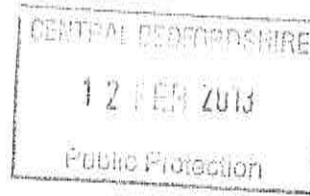


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12th February 2013



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Central Bedfordshire Council
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Dear Sirs,

Application to extend the licence obtained by the establishment "Shaylers" at 4 Church Street, Amphill ("Shaylers")

We understand that applications have been made to; (1) extend the operating hours and the provision of sexual entertainment until 4am and; (2) the supply of alcohol until 3.30am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

We wish to strongly object to these applications. The granting of any such extension would **undermine** the 4 licensing objectives imposed by the Council which are:

- **The prevention of Crime and Disorder**
- **Public Safety**
- **The Prevention of Public Nuisance**
- **The Protection of Children from harm**

The reasons are as follows:


1. Shaylers is located in the centre of Amphill, which is a small historic market town which comprises a substantial amount of residential property and is a Conservation Area. Shaylers is located in an historic building in the centre of the town. It is surrounded by narrow streets.
2. As far as we are aware all of the other pubs and restaurants in the centre of Amphill only have a licence until 11pm or midnight. Indeed, The White Hart (which is a pub that is only 50 meters from Shaylers) has recently had its licence curtailed and now has to be closed by midnight.
3. A late licence in a small residential town creates numerous problems. The residents of central Amphill have been subjected to:-
 - People screaming and shouting into the small hours of the morning causing distress and sleep deprivation to many residents including young children;
 - Crime and disorder. Many fights have broken out, countless windows have been smashed, personal possessions destroyed or stolen and cars damaged. The crime statistics for the centre of Amphill highlight these problems and show that most crimes are committed late at night;
 - Anti social and drunken behaviour. People have regularly vomited and/or urinated on the street or on resident's property, rung door bells and dropped litter (often beer bottles and glasses which get broken and create a hazardous and dangerous obstacle the following morning);
 - Taxis clog up the narrow streets often running their engines late into the night and car doors are slammed causing further disturbance;

- The centre of the town is becoming an intimidating and no go area for many people and primarily the people who live there!
4. The above problems have been caused by late licences operated by Shaylers and The White Hart. People have no doubt frequented both establishments. The simple fact is that the longer people are allowed to drink, the more intoxicated they become and the more problems they cause. This in turn results in more misery for the residents of Ampthill and more precious resources being wasted on sorting out these problems such as increased policing, pressure on environmental health services and stress on vital hospital and ambulance services.
 5. As mentioned above the centre of Ampthill is *primarily* a residential area where many families reside. It is not a city centre; so how can a licence until **4am** be reasonable or justified? How often are such late licences granted?
 6. What purpose will it serve and who will it benefit? The only person who will really benefit will be the applicant. Indeed, how many local people will want to go out until 4am? Surely such a late licence will not serve the community it will just attract people from elsewhere who will then cause problems for the people in the community! How can this be fair and reasonable?
 7. How will such a late licence be policed? At present, the service operated by the Environmental Health department finishes at 1am, so any problems with noise cannot be dealt with after this time. How many police officers will be on duty and or patrol at 4am. So if the licence is extended are the community services needed to monitor it also going to be extended?

We understand that it has been stated by a representative of the Licensing Department that any objection put forward must be based on evidence directly attributable to the premises and cannot be based on hearsay or likelihood. This is incorrect. The Guidance issued to Licensing Authorities by the Secretary of State makes it clear that evidence relating to general problems in a locality **can and should be taken into account**. Furthermore, problems have occurred in the centre of Ampthill late at night since Shaylers opened and as Shaylers and The White Hart are the only establishments in the centre of Ampthill which have (or had in the case of The White Hart) a licence beyond midnight then these problems are directly attributable to the establishments having a late licence i.e. Shaylers. Finally, some sense has prevailed in revoking the late licence held by The White Hart and it has been recognised that due to the numerous problems experienced by local residents that the centre of Ampthill is not an appropriate place for there to be establishments with late licences. Accordingly, it would be a ludicrous state of affairs for the same Licensing Department to then go and grant another establishment an even later licence! It would be absurd and a complete waste of precious public funds. If the licence is granted then there is no doubt that problems will arise which will have to be managed and policed by the environmental health and the police officers and this will then lead to a review of the licence. All this can be avoided by the applications being refused on fair and reasonable grounds.

We trust that due consideration will be given to the above points and we look forward to hearing from you. We also understand that our identity will not be passed to the applicant unless our permission is given.

Yours faithfully,



Brinsmade Road
Amphill
Bedford

20 January 2013

Licensing Team
Central Bedfordshire Council
Watling House
High Street North
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Dear Sirs

SHAYLOR'S VARIATION ON LICENSING HOURS

We note that Shaylers have applied for extended licensing hours each Thursday, Friday and Saturday, from 1-30am to 4.00am. The sale of alcohol will cease at 3.30am.

We wish to object to this extension of time for the following reasons:

1. Public Nuisance

Shaylers is situated very close to residential properties in Market Square, Bedford Street and Church Street, Amphill.

Noise from closing car doors and general chatter of people leaving the premises at up to 4.00am will very likely cause disturbance to the occupants of these surrounding residential properties.

Such disturbance will be exacerbated during the summer months when bedroom windows could well be left open for ventilation purposes. In addition, many of the premises are listed and consequently will not have the benefit of double glazing to help, deaden the noise.

2. Crime and Disorder

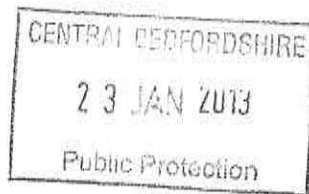
Since Shaylers opened on late 2012, several events have taken place in the vicinity of Amphill Market Square which have been recorded in the police crime register.

In several instances excessive drink has been identified as the cause of the problem and extended hours at Shaylers Club will not help this situation. It is our fear that it will, infact, considerably exacerbate the problem.

We are of the opinion that the present opening hours are quite sufficient for a business of this nature in the pleasant residential surroundings of Amphill Town Centre. We are also fearful that a successful application in this instance could well make other applications for alcohol license extensions difficult, if not impossible, to refuse.

For the above reasons we strongly oppose the application.

Yours faithfully



Dunstable Street
Amphill

18th January 2013

Central Beds Council
Licensing Committee
Dunstable

Dear Sirs

I am given to understand that Shaylers of Church Street, Amphill had applied to extend its opening hours until 4:00am and alcohol being served until 3:30pm.

As this establishment was open against the wishes of the residents of Amphill, I wish to object to this proposal.

1. There are residential properties adjoin the car park.
2. With Policing coming under further constraints, who will monitor the activities of these premises or surrounding area?
3. I am unaware of anyone local attending this establishment. If clients are arriving by car, with no public transport running at the proposed hours, those leaving at 4:00am are going to depart by the vehicle they arrived in. You can rest assured they will not have been drinking non alcoholic drink all the hours this establishment is open.
4. This will be seen as the thin end of a wedge by Mr Shayler to the residents of Amphill.

Yours sincerely

Brinsmade Road
Amphill,
Beds.

21 January 2013

Licensing Team
Central Beds Council
Walling House
High Street North
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Dear Sirs

Variation of Premises Licence: 4 Church St., Amphill

I wish to object to the application by John Shayler, "Shaylers", to extend opening and drinking hours on Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays.

Amphill is, or was, a small quiet residential town in which drinking and dancing until 0330 and 0400 is wholly inappropriate.

We live quite close to the town centre and already suffer noise nuisance from drunken revellers around midnight to 0200. To allow the requested extensions would make this problem worse, particularly since many late night revellers park their cars in residential streets away from the pubs and clubs they frequent. More noise and trouble from shouted 'goodbyes', slammed car doors, revving engines etc. is unacceptable and would degrade the environment for which we pay substantial amounts in Council Tax.

Yours sincerely

Dave McBain

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 January 2013 16:18
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: Application for variation of premises licence: Shaylers
Licensing Section
Central Bedfordshire Council
Dunstable

25th January 2013

Dear Sirs

I am writing to urge you most strongly to reject the application for an extension of licensing hours at Shaylers in Church Street Ampthill

I was one of the residents who originally wrote to oppose the granting of an SEV licence at these premises, based on the total unsuitability of the location.

It is in the centre of our community, surrounded by residential premises, and with a childrens' shops and dance school within a few yards.

I was worried then about anti-social behaviour by customers, possibly having consumed quantities of alcohol, with the resulting possible danger to young people.

I was also worried about noise disturbance late at night for local residents.

Unfortunately, despite the opposition of the Town Council, and a large number of Ampthill residents (a petition of over 2000 has been handed over) the licensing sub-committee nevertheless controversially saw fit to grant the licence.

I should like to register my strong opposition to the granting now of an extension to the licensing hours, which I consider would be adding insult to injury.

The impact on local residents of increased noise nuisance, and the danger of unacceptable loudish behaviour from the premises being open until 0400 would be substantial.

I hope that on this occasion the views of Ampthill residents will not be ignored.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
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Bedford Street
Ampthill
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Subject: John Shayler application for variation order of licence

Dear Sir/Madam

I strongly object to the application made by John Shayler for a variation order of his licence for his premises on the market square Ampthill.

The area concerned is a residential one, a statement of fact already established by the licence committee. The 120 residents in the area have endured for some time the effects of the extended licence, held by the White Hart, which thankfully has now been withdrawn. It would be a tragedy if one licence was removed only to be replaced by another for nearby premises. There would also be the added noise of cars leaving the only car park in town, which is in a square surrounded by residential accommodation.

Ampthill is not a metropolis but a small Georgian market town which is peaceful and quiet and we love it! I hope that the licensing committee take into consideration the strong feelings of the local community and refuse this application.

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28th January 2013

Licensing Team
Central Bedfordshire Council
Watling House
High Street North
Dunstable
Beds. LU6 1LF

Dear Sir / Madam,

Ref: Application by Shaylers Lap Dancing Club to extend licence for alcohol sales to 03.30 a.m. and dancing to 04.00 a.m. on Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays

I understand that any objections to the above licensing application must be made in writing and relate to one of four categories. We are therefore objecting under the following categories:

1. The prevention of crime & disorder.

By allowing people to drink for a longer period of time, there is statistically a higher risk of crime and disorder. We already have too many instances of drunken arguments and fights in the centre of Amphill at the weekends – we need to curtail rather than increase this.

Our strained police resources cannot afford to be called on in the early hours of the morning.

2. Public safety.

Extended drinking time results in more drunken behaviour, results in a risk to public safety.

Please listen to local residents' objections on this occasion and recognise how inappropriate this club is in the centre of such a small residential town.

We look forward to acknowledgement and action as a result of our objection, along with the many others you will no doubt receive.

The United Benefice of Ampthill, Millbrook and Steppingley

[REDACTED], Rectory Lane, Ampthill, Bedfordshire, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam

You will be well aware of the anger caused to many of the residents of Ampthill by the original granting of a licence to Shaylers. Without repeating the original points I write on behalf of myself and my congregation to protest against any extension to a licence regarding that premises.

This club is not a good advertisement for our town, the original licence should never have been granted and we hope that in the near future Shaylers will close down completely.

Yours truly

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CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE
04 FEB 2013
Public Protection

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 February 2013 11:39
To: Dave McBain
Subject: RE: 4 Church Street, Ampthill - Variation applications, objections

Dear Mr McBain

I would like to make an objection to the application for a variation of the above licence on the grounds to prevent crime and disorder. This is based on the fact that Bedfordshire Police have now only two Police Stations that are able to respond to calls to deal with crime and disorder ie Luton Police Station and Police HQ at Kempston. Ampthill Police Station is no longer a station where Police Officers are able to respond from and therefore the Police would be unable to deal effectively with the increase in use of the club and be available to carry out the vital task of patrol and prevention of crime and disorder. [REDACTED] Brinsmade R [REDACTED]

The Cloisters
Amphill
Bedford

21st January 2013

Licensing Team
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Watling House
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Dear Sirs,

**Application for Licence Extension by Shaylers Sex Entertainment Venue
4 Church Street, Ampthill**

We wish to formally object to the application for an extension to the opening by Shaylers Lap dancing Club.

The basis of our objection is that to extend the hours the Club is open would be totally inappropriate. The property, which is situated in the heart of this historic Town, is in very close proximity to residential properties. The current hours are already inappropriate for this establishment which, as you will be aware, was opened despite the overwhelming objection of local people.

Yours faithfully,