

C/24/00031/PRMA – Coach and Horses – Representations

Parish Council, S Henley (Clerk)

The Parish Council strongly objects to the proposed licensing application for the following reasons:

Public nuisance

Hours: The venue would be open for a range of hours which are considered too long, considering that it is adjacent to a residential area)

Noise: The venue is too close to residential properties and as the close windows will not be effective as a control measure as they are not double-glazed.

Public safety

The location is adjacent to a very busy main road (A429 Fosseway) which creates problems with site access and egress. There is inadequate parking for the maximum requested number of 220 attendees. In addition, the pedestrian footpath to and from the venue along the A429 is very narrow and unlit. The application for extended hours during any peak times such as bank holidays and special events such as Cheltenham Races when events are also taking place at The Cotswold Brewing Company on the opposite side of the road would create too much strain on the road infrastructure. This is in relation to the A429 in particular as there are significant tailbacks at the nearby traffic lights. The cumulative impact of visitors to both venues at closing time would be dangerous.

The current licence for the Cotswold Brewing company on the opposite side of the road is only until 10pm and 8pm for live and recorded music.

Is this application correct in requesting 31st December to 2nd January (continuously) or should this read to 1st January?

T Williams

The noise from the brewery is already too loud from across the road so bringing it closer and allowing it later is unacceptable. There is no parking so our street will be used for larger events. My son has to walk past to his voluntary role at the horse riding yard opposite and increased traffic from Clarksons fan club will make crossing the entrance very dangerous for him and other children using the pathway. Young children live behind the pub and cannot put up with such noise and music until 1.30am.

Strongly object.

S Crawford

I live directly behind this premises, and would strongly object to the playing of live or recorded music until the early hours. The road noise from the A429 is already substantial but is a tolerable and expected noise when living here.

The premises is opposite fields full of livestock. . Most of which are horses. I believe this would not be in the best interest of their welfare. The noise from the premises and the antics of drunk persons there could cause distress or injury to livestock.

The premises also faces directly onto one of the darkest and fastest roads in the Cotswolds. A road where the fatality rate is already substantial. I think public safety would be further put at risk considering the implications of drunk patrons leaving in the hours of darkness. The local police are (as is well documented), completely overwhelmed, and I do not think this has place in a rural community.

While I welcome a new owner and the pub finally being restored and of use to the community, I think the current proposal is an unfair one based on its community impact and potential risks to public safety.

M & E Weston

We are writing to you with our concerns for the above application.

The application states the company want the establishment to be able to be open until 130 am, we live on a housing estate within 100 meters of the pub and wish for you to consider the noise and disruption it would bring to people.

Also the lack of parking with the establishment, if they are going to be running large events where will all the cars be parking?

Please consider the residents of the area in your decision.

W Masek

As a concerned resident, I believe that granting an extension for music and drinking until the early hours of the morning would have severe negative consequences for our peaceful community.

Firstly, the history of the pub is already marred by incidents of antisocial behavior and frequent police callouts. An extension of the licensing hours is likely to exacerbate these issues, as it has been observed that such incidents tend to increase with prolonged hours of operation.

The majority of our community consists of older retired individuals and young families who value the tranquility of the area. The proposed license extension poses a significant threat to the peace and quietude of our neighborhood, and it is particularly alarming that the pub is within 250 meters of a children's playground. This close proximity raises concerns about the potential exposure of young children to disruptive and inappropriate behavior.

Moreover, the fact that the new owners are a large corporation with no vested interest in the local community is disconcerting. Such entities often prioritize profit over the well-being of residents, and their lack of connection to the area makes it less likely for them to address the concerns of the community.

The inclusion of live music until late hours is an additional cause for concern. This will undoubtedly lead to increased noise levels, inevitably resulting in noise complaints from nearby residents. The disturbance caused by live music is not only a nuisance but also a detriment to the overall quality of life for those in close proximity.

In light of these concerns, I respectfully request that the licensing authority carefully considers the impact of granting this application on the well-being of our community. I urge you to prioritize the needs and concerns of the residents over the profit motives of a large corporation. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

C Furner

While I support the application for a new premises license and welcome new business to the area, I feel the hours being applied for are too long and should be restricted to normal public house hours. The applicants can always apply for one off licenses for special events if needed. The reason being the close proximity to local housing as well as to farmland where livestock is kept. Not only will there be noise from the music, etc but also traffic noise and nuisance in the early hours of the morning, this application is not suitable for the location in which this venue is set.

E Griffin

I strongly object to the application due to the below points

Excessive noise pollution until 1am week days which is unacceptable as we are a working family with a six year old child. peace and tranquility will be a thing of the past, Safety of pedestrians walking down a small footpath adjacent to the the busy A429 in the early hours heavily intoxicated due to the late opening, this is an accident waiting to happen.

Impact to traffic flow on an all ready busy road.

An increase in antisocial behaviour in early hours putting added pressure on the staffing of our local police force

In view of the above, I would urge the Licensing Authority to refuse the application of late opening during week days

C Masek

I wish to object to the application from The Coach and Horses for a new premises licence for entertainment and the sale of alcohol into the early hours every day. My objection is based on my concern that this licence will increase the possibility of public nuisance for the many dwellings nearby, including my own. Young families and elderly live on our road and our sleep will be severely disturbed if this business is granted permission to play music until the early hours of the morning every day. I worry that my children's sleep will be regularly disturbed and their well-being subsequently affected.

The conditions on the application stipulate that windows and doors should be closed after a certain time to limit disruption to neighbouring properties. However, the application clearly states music will be played outside as well as inside. Furthermore, an advert for a retail partnership tenancy at the premises, currently on the Stonegate Group Pub Partners website, states that: "emphasis must be placed on the rear trading space potential as a multi-purpose area and if paired with a clear marketing strategy could boost business growth." Considering the premises only has space for "20 customers"

inside, it is clear that their intention is to host entertainment outside. Our property is located 2 houses down from the pub so it will effectively be like having neighbours who party in the garden with amplified music, potentially every night.

The previous owners occasionally hosted live music events, which we tolerated because they were irregular and finished at a reasonable hour. Therefore, we know from experience that the sound can be heard clearly in our home. As I have stated previously, the new owners have grander entertainment plans. Hawkestone's live music events finish at 8pm currently, which is tolerable for occasional weekend events. Please consider that our property is close to both venues and this means double the potential for regular disruption as both businesses compete for customers across the week.

Additionally, the application seeks to play music until 2.30 am during Cheltenham race week. This is an unacceptable proposition. Often race week is held mid-week on school nights when the children on our road will be trying to get adequate rest before attending school. Due to the proximity to many houses with young children, the venue is not suitably located to offer late night entertainment without damaging the well-being of a large number of children in our community. As the building itself can only house 20 customers, why should a far greater number of people be inconvenienced for the enjoyment of so few?

Finally, I am concerned about an increase in low level disorder when guests are leaving the site. I can recall being awake in the past by aggressive shouting coming from the premises, with police called out to stop violent behaviour on occasion. I do not want my children hearing audible swearing and threatening language at night. It is clear from examining the crime map of the area in recent years that this premises is extremely close to an approximate crime hot spot. To protect the emotional well-being and safety of the many young families nearby, I object to enabling more frequent occurrences of such behaviour.

G Wingrove

As a local resident I wish to state my objection to this licence. Bourton on the water is a rural area in the Cotswold AONB and we enjoy the peace and quiet we have in the evenings when the tourists leave. The geography of the valley means that sound travels a long way.

We also do not need any further traffic congestion on the Fosse Way given the extreme weight of traffic in the summer when I imagine most of these events will be held

J Billingham

Contrary to the area of Outstanding Beauty as the changes do not fit into the associated/character and environment of a small traditional village; very much goes against the grain with a detrimental impact for all.

Residential impact: loss of privacy. We should not be expected to make arrangements to protect our own privacy in this situation.

Excessive noise which would be driven to unacceptable levels with such excessive opening hours and proposed activities. Residents should not have to deal with anything that impairs their ability to live a normal life, including excessive noise.

Traffic, noise and pollution: the generation of such an enterprise will encourage excessive traffic causing access issues into and off the premises onto a very busy A road, the Fosseway. Bear in mind, not 100 metres away is a major traffic light system which acts as the major junction in and out of the village therefore, causing an increase in the loss of highway safety.

Further, not only would residents be exposed to excessive noise, but to emissions of more pollution due to such an increase in vehicles day and night.

Residential amenity of noise, over shadowing, overlooking and highway safety will all have a major detriment effect on this Outstanding area of Natural Beauty.

D Pegler

Received by Post

I am writing to you in direct reference to the planing application from EL Group and what they propose to do with the Coach & Horses at Bourton on the Water. I and many residents are total against such measures being granted. Some of the reasons being the close proximity to the busy A429 and the thought of all the traffic on that road, also the closeness to residential houseing behind this venue the thought of drinking from 7am until gone midnight seven days a week with music inside and out with possible plays going on. So what about the noise pollution and unsavory behavior of reverllers at this venue. Is there no respect for local people being able to enjoy peace and quite in their own homes.

The thought of what EL Group propose is totally frightening for all concerned residents of Bourton. We already have problems with Hawkstone brewery and the lightening up of fields and music being played at times during the weekends and this in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

It is time such people should be shown that they cannot ride rough shod over planning and local communitys.

The fact that they want to turn this venue into some kind of drinking den at all hours for people who care not a jot for the local people.

We already have a shortage of Police in the area and so if anything got out of hand through people being drunk and disorderly then heaven knows what may happen in the village.

I strongly hope that this planning application ends up in the bin and Clarkson and his ilk get sent packing back to Oxfordshire where he has already upset so many people.

I do hope that you can see what this means to the local people and that there is already enough public houses in Bourton without this being added to the list after all why has it gone bust before.

Sorry to sound off but I and many others here in Bourton are appalled that this has come to light and do not want it.

Received By Email

I have just read the planing application submitted to Cotswold District Council by EL Group for an entertainment & late night drinking licence for the Coach & Horses at Bourton on the Water, I wonder what the hell these people think they are and if Clarkson is involved then we all know the caouse he caused at Chastleton in Oxfordshire, Not only is this venue close to the A429 a busy trunk road but also in the very close proximity of houses behind this venue, It beggars belief that any sane person could contemplate such early and late night drinking and music being performed on these premises seven days a week. One only has to look at Hawkstone brewery and the lights and music being played on these premises in an area of outstanding Natural beauty.

The degenerate activitys of this unscrupulous group needs to be stopped before it has begun as its an accident waiting to happen with drunken behavior at all hours. The noise from load music being played inside and outside this venue is not something residents should have to put up with.

I sincerely hope that all concerned at Cotswold District Council can see the danger and upset such an application will have on the local community.

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