

ANNEX I

Fisher, Eddie

From: Fisher, Eddie
Sent: 05 March 2007 15:43
To: 'OfficeManager'
Subject: RE: The Coachmakers Arms, Newport Pagnell - Your Ref: EH/093742

Thank you for your representation. I will forward on to the applicant

Ed Fisher

-----Original Message-----

From: OfficeManager [mailto:OfficeManager@newport-pagnell.org.uk]
Sent: 05 March 2007 14:18
To: Licensing
Cc: Ian Carman; Lesley Welch
Subject: The Coachmakers Arms, Newport Pagnell - Your Ref: EH/093742

Dear Mr Londy

Further to your correspondence of 19 February regarding the Licence Application from The Coachmakers Arms Public House, 117 High Street, Newport Pagnell, the Town Council objects to the Licence Application on the following grounds:

(1) Prevention of public nuisance – The noise nuisance from these premises is already a problem well after the existing 11pm closing time. Extending the opening hours in this residential area will certainly exacerbate the problem.

(2) Protection of children from harm – Its location so close to residential properties means that children are already being deprived of sleep because of music and unruly behaviour, and the situation will worsen if the extra hours are agreed.

Should you have any queries on this please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Patrick

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24th February 2007

Objection to the Variation of Licence request for Coachmakers Arms

Dear Ed

The following was e-mailed to both yourself and Chris Londy, but appears not to have been successfully delivered so I have copied it into this letter for your attention.

Further to my telephone conversation please see our objection to the variation of license for the Coachmakers Arms in Newport Pagnell.

The following points are all present concerns which will escalate with the variations requested.

1. Due to the noise from customers leaving the premises we have been frequently disturbed after midnight and have not been able to sleep in our front bedroom.
2. There has been 2-3 occasions over the last 3-4 months when the sound of deep base has been heard into the early hours of the morning and we believe this has been with their windows and doors closed.
3. We have witnessed many occasions when the customers have taken drinks from the Coachmakers and sat drinking and smoking in the public seating area next to our house. Often leaving the glasses behind to be either broken or just left in the shrubs or on the brick walls.
4. We have also witnessed persons coming from the Coachmakers using the area at the side of our house to take drugs and then return back. However we are not sure whether any needles have ever been found in the shrub areas and appears to be probably cocaine or substances that are smoked.
5. We have also witnessed on many occasions persons urinating in close proximity of the Coachmakers after just leaving the premises.
6. When they have had loud music at weekends the gathering of people spill out onto the front and side of the pavement areas and it feels very intimidating to walk past and the music is unacceptably loud.
7. There is frequent disturbance throughout the evening and early hours coming from the rear of the Coachmakers from people shouting and being generally loud and intoxicated.

We believe that having to be subjected to all the above situations is unacceptable, so to agree to their request for variation of License will make our lives intolerable, as all the above problems will be made a lot worse. We complained to you last year (copy attached) regarding the noise levels from 2 events and believed that after the licensee had been spoken to they would carry out their business with respect the close residence. The Environmental Services requested that if noise levels became unacceptable to diary the events, however, we would

like to think that we are reasonable people and would only complain if the situation continued week after week. The Coachmakers is very small and appears to look very inviting and cosy, so why are they trying to turn it into a small night club? We realise they have to be profitable, but they also need to realise that they are situated in a residential area and not in Milton Keynes city centre. When there has been disturbances the police resource has been somewhat slow to respond and this will be even more so if they are called to attend in the early hours when MK city centre appears to be the main priority.

The Police Inspector for Rural Division - Sue Usher is aware of some of these issues and also Mark Lancaster MP as I had a meeting with them both in December 2006 with part of that meeting involving Drinking Control Areas and the possibility of CCTV.

The last several weeks have admittedly been fairly quiet with only the odd incident, however, we believe that this is probably the normal situation that we have to expect living so close to the Coachmakers and do not want any more incidences than necessary.

Please would you keep me informed of the progress of this license variation.

Our details are: Mr & Mrs Hughes, 125 High Street, Newport Pagnell, MK16 6HD

tel no. 1

regards

Janet Hughes

copy of letter sent to you last year.

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19th September 2006

Dear Sir

Complaint: Coachmakers Arms – Newport Pagnell

I am writing to you to complain about the music noise levels produced during the evening of Saturday 16th September 2006 in the rear garden of the Coachmakers Arms

This is now the second time the public house has held an outside event (previous one 26th August) that has produced unacceptable noise levels from the rear garden. The music involved repetitious drum music and two lengthy firework displays which carried on throughout the evening. Our neighbours at no. 123 told me that they could not even hear their TV and were forced to sit in their front room to try and get away from the noise. If we had young children they would not have been able to sleep through it and we were very please when it eventually stopped. I am aware that they have an extended licence for indoor music, but did not think that this included the pub garden.

I would be pleased if you could look into this matter as soon as possible as this seems to be a regular band that perform and hope that there is not a repeat of this extreme noise again in the next few weeks. Whilst I can understand the need for the licensee to attract more trade to the pub by way of events, there needs to be an acceptable limit put on the noise levels, after all, there are many houses situated in close proximity to the public house.

I look forward to your response in this matter

Yours sincerely

Janet Hughes

2nd March, 2007.

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05 MAR 2007

Objection to the Variation of licence request for Coachmakers Arms.

Dear Sir/Madam

We wish to point out our concerns regarding variations to the existing licence conditions.

1. Noise from young customers heading the Coachmakers after 2330 hours, disturbing our sleep (not knowing what was happening in and around the front area of our house)
2. We have seen on several occasions 'customers' sitting on our garden wall drinking from glasses and bottles, then depositing said articles in our garden, sometimes even smashed into the road directly in our exit gateway. Also using part of our driveway to urinate/vomit, which we find unacceptable.
3. We have also heard music coming from the rear of the premises even with the windows closed, so it must be quite loud!
4. We have called the police several times fearing fighting and screaming could lead to a more dangerous situation.

We complained to you last year, and all seemed quite satisfactory for a while. We would like this to continue to be the case. Therefore, we object to the variation of the licence being granted as this will no doubt cause more noise and disturbance later into the night.

The Coachmakers Arms has been a family 'pub' for many years with a good garden for children to be with parents and enjoy themselves.

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Does this need to be turned into a Night Spot?
in this residential area.

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Regards
Patricia Grace.