

Re: Application for variation to a premises licence held under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of the Royal Oak public house, Barrington.

My residence is situated near the entrance of the Royal Oak in Barrington where I have lived for 30 years. The public house is an integral part of the village and is surrounded by private properties. I accept the current permitted activities as they relate to a village pub though noise and traffic disturbances are inevitably experienced from time to time.

However, the proposed extension of opening hours and range of noise generating activities could certainly cause a dramatic change in the quality of life in this area of the village if applied as they stand. I am broadly opposed to the proposals as they are presented.

The most objectionable parts of the proposals, in my view, is the opening hour extension to 12.30am on weekdays and 11.30 pm on Sundays. In addition to the noise from music and dancing it should also be noted that, on fine evenings, customers gather to smoke and chat on the Green in front of the pub and indulge in loud talking if not shouting on occasion. This can cause tolerable disturbance already but could become intolerable if extended after midnight.

On the proposals for the extension of music and entertainment, there appears to be no provision for limiting the frequency of these activities. As it stands, they could be held every night without restriction. There must be some formal provision for, say, a maximum number of "entertainment" nights per annum. Also, noise control, based on measurement at various points in the neighbourhood of the building, is clearly essential

Another factor not raised in the proposal is the location in the premises of the noise generating aspects of this entertainment. Events, eg dancing, held in the conservatory area of the building, would be likely to be more intrusive than in the other parts. Any noise radiation assessment should take this factor into account.

It may be worth making a comparison with another noise generating activity in the village. The location of Barrington Hall, where late night events are held, with strict noise control and frequency restrictions, is in a completely different geographical situation to the Royal Oak. The latter is situated on the edge of the village, surrounded by open land. The Royal Oak, in contrast, is surrounded by houses, and many more people are likely to experience noise disturbance if the current proposals go ahead as they stand.

Chief Environmental
Health Officer
16 MAY 2011
South Cambridgeshire
District Council

Handwritten signature

17 May 2011

Juli Stallabrass
Licensing Officer
South Cambs District Council
Cambourne
Cambridge
CB23 6EA

by email only

Dear Juli

Premises Licence Application N° 018351 Royal Oak Barrington

I acknowledge receipt with thanks the details of this Licence Application and comments as follows:

- 1. Location of The Royal Oak
The premises are located in a residential area surrounded by homes. The open nature of the Village Green promotes the extent to which noise travels.
- 2. Premises Open Hours
If the premises are officially open until 12.30 am, the time for the public leaving the premises would be extended to 1 a.m. I believe that the potential for noise from the customers going home at this time in the morning every night Monday to Saturday is excessive.

New Year's Eve: I believe that to have an official closing time of 2 a.m. is too late, again not taking into account the customer leaving time; this applies throughout the Application.
- 3. In Annex 3, patrons will need to have the right to carry their drinks outside the pub to the tables provided on the Village Green and on Royal Oak land for this purpose.
- 4. Nuisance from parked cars:
There should be no car parking on the Village Green.
- F. Performance of live music (Indoors)
Providing that the music is contained within the building, not the conservatory, and is not amplified, the noise level would be content except for the proposed New Year's Eve finishing time, see above.
- G. Playing of recorded music (Indoors)
Amplification of music within the conservatory area should be kept at a lower level. For New Year's Eve timing, see above.
- J. Performance and provision of facilities re dancing (Indoors)
I was unaware that dancing was to be included in the Application. There is very little room to spare within the pub.
- K. Provision of facilities for entertainment similar to I or J (Indoors)
The Licence Application is deficient in respect to I; comment is therefore not possible other than for J. I have been informed that the Application was sole for a live Jazz trio or recorded music.

Handwritten signature/initials

Page two

- L. Late night refreshment (Indoors)
The Council is not content that an additional food service should be operating until 2 a.m. in the morning. This could imply that diners would be leaving at 2.30 a.m.
- M. The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption ON and OFF the premises
I would be concerned at the late hours for the sale for consumption off the premises inviting young people drinking elsewhere on the Village Green late at night.

I am very supportive of the concept of a successful public house provision in the village. Responsible management of the facility within a residential area is a necessity.

Yours sincerely

12/5/11

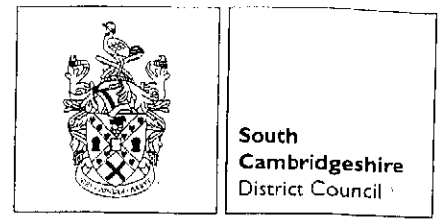
Dear Myles,

Re: Royal Oak- Barrington

I wish to object against the variation application appertaining to the above premises. I reside next to the public house and cannot understand why such a relatively small pub would want to consider obtaining a license for live music. One of the main attractions of the small peaceful village is the quiet environment it is situated in. Clearly, offering live music would change the identity of the pub and possibly totally change the type of clients that currently frequent the premises. It will most definitely create a public nuisance; I would also be concerned that attracting a younger cliental would generate crime and disorder to a very peaceful and beautiful village. My family has been living in Barrington for over 28 years and I certainly do not want to hear music bellowing out followed by noisy individuals vacating the building and disrupting my family and others sleeping patterns.

Regards,

*Entered on 12/5/11
12/15/11
J*



Memorandum

To: Juli Stallabrass – Licensing Officer

From: F. [Name] – Environmental

Date: 20th April 2011

Re: Licensing Act 2003: Application to vary a premises licence at The Royal Oak,
31 West Green, Barrington

I am aware that there is no record of formal complaints having been made to this department relating to activities at the before said premises. However, I do have concerns associated with the potential for noise from the premises and would therefore recommend that the following conditions be attached the license should it be granted.

- 1) Notices should be posted close to any exit doors and in the car park, reminding patrons that the premises are located in close proximity to noise sensitive dwellings and that they leave quickly and quietly. (Reason: to minimise any disturbance from customers leaving the premises)
- 2) Avoid wherever possible opening doors unnecessarily and ensure that any windows in the room in which music is to be played are kept shut. (Reason: to reduce the potential disturbance from music being played inside the premises)
- 3) Periodic checks should be made at the boundary of the premises whilst live or recorded music is being played to ensure that no adjacent dwellings will be adversely affected (Reason: to minimise the potential for disturbance to nearby residents)

The aforementioned comments have been made following full consideration in respect of the following:

- British Beer and Pub Association: Effective Management of Noise from Licensed Premises
- Institute of Acoustics: Good Practice Guide on the Control of Noise from Pubs and Clubs

Emitted on 10/5/11
12/5/11
J

Licensing Act 2003 – Variation Application in respect of The Royal Oak, Barrington

Representations from residents of

We live at the Royal Oak, Barrington.
We are aware of the application to vary the licence at the Royal Oak and wish to make representations.

Background

The Royal Oak is set in the small village of Barrington, in the middle of a quiet residential area. There are houses on either side (we are next door to the pub on the Shepreth side) and there are also houses behind the pub (Rhee Meadows). The Royal Oak also has tables on a part of Barrington green in front of the pub. It has to date been run as a country or village pub serving food and keeping what we consider to be "normal" pub hours. It has not been used as a venue for late night functions (such as dancing).

on 1st/5/11

We believe that the proposed variation to the licence will bring a significant change to how the pub is operated and will be unreasonably disruptive to its neighbours.

We contend that the variations should not be permitted on the grounds of both PUBLIC NUISANCE and HEALTH & SAFETY. We set out our views below in more detail in relation to each part of the variation application:

Change to Opening Hours

We do not agree with the proposal that there should be all-day opening on Mondays to Saturdays given the pub's quiet village location. The extension of opening hours to 12.30am (other than Sundays) is also inappropriate as disruptive to residents many of whom need to get up early to get to work.

E. Performance of live music, F. Playing of recorded music, G. Performance of dance, J. Provision of facilities for dancing and K. Provision of facilities for similar entertainment

These are all likely to be noisy and disruptive and the pub's location is unsuitable for large events. Also if a large number of people attend these sorts of events, those who cannot park in the car park will have to park on the road (which would cause safety issues) or on the green causing otherwise avoidable damage to it.

L. Late night refreshment

Extension of late night refreshment to 2.00 am is inappropriate as it is likely to be disruptive to local residents.

Agreement in principle made 15/5/11

In our view proposed extension of hours to allow for all-day opening on Mondays to Saturdays is not appropriate give the pub's quiet village location.