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of: 2 King Street, Tavistock, PL19 0DS

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| Which of the four licensing objectives does your application, representation or objection relate | (√)      | Please enter a summary of your key points in the table below. Please use an additional page if necessary  |
| Prevention of crime & disorder   | ~        | We live above the Oxfam shop on West Street and prior to the COVID related lock down restrictions, we would normally experience some sort of drunken disorder on a weekly basis, most often from the neighbouring Wetherspoons. At it's lowest level this includes shouting and swearing, littering, as well as more serious incidents such as fighting in the street, and vandalism of parked cars and shop fronts.  Granting a license for another serving alcohol and playing music until midnight, adjacent to the nearby Wetherspoons will likely increase these incidents of crime and disorder even further, as many customers will move between the two establishments (especially if they denied serving in one establishment, to continue drinking further in the other). |
| Public safety  | <b>V</b> | The premises of the Stannary Arms are straight off a very narrow pavements onto King Street, therefore permitting a late drinking / music license to midnight for serving alcohol in this area could increase traffic related accidents.  When customers are leaving the premises in the dark, in an inebriated state, this could make them very vulnerable to cars, bikes or other pedestrians. It's hard to safely cross this road even when you're perfectly sober during the day, let alone when it's dark, raining or icy and you just want to get somewhere dry quickly!  |

| Prevention of public nuisance    | <b>√</b> | This brings me onto the final point of our objection to the licensing hours - granting this establishment a license for playing music and serving alcohol until midnight will cause significant disruption to our sleep. Our bedroom faces directly across to the pub and as the establishment usually has their windows open in the summer, causing noise, music and shouting to echo loudly across the stone courtyard and ruin our sleep. Even during the winter with the windows shut, I already have to wear ear plugs due to the amount of noise from traffic, bins getting emptied and other disruptions. |
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|                                  |          | Because - in keeping with the area - our bedroom windows are single pane sash windows, they hardly block out any noise at all, even when they are shut. If we want to have the windows open in the summer months, or use this room when the noise from the traffic on the living room facing West Street is too much, we would not be able to get any respite from noise at all.   |
|                                  |          | Permitting the licensing hours for the Stannary Arms to serve alcohol and play music until midnight would mean that our bedroom would be facing noise disruption from across two different sides of the courtyard (the other side of the courtyard adjoins the Wetherspoons outdoor seating / smoking area when we already have significant amounts of noise disruptions from customers drinking, smoking and shouting).   |
|                                  |          | Having noise disruption from two pubs facing our bedroom would make sleep almost impossible for us in the summer months until well after 00:30am, when all the customers in the Stannary Arms or Wetherspoons would have drunk up and finally left these premises.   |
|                                  |          | Studies into the long term health / psychological affects of sleep disruption have made links with many negative health outcomes, such as high blood pressure, heart disease, weight gain, stress, diabetes and so on. A short selection of these affects can be found on the Sleep Foundation website here: https://www.sleepfoundation.org/bedroom-environment/howdoes-noise-affect-sleep  |
|                                  |          | We have previously raised an objection to noise nuisance from<br>the Stannary Arms as the previous licensees frequently used to<br>ignore their licensing limit of playing music, often having lock ins<br>and continuing to play music and sing karaoke until past 1am on<br>weekends and Bank Holidays.  |
| Protection of children from harm |          |  |
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| Your Signature: |                    | Your address: |
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| Name:           | Lucy Jane Sutton   |               |
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| Public safety  | Ø   | Youths Righting every night instruct  |
| Prevention of public nuisance  | Ø   | Loud Music being played lake<br>at night-every night. Our bedroods<br>in Wesse x Court are 25 Mebres<br>thor Stannary Arms Barthoungs<br>Therefore we will not be able to use !!! |
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#### **KEY POINTS**

- 1. The previous license for these premises (which still have the same landlord) was held by the Tavy Club where the supply of alcohol and use of recorded music was restricted up to 23:00 hours, and we do not wish to see these licensing times extended as they would cause considerable public nuisance to the seven residential tenants in Wessex Court where these flats directly abut this establishment. The effect of the grant of this premises licence would have a detrimental impact on the licensing objective of the prevention of public nuisance. (There is no recorded music played in Wetherspoons).
- Particularly bearing in mind the very large size of these premises (which I believe on the two floors are the largest in Tavistock) and bearing in mind the numbers that can be accommodated, we would like your assurances as to what restrictions you are proposing on the number of people being allowed into this establishment at any one time.
- 3. On the plans provided and operating schedule, no reference is made to the roof terrace which can be accessed from the first floor and where there have been a number of previous incidents of noise and nuisance from people drinking, smoking and even urinating on this roof (access to this roof enables people to look directly into bedrooms in Wessex Court). We therefore consider that the smoking area should be restricted to the ground floor only; the door to the roof is alarmed to allow the designated premises supervisor to be alerted and that a member of staff ensure that persons using the licensed premises on the first floor do not use the flat roofed area, and that there is a specific condition not to use the first floor flat roof. (Notwithstanding the previous planning refusal, there are currently tables, chairs and a large barbeque on the roof).
- 4. There is a south facing window on the ground floor overlooking Wessex Court with a large extract fan where loud recorded music was emanating from before Christmas (presumably as a trial). We consider this window should be double glazed and the extract fan removed and taken up to the roof so that the occupiers of Wessex Court are not disturbed.
- There should be no deliveries or waste collection on any day before 7am to prevent public nuisance and disturbance to the adjoining residents.
- 6. We are concerned about the proposed late entry and extended hours, particularly bearing in mind the size of the establishment and number of people that could be leaving at a late hour. We would remind the Council of the previous public nuisance and crime and disorder with fights in Bank Square before the hours of operating were restricted to reasonable levels in this area.