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THE MILDMAY BARN
FORE STREET
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LICENSING ACT 2003

Application for premises licence, the Dartmoor Union Fore Street Holbeton.

This letter seeks to outline objections to the application to sell alcohol on these premises, after 11 p.m. Monday to Saturday and after 10.30 p.m. on Sundays. Also to restrict access by persons under 16 years after 9.30 p.m.

PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

Firstly it is necessary to point out that these premises have been closed for the past 16 months. During this period a number of residential properties nearby and adjacent to the Dartmoor Union have had new occupants. Many of the new occupants have taken up residence in the knowledge that the Dartmoor Union was closed and that the owners were seeking planning permission for the premises to be converted to exclusively residential use.

The clear implication of a return to the daily operation of a public house on this site, is the increased noise and disturbance caused by those going to and from the building, persons consuming alcohol on the street outside the premises and the culture of unsupervised children, under 16 year olds, who have caused substantial concern in the past particularly late in the evening.

This situation would be further aggravated by the sale of alcohol after 11p.m., as the (customers) parents, guardians of these children will, as has been the case in the past, take less interest in the supervision and welfare of their children both inside and outside the premises the longer the premises remain open for the sale of alcohol.

There are a very limited number of parking spaces associated with the pub, these are reached via a narrow lane to the side of the building, which is only suitable for the smallest of vehicles. The consequence of this is that persons using the premises tend to position their vehicles on Fore Street (residential).

This activity has resulted in a lack of consideration for the premises on both sides of the street, cars will often be parked on the footway, blocking access to doorways, passageways and driveways. Noise and disturbance will often accompany this practice and would be seriously aggravated if the sale of alcohol is permitted beyond 11p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY and PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM.

Previous incidents associated with the premises include children skateboarding through the pub, across the footpath outside the front door and into and across the public road opposite, running out of the front door of the pub into the public highway causing vehicles to brake to avoid collision and injury. There is a clear public safety issue relating to the proximity of the front door of these premises and the public road. The erection of a barrier (of the type often placed outside school entrances), preventing a direct route to the road outside would go some way to reducing the risk of serious injury or worse.

PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

Some of the more serious incidents of crime and disorder associated with these premises can no doubt be seen from the police logs recorded over previous years.


Many other matters of concern will be known only to local residents who have experienced nuisance and disorder in person.

In support of my objection to the granting of a permit for the sale of alcohol on these premises after 23.00 hrs I am willing to attend a licensing hearing at the request of the licensing authority

I also respectfully ask that consideration be given to extending the consultation period beyond a closing date of 13th April, due to difficulty experienced in access to the details of the application on the SHDC website.

*Thank you for your time on
this matter.*

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