

FAO: Michael COOK, LICENSING MANAGER

## APPLICATION FOR EXTENDED HOURS FOR BRITISH FLAG HARWICH

Please accept this email as objection to the above application to extend licensing hours at the British Flag.

I have been a home owner/resident in West Street Harwich (virtually opposite this public house) for a number of years and I feel strongly that I need to oppose this application, a view held by many local residents.

This public house is surrounded closely by residential dwellings. Many of these flats and houses house young families with children and elderly residents all of which will be affected by the noise and antisocial behaviour from the extended opening hours.

It is already a noisy and sometimes rowdy pub and on many occasions the police are called due to disturbance and fighting. This is particularly worrying for me as a single parent of a son with a developmental disorder. It is disturbing to listen to people brawling virtually outside the front of your home. On one occasion I had a couple arguing whilst sitting on my front door step swearing and shouting at each other. There is limited police presence in the town and I feel this will make the area a less safe place to live.

Old Harwich appears to attract people driving around in the evenings carelessly and recklessly and I feel the extended opening times will encourage this type of activity further into the early hours of the morning, a cause for concern for all residents.

Loud music and opening times extended into the early hours of the morning are likely to cause sleep disturbance to local residents. I work long hours in health care and need to sleep well in order to be able to manage the demands of my job. The inability to sleep is likely to have negative consequences for my concentration and ability to cope. I also have to consider my sons needs. He suffers with social anxiety disorder and ASD. This will likely cause him further stress and discomfort.

During my time of residence my car (parked outside my home) has been damaged on a number of occasions late at night (windscreen wiper broken off, scratches, wing mirror damage). I actually observed a group of young men pull the windscreen wiper from my car but felt unable to challenge them on my own whilst they were under the influence of alcohol. This has caused me emotional upset and financial hardship due to repairs and devalue, not to mention inconvenience as I need my car for work purposes.

There is already extremely limited parking in the area for local residents let alone further traffic that this may encourage.

I strongly feel that the extended licensing hours will have serious negative consequences for the local residents and fully oppose the application.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Dawn Anderson