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From: Mark Thayer [mailto:tomthayer@o2.co.uk]
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To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
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Dear Sirs

I write with regards to the present application to the licensing committee for a variation of the licence for the sale of alcohol by the White Horse Inn Public House, 22 Pillory Street, Nantwich.

i strongly object to further variation and extension of the permitted hours for these premises.

These premises, whilst within the town centre, are adjacent to a significant residential area, and as such have been in the past the source of substantial nuisance to the residents, primarily in the form of noise - both from customers, and from amplified music. More recent controls have improved circumstances, and reduced conflict.

The present arrangements appear satisfactory. There is no logical reason to extend hours for the serving of alcohol from 1 to 2 am, the volume of business in Nantwich town centre does not warrant this, but is likely to simply encourage drunken and antisocial behaviour, with increased episodes of interpersonal violence, increased damage to property, and consequent increased policing costs, and council costs to tax payers.

It is important to consider the nature of the town - a small town centre, not a major urban centre, with residential properties including sheltered housing and care home, where vulnerable residents may be intimidated within their own homes by this antisocial behaviour. We have seen a wide range of such behaviour over this year, from the summer riots to today's reports of appalling drunkenness in Cardiff. This should not be brought to Nantwich.

The issue of noise is a matter of great significance for the local residents. To permit recorded or live music in the garden area is liable to produce a substantial nuisance to residents, and will inevitably lead to conflict. The past experience with this public house is that there is no ability to use moderation, and the term reasonable is far too subjective. Any application should include clear guidance in Decibels (dB). Whilst not wishing to decry the abilities of the pub management, asking or expecting the staff to undertake patrols and monitor/manage noise is unrealistic, and unfair, as they will be placed in a position where there is a significant conflict of interest.

Finally - there is no apparent business case to support this application. As a resident, I am able to identify that the volume of custom at night does not warrant extended opening of the establishment. Indeed it appears that some midweek nights the pub is closed. Granting extended opening in such circumstances is a nonsense, and shows lack of insight by the applicants, who appear to be simply - chancing their luck.