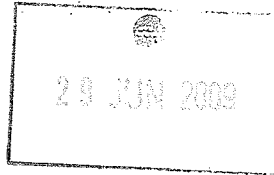
We have been notified of the above application by Harlington Parish Council and comment as follows.

We have spoken with the landlord and understand their good intentions; however we have concerns relating to potential public nuisance. In the past, when the pub was run by a different land lord there were problems with noise with live events and discotheques. At the time environmental health were involved with the problem, and the land lord was told to keep all doors and windows closed. This may be OK in principle, but on hot summer evenings it was often not adhered to.

We would request that any permission to extend the hours of trading and in particular to provide regular entertainment includes a requirement to limit sound levels and to ensure that all doors and windows are kept closed. Any failure to comply with this requirement should result in immediate retraction of the change of licence.

Yours faithfully

Cc Mrs N S Upton MILCM
Parish Council Office
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Harlington



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Dear Sir/Madam

~~Re: Variation of Premises Licence for The Old Sun, Sundon Road, Harlington.~~

Firstly we feel we should have been given more time to find out about the application and to reply. The letter from the Parish Council is dated June 24th. We work during the week and yet are expected to view the application and to have a reply in by the 29th June. We were literally only given Thursday and Friday to formulate a reply and send it in time for Monday.

We wish to OBJECT to the application.

. To extend the hours of trading would create a public nuisance. Summer nights are already greatly disturbed by the yelling and screaming of customers in the garden late into the night. Residents have to decide whether to swelter inside with the windows closed or be unable to sleep with the windows open because of the noise. At least at the moment you know it should finish around 11p.m. although it often goes on longer. If the hours of trading extend then so will the hours of noise that residents, some elderly and some with young children, will have to endure.

Only last night, June 27th, there was a Karaoke Evening. The noise was such that we might as well have been in the pub. We were out in the back garden and the pleasure was spoilt by the "singing", shrieking and yelling. This continued well after we had gone to bed. It was still going on at half past midnight and this is WITHOUT extended hours. There is obviously no attempt to keep customers quiet for the sake of the residents.

. Have provision for regulated entertainment. We feel this will also create a public nuisance. Will this "regulated entertainment" ensure all the houses that surround the pub will not have to listen to the entertainment? Will this "regulated entertainment" ensure the doors and windows of the pub are not opened for the sound to travel? We object if there is any chance we will have to listen to any of the entertainment and previous experience has shown that there has NOT been consideration of the numerous residences who surround the pub.

. Have provision to provide cooked food for purchase. If this is just for consumption on the premises then we do not object. If this is to extend take away facilities then we do object. The pub has a pretty small car park. If extra cars are attracted then there are problems as the pub is on a very busy road and cars tempted to park in front of the pub would cause a traffic hazard and would therefore endanger public safety.

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Friday, 26 June, 2009 3:41 PM

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The Licensing Team
Central Bedfordshire Council

Due to the location of the Old Sun public house in relation to surrounding residential properties a noise nuisance from late night, early morning customers leaving the premises and loud noise from entertainment activities such as discos and live groups have been a recurring problem in the past.

I wish to object to any variation to the current licence which would create this unacceptable situation in the future.
Yours Faithfully _____

29 JUN 2009