

re. 21/00326/PREMVA

Premises Licence Variation Extension to the British Flag Public House, 56 West Street,
Harwich

Dear Michael,

I've just been advised to direct my comments re. the above application, to yourself. I did try to find a way into a section of TDC's website, where I could write something there, but the link given at the bottom of the notice about it, which was posted to us a few days ago, was 'not recognised' and I'm eager to reach you before the end of today, which is the last opportunity for residents to submit any comments.

I live just over the road from the British Flag. My husband and I also work from this address, as do most of our neighbours in this side of the road. As our bedroom is on the same side of the road as the street, our first concern is that we need our sleep. I've not been able to find out if the extension of the licensing course includes Sunday night, but if it does, we would strongly object on these grounds, to live and recorded music going on till 1am and probably more specially, people coming out of the pub at 2.30 on these nights.

There is another concern. In the past, when The Billy (further down the road but on the same side as the British Flag) stayed open till late, people coming out drunk because they'd been drinking for longer, regularly vandalised the cars in the street. I had a wing mirror smashed twice, my bonnet punched and my rear lights kicked in. My husband had damage done to his car, too. I am not comparing the British Flag to The Billy, but these past experiences and the very small police presence in Harwich, will make it clear to you why we feel wary about this application.

At the same time, the owners of the British Flag, like ourselves, need to make the best go of their business they can. We don't *know* what it will be like, which makes it hard to comment fairly on the outcome. If you plan to grant them this license, could we request a probationary period of say a month, so we can come back to you afterwards, with better informed opinions? Our worries may turn out to be completely unfounded. We're not against live-music at all. It's only the potential volume of it, the timing of it and the proximity of it to our house.

kind regards,
Martina