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FAO Michael Cook, Licensing manager

I am strongly objecting to the licence extension that The British Flag public house at 56 West Street in Harwich has applied for.

This is a residential area which is not a suitable place for a pub to be blasting out live music til 1am and serving alcohol til 2.30am! My partner lives at number 33 West street, so the pub is virtually opposite his house. These proposed extended opening hours will have a detrimental affect on his and our way of life.

My partner and I both work, he works 6 days a week having to get up at 4.10am Monday - Sat, he gets home at 5.30pm so as you can imagine needs his 1 day off to rest and relax. This is not possible if after a long work day on a Saturday he gets home only to have noise all sat night and Sunday til 2.30-3am when he then has to be up at 4.10am again. The music, drunken noise, shouting & fighting that is already bad enough from that pub, plus the added cars down an already parking restricted rd will be a nightmare. There will be taxis all night and property will inevitably be damaged as has been in the past by drunken men fighting and pushing into parked cars that are owned by hardworking residents. I come up to visit my partner on a Saturday til Monday when we both go to work, without any sleep the chances are we would lose our jobs as will be unable to function!! We both have a 1 hour & 10 min drive to work, each way, daily, obvs thats worrying when you need to have your wits about you to drive but have had no sleep! This is not an area that warrants a pub being open til 2.30am. Noise disturbance will be ridiculous. I feel it is unreasonable to even consider this application in a residential street. Children live down here that have school, dont you think through this covid pandemic they have lost enough time off. Dont you think that as hardworking people that have also had hard times financially through lockdowns that we deserve to be able to now work or should we all just give up, all get benefits and go to the pub til 2.30am, great country this would be if we all did that. I hope you consider all the facts and the effect this will have on the working residents. Property prices will also suffer & fall. This area needs an uplift, not a grubby pub extending its hours for their own financial gain at the expense of hard working people and their families.

The police are already overstretched, they will be called out on a weekly basis if this application goes ahead, is the already overstretched force able to deal with this?? Environmental health will also be inundated with calls regarding noise, whilst also being called out to clean up vomit & urine from drunks leaving the pub. Are you also equipped to deal with all this? Does the council have the funds to make sure the health and wellbeing of its community are at the forefront?

Object to this proposal is an understatement! It should never even be considered.

I await to hear back with a decision from the committee.