

To:

Stevenage Borough Council  
Licensing Authority  
Daneshill House  
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Stevenage SG1 1HN

By email: [licensing@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@stevenage.gov.uk)

24th October 2021

Dear Sirs,

**Representations / Objections to the application for the variation to the premises licence:**

**Premises: The Crooked Billet, Symonds Green Lane, Stevenage SG1 2HP**

**Grounds: Prevention of Public Nuisance.**

We hereby make the following representations in respect of the application for the variation of the premises licence for the Crooked Billet, Symonds Green Lane, Stevenage ("the Crooked Billet"), objecting to the following proposed variations to:

1. extend the supply of alcohol Sunday to Thursday until 00.00 (currently permitted until 23.00);
2. extend the supply of alcohol Friday and Saturday until 01.00 (currently permitted until 00.00);
3. extend late night refreshment Sunday to Thursday until 00.00 (currently permitted until 23.30);
4. extend late night refreshment Friday and Saturday until 01.00 (currently permitted until 00.00); and
5. allow the premises to open 30 minutes following the end of the licensable activity;

on the grounds of the prevention of public nuisance.

The Crooked Billet is located in close proximity to residential housing and the nearby residents will suffer from the public nuisance created by above the proposed variations. We live close by the Crooked Billet and whilst we welcome the pub re-opening we object to the proposed variations set out above on the grounds of the prevention of public nuisance in particular in respect of:

- a. increased late night noise:
  - i. caused by customers entering and leaving the pub during the extended hours;
  - ii. emanating from the premises during the extended hours;
  - iii. caused by customers using the large beer garden and smoking area; and
  - iv. caused by customers driving from the Crooked Billet at the extended hours;

Previously there have been many occasions when we could audibly hear late night noise from the Crooked Billet, extending the hours would increase the duration of and risk of late night noise nuisance.

The Crooked Billet is situated such that people pre-dominantly would (and whilst it was open did) drive to it. The variations would result in increased noise nuisance due to cars driving away at these extended hours and customers leaving at these late extended hours.

- b. Increased light pollution from the lights of the Crooked Billet whilst it operates during the extended hours.

Nearby residents will suffer from the public nuisance created by allowing the variations to extend the hours and allow the premises to open until 01.30. A comparable public house is the Fisherman, Fishers Green in Stevenage SG1 2JA, which is also located in proximity to residential housing and that pub is open until 11pm Friday and Saturday and 10.30pm for the rest of the week.

This representation has been made within the time period for representations.

Yours faithfully

David Morgan and Anne Morgan

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