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Request for new licence to sell alcohol at The Dartmoor Union Inn Holbeton

Dear Sirs,

I wish to point out objection of mine and other local residents to the above request.

- 1) **Holbeton village cannot support two inns/pubs trade has been falling for the following reasons.**
- Drink drive rules
  - The availability of cheap alcohol and ready cooked meals from super markets.
  - A falling of disposable income
  - There are only about 400 people on the electoral roll many of those living in outlying areas of the parish and cannot drink and drive.
  - There are a very limited number of parking spaces in the village.

The above points have exacerbated the fact that over the last 2 decades or so, each of the incumbents of the Dartmoor union have walked out in a parlous state having been unable to make a living. This does not bode well for opening the inn again, certainly with the trade as it is at present and could well result in both pubs in the village being forced to close.

2) **Public safety concerns.**

There is almost no parking in the village except for local residents, therefore customers to the inn would again be forced to park across local accesses, on yellow lines, or other unsafe places as happened when the inn was last open. This coupled with the fact that children were left unsupervised to run and skate board down the side of the building and across the steep hill outside of the Inn and wander around the village caused much worry as vehicles had to break suddenly and violently. This is especially of serious concern as the evenings progress, with parents and guardians taking less and less care of the children. This became serious several times the police had to be called as their records will show.

3) **Public nuisance**

11.30pm closing time is too late for the very quiet village that Holbeton is, 10.30 would be late enough especially for music and unruly children as many residents, some in the farming industry and those travelling long distances to work, have to leave early for work, at week end as well as week days. Noise from the kitchen extract fan is excessive, this was overcome by the last lease holders by keeping the fan on the lowest speed setting, not necessarily good for those working in the kitchen. The root of the problem has not been resolved.

Yours

Sincerely

Michael Gray