

Sent: 01 May 2012 20:32

To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)

Subject: Reference 021018 Planning Application for extension to license.

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Dear Amanda Hilton

I would like to strongly object to the extension of the license application 021018 as follows;

The village of Alderly Edge is slowly becoming a ghetto in the evenings due to the bars being open until the late hours of the morning.

The residents have a right to be able to sleep at night and not to be woke up by revellers singing dancing in the street and causing rowdy antisocial and nuisance behaviour.

However, I would like to strongly object to the extension on the grounds that the public nuisance is the greatest threat to the village and its residents who live there.

The noise from people standing outside bars/restaurants making noise arriving and leaving at all hours is plain to see. Rubbish and litter, broken glasses and the disruption caused by people

Using these premises is already at breaking point without allowing it to go on for even longer until the early hours of the morning.

Traffic noise is also unbearable and taxis coming and going at all hours then arriving and parking across pavements blocking access because the premises are open until late has become a complete nightmare for normal people who want to get on with their lives.

The damage to the villages' reputation as a nice place to live is at risk by granting extensions to licenses.

Allowing this will set a precedent for other bars to try and get extensions on their premises will allow Public Nuisance and Crime & Disorder to totally get out of control (look what happened to

The bank square area in Wilmslow) a few years ago it was a warzone for local people and the police were stationed there all weekend trying to resolve crime & disorder.

Many thanks

Sent: 27 April 2012 12:30
To: HINTON, Amanda; LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Cc:
Subject: The Bubble Room - Your Ref 021018.

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Dear Mrs Hinton

I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the Bubble Room's applications to extend its current premises, alcohol, recorded and live music licences up to 2.30 am, as well as the new applications for dance, performance and entertainments up to 1 am. You may not be aware, but the Bubble Room withdrew similar applications in 2008 due to the level of opposition from local residents, including the Parish Council.

My house is situated only 15 yards from the premises on Stevens Street and I have already experienced problems with the Bubble Room, which will only get worse if the above applications are approved. These problems have been reported to the Police and the Council's Environmental Health Department very recently and also over recent years.

Under the headings required by the Licensing Act 2004, my comments and objections are detailed below:

Public Nuisance

From the time the Bubble Room opened on the corner of London Road and Stevens Street, anti-social behaviour and late night noise became a problem that did not exist before, and it has only got worse as time has passed. Recent incidents have included people arguing and shouting outside my house early in the morning, car doors banging, cars revving their engines and sounding their horns and illegal parking on the pavement outside my house, despite the double yellow lines. My boundary wall on The Avenue is used as a urinal, people have been sick along the same boundary and bottles and glasses have been left on my property, sometimes broken. Noise from customers gathering on the pavement outside the Bubble Room is now a permanent feature of life until the early hours, worse at weekends and in fine weather.

The simple fact is that these premises were not constructed or designed for their current use - they are traditional (Victorian) shop premises. They are not soundproofed or capable of being soundproofed, a situation made worse by the fact the doors fronting London Road are actually designed to open fully onto the street. The nature of the premises and how the premises operate, make it impossible for any form of noise containment. I can hear live music being played inside the premises even when the doors are closed and have reported two incidents on recent Sunday evenings to the Environmental Health Department.

The type of building and location on the corner of a residential street makes these premises totally unsuitable as a late night live music /dance /nightclub/entertainments venue. These are old shop premises, not nightclub premises.

Noise is already escaping when the premises are fully closed and when the Bubble room doubles in size (having obtained planning permission to expand into the former Post Office), together with opening longer hours, the noise problems can only get worse.

There are also continuing problems with cooking smells coming from the premises, again reported recently to the Environmental Health Department. Through keeping a diary, as recommended by the

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Environmental Health Officer, it has become clear that the cooking smells occur frequently in the early evening and at weekend lunchtimes.

Crime and Disorder

As mentioned above, I have had cause to call the Police on a Saturday night due to the noise coming from the premises but was told bluntly that they didn't have sufficient manpower to attend the premises. You then just give up. I have also spoken to PCSO Jim Newns recently, who has informed me that he has also expressed his concerns to the police officer responsible for licensing matters over traffic, noise and anti-social behaviour issues.

Public Safety

As mentioned above, the pavement in front of the premises on London Road is treated as an extension of the premises and the premises are actually designed with this in mind. Customers block the pavement area and, with the permanent tables and chairs, make it impossible for pedestrians to pass without walking on the main road. Customers drink freely outside the premises whilst standing on the pavement. Waiting taxis block the entrance to Stevens Street and West Street.

Alderley Edge is a village, not a city centre or town centre. There are houses and flats in close proximity to the high street. Stevens Street is a residential street and the Bubble Room extends 20-25 metres down Stevens Street - it is not therefore confined to the high street as other licensed premises are in the village. The Bubble Room premises are not remote or sufficiently distant from residential homes to carry on existing activities, let alone those being proposed. If successful, these applications will have a damaging impact on the village centre and its immediate residential neighbourhood. They put profit before neighbourliness.

The potential for harm to the neighbourhood is therefore self evident - bigger premises and longer hours means more people, more traffic, more noise, more smells and more anti-social behaviour later into the night. It is as simple as that. I have lived at [redacted] for 20 years and whilst you put up with things up to a point and make adjustments to your life accordingly e.g. by sleeping at the back of the house, these applications go too far.

In view of the existing problems, please reject these applications as they will only make matters worse. Enough is enough.

In view of the seriousness of this matter, I would very much like to attend and speak at any hearing before the Licensing Justices.

Yours sincerely

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Sent: 01 May 2012 09:47
To: HINTON, Amanda
Subject: The Bubble Room Premises Licence Applications
Attachments: SCAN4201_000_1.pdf

Dear Amanda

By way of addition to my letter of objection, please find attached a copy letter dated 21 August 2008 from Napthens, Solicitors, who acted for the Bubble Room on the last occasion they applied to extend/vary their licence. The letter is addressed to Mr B Holland, Solicitor, who was representing Alderley Edge Parish Council.

The one representation referred to was that of the Parish Council as local residents; had not been aware of the application until after the deadline for objections had passed. The Parish Council therefore took up their concerns and appointed Mr B Holland to represent it.

The Bubble Room withdrew their application on that occasion, recognising their application was causing "significant local concern and unrest". If they "had no desire to work against the local community" on that occasion, it begs the question what has changed their minds?

It would therefore be helpful to know how many letters of objection you have received in order to assess whether legal representation may again be necessary to safeguard the interests of local residents.



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Your Ref: BKH.CMH

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BY FAX AND BY POST

Dear Mr Holland

**The Bubble Room, Alderley Edge
Application to Vary Premises Licence**

Further in the above matter.

It has come to our clients' attention over the course of the last day or two that although there has only been one representation made in relation to their application, there is significant local concern and unrest in relation to the extended hours that they are seeking.

It is our opinion that because the parties concerned have not submitted representations or requested permission to attend within the appropriate time frames, their views could not be voiced before the licensing sub-committee. However, despite our opinion, our clients are conscientious operators who have no desire to work against the local community. For that reason, they have instructed us to withdraw their application.

We would be grateful if you would treat this as formal notification of the same and kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully

Naphthens LLP, Solicitors



Amanda Hinton
Licensing Officer
Cheshire East Council
Town Hall
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SK10 1DX

24th April 2012

Dear Ms Hinton

Re Application to extend license 0210181 Bubble Room Alderley Edge

I live on Stevens Street Alderley Edge, no more than ten metres across the road from the rear of the Bubble Room premises.

The above application by the Bubble Room (Bluemantle Group) located so closely to residential property that lies inside a Conservation Area (my property is inside this area) has to be inappropriate, I hope you agree? The disruption to the amenity of living where I do is already marked especially since the Bubble Room first opened. We are blighted by noise, inconsiderate parking, cooking smells and drunken loutish behaviour, largely from the Bubble Room clientele.

There is no doubt that further extending the licensing hours and allowing live music to be played until midnight and recorded music to 1am will further damage the amenity of my home and living there with my family. Surely these sort of hours should be the preserve of Town Centre venues, not small residential villages like Alderley Edge; they are inappropriate.

My drive is constantly blocked by cars and taxis illegally parked, during the day, at midnight and even later. People shouting and screaming outside mine and my children's bedroom windows, people throwing bottles, slamming car doors, arguing, urinating in the street already happens; to increase the disruption would be a step too far. The Bubble Room used to be a small Italian Restaurant, the property next door fronting London Rd (that they have permission to expand into) used to be a Post Office, neither premises is suitable for live music as they have no sound proofing.

Especially between Thursday night and Sunday at midnight Stevens Street outside my house is extremely noisy into the early hours. More noise from music being played in the venue; more customers standing on the street; more disruption and noise from vehicles arriving and leaving; more litter; more broken bottles left on the street; all of these will no doubt be a consequence of longer licensing hours and permission being granted for music to be played until 1am .

I don't want to stop anyone's fun, I like to go out and enjoy music and a drink, but there is a time and a place for it that's not Stevens Street Alderley Edge at 2.00am.

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Amanda Hinton
Licensing Officer
Cheshire East Council
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25th April 2012

Licence Application 021018

Dear Ms Hinton

We write to object to the requested extension of licensing hours for The Bubble Room, Alderley Edge on the grounds that the level of noise from music and conversations combined with movement of people and cars so late into the night is more appropriate to city and town venues and would cause great nuisance in the village setting. In our view any such extension would have a dramatic and unacceptable impact upon the village centre and surrounding residential areas.

Yours sincerely

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30 April 2012

Amanda Hinton
Licensing Officer
Cheshire East Council
Town Hall
Macclesfield

Dear Amanda Hinton

It is regrettable that, once again, licensing hours may be extended at a bar / restaurant in our village. I should like to make it plain that a license to consume alcohol until 2.30am with a 30 minute 'drink-up' time is unacceptable. I can only reiterate that the extension will cause many additional unnecessary and unwanted problems. These issues include noise, anti-social behaviour, parking and litter.

Trafford Road is already a favourite place for parking as bars extend their premises and more and more people come into the village to take advantage of the extra hours drinking. My hedge, drive and front garden are frequently dotted with litter over the week-end, as visitors get 'tanked up' with cans before they start, and finish off with cans in their cars on the way home.

In the past, on Spring and Summer evenings the 'chat' from London Road can easily be heard at my address and in my garden, as can the staff clearing up, moving bottles and bins in the small hours and then staff and owners car doors banging as they leave. This will now be extended to at least 4am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The boundaries outside the Bubble Room are not adhered to. 'Hangers-on' chat alongside the decking, drinks in hand, further extending the business. Pushing a buggy with children in tow is not an easy task for most mums.

Parking regulations are already abused. Cars park on every available piece of roadside – often selfishly right round the Stevens Street corner where the Bubble Room is situated. In addition, imagine for one moment where the parking for Pizza Express will be!

I am not against people enjoying their free time but the village is not getting any longer, larger or wider. It appears to 'implode' as more and more landlords price small, independent businesses out of the market, and owners exploit and demand every square inch to be used to make way for table and drinking space.

I strongly object to this application.

Licensing Officer, Cheshire East Council,

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Town Hall, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

28.4.2012

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Dear Mrs Hinton,

Ref 021018. Bubble Room Alderley Edge.

I write with regard to the above application and raise the greatest objection, querying the legality of any such proposal, let alone the many anti social issues which have only come about in the village since this "night club" opened. Such issues can neither be condoned by the landlord Bluemantle nor approved of by Cheshire East Council.

The licensing objectives are:-

The prevention of crime and disorder

Public safety

The prevention of public nuisance

The protection of children from harm,

We have overcrowding of the pavement, cooking smells, arguing and shouting outside the premises, illegal parking, urinating in public, vomiting and sounding of horns, loud engine noise way into the night.

I do not consider this to be "giving protection to local residents whose lives are blighted by disturbance and anti social behaviour", and this is the law.

How it is interpreted and actioned is another matter, this failure allows the Bubbles room happily take full advantage to the detriment of the village in general and particularly to those living in close proximity to it, without a care and this to the licensees very considerable monetary gain.

Can nothing be done to stop this? I would like to think Cheshire East Licensing, our local parish council and the residents of Alderley Edge will do their best.

I am hopeful the licensing justices are made aware of this letter and I would seek to attend any hearing and would ask you to keep me informed please.

Re Bubble Room Extension

of licence 021018

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Already, I am often disturbed after 11pm by the traffic noise - slamming of doors & loud conversation from clients of restaurants - collecting cars or taxis in Bram St. South St. Green St, Alderley Edge. Increased hours will worsen the problem.

Please do not allow the extension.

Also the outdoor seating outside the Bubble Room now, make it difficult when crossing Stevens St.

with a wheelchair, buggy, or shopping trolley where the pavement is lowered for their convenience. There is very little pavement left to avoid the obstruction. Please consider the

needs of the local residents of Alderley

Edge

Yours faithfully,

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Sent: 24 April 2012 17:40
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)

Subject: ref 021018 Bubble Room Licence Extension

FAO Amanda Hinton. We live on the corner of The Avenue and Stevens Street, just a stone's throw from The Bubble Room and so far we have been happy to see their business flourish. Even the expansion into the old Post Office site would be fine if it entailed more of the same. However, the planned extension of their licence into the early hours for live music and entertainment purposes is a step too far. Alderley Edge is a village not a town or city and does not lend itself to having a nightclub at its core. The outcome will be an increase in rowdy, drunken and possibly criminal behaviour close to a predominantly residential area, an increase in noise from traffic and customers in the early hours and a risk to public safety with obstruction to roads and pavements from waiting taxis and drinkers. This is a frightening development and not one we would wish to see the light of day. I hope therefore that you will be able to turn down this licence extension and maintain the status quo in our residential neighbourhood.

Sent: 24 April 2012 15:57
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: FW: Application No 021018 extension of licence FAO Amanda Hinton

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Dear Amanda

I am writing to strongly object to any licence extension of the Bubble Room which is situated on a corner plot and has just been given permission to extend its business into the property next door.

This business is on a corner plot leading into Stevens Street, which is a one way residential street. At present with the unit being based on the corner with outdoor seating facilities the customers already block the pedestrian pathways, not keeping within the decked area and causing obstruction and menace to those who pass. There is already drifting of customers onto the side streets as they take their drink outside leaving bottles and cigarette packets on residents garden walls, kerbsides and garden edges for the tax paying residents to clear up.

To allow a late night licence will exasperate this situation. The longer the drinking hours the more antisocial behaviour will occur and to a greater extent.

To add to this a licence for live and recorded music to all the nearby housing would be a real detriment to the well being of all residents who are trying to sleep get families to sleep soundly and safely. There is also the potential harm to children of all ages either being tempted into bars which have open door policies and strangers who may wish harm on them.

The noise factor of allowing late night music with an open door policy and a building which is not soundproofed is not acceptable by any standards and the noise control will be needed taking up Police time to investigate added complaints which need not happen in the first instance if this is controlled by not allowing a late licence and live and recorded music.

At present retail shops are complaining about having to remove vomit and bottles from their fronts after weekend revelry and would not be happy about any late night licensing as it leaves their shop fronts vulnerable to damage and again would lead to more security on shop fronts taking away any semblance of community.

Added to this the external noise as customers leave the premises drifting off down residential streets looking for lifts home, added increased vehicles picking up and dropping people off. This is not a linear placed premises and will not contain noise, public nuisance, safety, crime and disorder to one spot the damage will drift outwards. This a small village where residents live well within the shops. In fact residents have been increasing due to the addition of many flats which have been built in the last 10 years to create a more vibrant day time shopping foot fall not to bring in night life where only the bar owner enjoys increased profit.

Kind Regards

Sent: 23 April 2012 20:38
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)

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Subject: Objection to Bubble Room - Extension of Licence (Application No. 021018)

Dear Ms Hinton,

I am writing to object to the requested Extension of Licence (Application No. 021018) by the Bubble Room on London Road in Alderley Edge.

The Extension requested is totally at odds with the environment in which the premises is situated. Alderley Edge is a small village, with a large number of families. The Extension of Licence will impact negatively on the residents and environment of the village:

Public Nuisance - We already experience disturbance late at night from customers and staff leaving the premises, as well as encountering some of the less pleasant aspects of customers' late night walks home - from broken glasses and bottles to vomit on the streets. This situation can only deteriorate with an extension of opening hours. With the expansion of the site, the proposed Extension of Licence will also result in a significant increase in noise emitting from the premises, which is unacceptable given the proximity to residential roads.

Crime & disorder - the Extension of Licence will undoubtedly result in an increase of drunken and rowdy behaviour. The village does not have the policing levels required to support this threat, and residents should not have to live in fear of the effects.

It is highly inappropriate for this Extension to be granted to a premises in a small village. The type of entertainment and opening hours requested are suited to a major conurbation with the infrastructure and the population to support them. Approving the extension will bring no tangible benefit to the village. We will not see an increase in trade in local shops - which will all be shut at this time of night, it will not enhance the living environment of the village and can only act as a blight on the community.

I hope you are able to reject the Extension application.

Yours sincerely,

Sent: 27 April 2012 16:31
To: HINTON, Amanda; LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Cc:
Subject: Extension of Licence - application no 021018

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Dear Mrs Hinton

The Bubble Room in Alderley Edge has applied for a significant extension to its premises licence until 2.30am, including live music until midnight and recorded music until 1am Thursday to Saturday. New licence applications have also been submitted for dancing, performance and entertainment until 1am Thursday to Saturday. Sunday to Thursday times are until midnight.

We wish to object to this application in the strongest possible terms.

We live in The Avenue, only 25 yards from these premises and in the Conservation area and already experience problems with the Bubble Room which did not exist prior to the Bubble Room opening in the village. I am aware problems have been reported to the Police and the environment health department over recent years. There can only be an exacerbation of these problems if the applications are approved.

Alderley Edge is not a city centre or even a town centre and the premises are totally unsuitable for use as a late night night club.

We object under the Licensing act 2004 as follows;

Public Safety

During current opening hours, customers drink freely outside the premises blocking the pavement area whilst standing on the pavement. There are permanent tables and chairs outside making it impossible for pedestrians to pass without being forced onto London Road. The pavement is treated as part of the licensed premises and it is impossible to pass with a child's pushchair or a wheelchair.

Steven's Street is a residential street and there are houses and flats adjacent to the premises. The premises already extend along Steven's Street rather than being confined to the main road, London Road. The premises are too close to residential premises as it is, without extending their activities.

Taxis and vehicles already park and wait illegally on double yellow lines, causing hazards to pedestrians and other motorists.

There will be a very detrimental effect upon the village and its residents if these applications are not rejected.

Public Nuisance

Since the opening of the Bubble Room there has been problems which did not exist previously. Late night noise, and anti social behaviour has been a problem, where none existed previously. We are horrified as parents to see The Avenue used as a urinal and where customers have been sick. Bottles and glasses, often broken, are left along the Avenue, where young children live and play. It is nothing short of dangerous and scandalous.

We hear people shouting, speaking loudly on their mobiles and vehicles revving engines and sounding horns in the early hours. It is much worse in the fine weather when customers congregate on the pavements in the surrounding area. We have to go to work and our children to school in the mornings and this is simply unacceptable in a residential area.

The problems are compounded by the fact that these premises are simply not suitable for the purpose for which they are being used. These are Victorian shops, not nightclub premises. They are not soundproofed, nor are they capable of so being. The planners added to the problem by approving the windows and doors which open completely onto the street. It is impossible to contain any noise or music, live and recorded.

The Bubble Room is extending into the old Post Office and with the increase in the size of the premises, the public nuisance and unneighbourliness can only increase, even without the current application to extend the licensing hours.

Crime and Disorder

An increase in drunken and disorderly conduct, rowdy behaviour, anti - social conduct is completely unacceptable in a residential area. As parents of teenagers, with other local families with younger children, how can we educate our youngsters in sensible behaviour when this appalling behaviour is present on their doorstep ?

Harm to Children

Our children are now of an age where they visit friends locally which means they are faced with anti social behaviour and the resulting evidence of this behaviour as they walk home from visiting friends locally. Surely, this is unacceptable ?

The Bubble Room in Bramhall does not have such anti social opening hours as the current proposed hours for Alderley Edge. The Bramhall premises are open 11am -11 pm Monday - Thursday, and 10am - 12pm Friday - Sunday. Please do not allow Alderley Edge to become a late night strip of bars for outside visitors who have little or no regard for residents, to the detriment of the local residents.

If this application were allowed, the potential for harm is enormous. Larger premises, and longer opening hours will increase the noise, traffic, anti - social behaviour into the early hours and exacerbate the existing problems.

In view of the serious nature of this application, we would wish to attend any hearing of the Licensing Justices.

Yours sincerely

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Sent: 29 April 2012 18:47

To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)

Subject: Applcn 0221018 Bubble Room Extension of License

Dear Amanda Hinton

I write to object to the extension of licence for the Bubble Room Aldelrey Edge.

These premises are on the corner of a residential street. Noise from live music until midnight and recorded music until 1am are not appropriate in this setting.

I frequently use Stevens Street as a route to access my house. Very often, in fact it is almost normal for cars and taxis to be parked on double lines on both London Road and Stevens Street making this a dangerous corner. Several times I have met with cars coming the wrong way down this one-way street making the area even more dangerous.

Noise and traffic problems will be increased with the enlargement of the Bubble Room and the extension of licence. I therefore strongly object to this application.

Yours sincerely,

Sent: 29 April 2012 14:40
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Bubble Room ref 021018

For the attention of Amanda Hinton

I live on Chapel Road and write to inform you that I strongly object to the Bubble Room being granted extended drinking hours and authority to play music until 1 am because this place will be more of a nuisance than it is now. On warm dry evenings there is a large crowd of noisy and no doubt drunken young people outside the premises late at night drinking and smoking and spilling out onto London Road and Stevens Street and making the turn by vehicle into Stevens Street hazardous. This occurs particularly on Fridays and Saturdays and the following morning much litter in the form of cigarette ends and empty packets and bottles and cans will be evident. If permission for dancing and entertainment were to be granted also the place would effectively be a "night club" and the centre of a small village is clearly an unsuitable location for such.

On busy nights cars are parked without regard for regard for safety or parking regulations in every available space on the highways, and even the pavement on occasions, because all the customers want to park as close to the place as possible and this situation will get worse. The business is clearly profitable with it's existing licences and with larger premises will be more so and there is no necessity to make matters for the residents.

Via E mail

30 April 2012

Amanda Hinton
Licensing Officer
Cheshire East Council
Town Hall
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Cheshire SK10 1DX

Dear Ms Hinton

Bubble Room – Extension of License (Application No 021018)

I am writing to object to the extension to licensing hours and the application for live music, dancing, performance and entertainments license (eg Karaoke etc) for the following reasons:

The Bubble Room is located in a predominantly residential area, where there are residential properties adjoining or flats above. Alderley Edge is not a city centre or even a town centre – it is a small village. This proposal to increase licensing & the application for an entertainment license would materially harm the amenities of occupiers of residential property by virtue of noise, disturbance, traffic, and parking. These buildings have not been constructed for this type of activity and have not been soundproofed and with doors opening onto the pavement will make noise containment near impossible.

Public Safety/ Public Nuisance/Crime & Disorder

The above application does not take into account previous complaints which were raised concerning noise and anti-social behaviour when the owners of the premises sought to further extend their licensing hours previously. The current proposal to extend licensing hours and the request for an entertainment licence in this location will only compound these problems which still exist. There is a continual overspill of noisy revelers outside the Bubble Room in the evening both down the side of Steven Street and on London Road – weekend scenes resembles a city 'Street Party'. There are sometimes as many as 40/50 people

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overspilling the pavement and on the road of Steven Street corner. The noise is unbearable late at night, especially during the Summer nights when houses close by need to open their windows. We hear shouting, screaming & swearing, we also find many broken bottles and glasses on the grass verge on The Avenue and areas of vomit which we never experienced before the Bubble Room used the premises. We have experienced patrons from the Bubble Room urinating on our drive and jumping in a skip we had outside our house.

The key issue here is that The Bubble Room is not a restaurant, but a Bar and, if this application goes ahead, will be no different to a 'Nightclub'. It's patrons currently use the pavement and outside space as a place to party and to be seen late into the night when they have been drinking considerable amounts of alcohol which creates loud noise during unsociable hours, in a highly populated residential area – the noise and problems from the Bubble Room can be heard streets away! Music can be heard coming from the premises, not just when the doors fronting London Road are open, as clearly the premises are not adequately soundproofed. Customers visiting and standing outside the premises up to 2 a.m. and staff leaving the premises after this time also create noise and disturbance e.g. by shouting and banging of car doors.

I really do not understand why the Borough Plan, local Councillors and resident opinions are continually ignored in these matters. I feel as though we are paralysed to influence anything in our village anymore.

Sent: 01 May 2012 11:38

To: LICENSING

Subject: Ref: 021018 The Bubble Room

Dear

Amanda

I'm sure you will have received many emails re. The Bubble Room and I anticipate most are 'anti'. I too am in this camp and whilst I would want each and every business to succeed in the village I believe the new licence application will take the venue beyond an acceptable position primarily because of noise and social impact.

I am a regular 'diner' in Alderley Edge and appreciate that, especially in summer, having a buoyant Saturday night provides a great atmosphere in the village. But for this to be extended to 1pm so that, in effect, the Bubble Room becomes a nightclub in all but name is wrong. The precedent it will set and will cause others to apply; I suspect the 'soon to open' The Botanist would follow suit. In truth, I do not believe that The Bubble Room would take any serious note of noise should this go ahead, the number of people spilling out to chat and smoke will increase and, with an existing issue of taxis queueing outside residents' apartments this will also become a great deal worse.

Panacea is the perfect venue so let's keep it that way.

Yours sincerely



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To Whom It May Concern

To Whom It May Concern

**Re: The Bubble Room, Alderley Edge
Application for a Premises Licence**

I have been instructed by the Applicant in relation to the above matter and as such, I have had sight of your objection to the application for a premises licence.

As you may already be aware, the Licensing Act 2003 (which is the primary piece of legislation governing matters such as this) and the associated Guidance strongly encourages a spirit of "partnership working", with open lines of communication between applicants, responsible authorities, local businesses and local residents. In addition the operators of the Bubble Room, Mr & Mrs Mason have a genuine desire to work with local residents rather than against them.

For the above reasons, Mr & Mrs Mason are keen to meet with those who have objected to the application in order that they can explain their intentions for the premises and the rationale behind the application, and also so that they may listen to the concerns of residents and explore any ways in which they can be addressed to the satisfaction of all parties.

To facilitate this, Mr & Mrs Mason are proposing a meeting for all parties. It is proposed that the meeting will take place at the Bubble Room on Tuesday 15th May at 19.30 and your attendance would be very much appreciated. I am away on annual leave until Sunday 13th May, but would be grateful if you would contact Samantha Faud on 01254 686225 to confirm whether or not you are able to attend. Should you wish to discuss the matter with me you can contact me at any time on or after Sunday 13th May on my mobile, the number for which is 07786076433. I can also be contacted through e-mail, the address for which appears above.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

**Head of Leisure & Licensing
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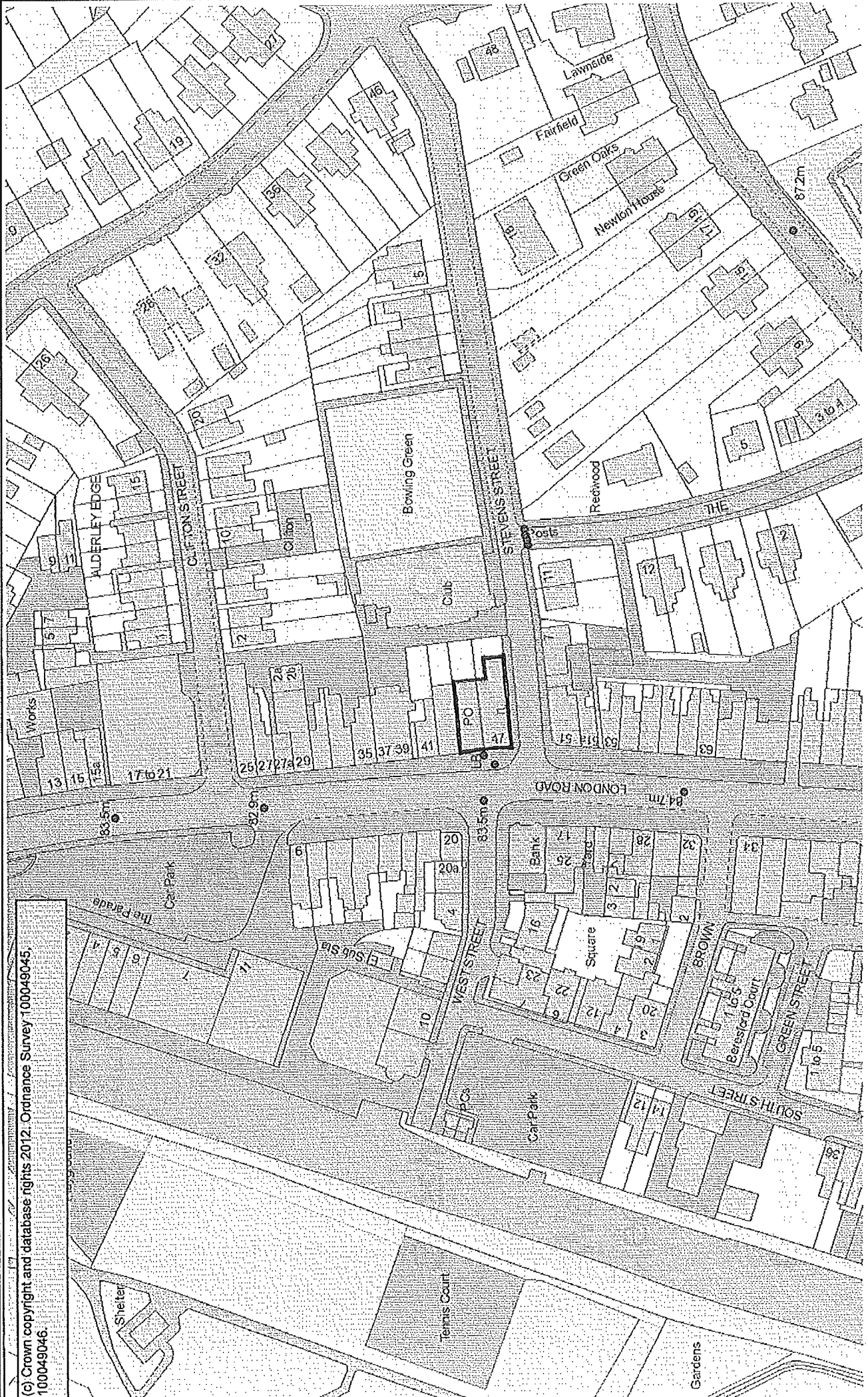
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